

January 23, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 50 Kiwanians in attendance today. This week's guests were Kathleen Larson, guest of **Bruce Dewey**, and Dick Moutimev, Dan Burnard, and Pete Kaland from the Columbus Kiwanis Club.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Gary Sandefur, Dean of the UW College of Letters and Science who was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**.

Dr. Sandefur's presentation was a view of the UW in the 21st Century and he began the program by explaining that he tried the Community Car program for the first time today to travel to the Kiwanis Meeting.

Dr. Sandefur reminded everyone that the issue of State funding for the University has been a problem over the years and will be no different in the future, despite support over the years from both the Governor's office and the legislature. Dr. Sandefur though indicated that in comparison to neighboring states, Wisconsin spends a lot more money on BadgerCare, K-12 education, and prisons rather than the university. Also, on top of that, the UW has the lowest tuition of any Big Ten school.

Despite those supposed constraints, the University is the second leading academic institution in research dollars in the country, with only John Hopkins with a greater amount, the university has an 80% graduation rate, the UW Foundation is a top ten in the country in fundraising, and University Research Park encourages transitioning academic ideas to the market.

For the future, Dr. Sandefur indicated trends in higher education will see the increase in on line courses, research will explode in biomedical fields, new fields of study will emerge such as bioinformatics and genomics, and a further mission of service in a variety of applications that will extend the university beyond campus boundaries to the entire world.

Dr. Sandefur's primary concerns would be that the lack of funding at some point may make the university not accessible to a class of the population due to dramatic tuition increases and that the a preoccupation with

biomedical research might be at the expense of other areas of research in areas such as humanities and social sciences.

Moral of the story: It appears the Community Car program works!

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Virgil Jurens
CHECK POINT..... Bill, Matty, and Dick
OPENING WORDBoomer
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE.....Dave Dickson
Christmas Pageant Bleachers Fix Up
Present Membership.....97

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For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:
<http://www.wml.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>

Pres Ron's Announcements

Ron announced that the card being circulated around the room last week had 56 out of 56 signatures, so there is evidence that a card or sign up sheet can make it around the room during a meeting!

Ron announced that Kiwanis is looking for specific volunteers to sign up for components of the Soapbox Derby because it has become too big of a job in terms of time and effort for **Dennis Vogel** to coordinate the whole project.

Ron announced that the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Conference will be February 27th and 28th in Stevens Point.

Ron reminded everyone that the hockey banquet is still scheduled for March 9th and that the volunteers would need to be there at 5:00 PM that evening.

Ron also reminded everyone that the Music Banquet is scheduled for April 22nd at Memorial High School.

Ron finally indicated that the Mount Olive move is now scheduled for September 1, 2009 at the earliest.

Future K-Meetings

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PROGRAM</u> | <u>KOG EDITOR</u> | <u>GREETER</u> | <u>OPENING WORD</u> |
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| Jan 30 | Renee La Jcak, Midwest Teacher Training Teaching English for Pleasure, Purpose, or Profit | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| Feb 6 | Kevin McSweeney, Director UW Arboretum UW Arboretum Celebrating 75 Years of Restoration | AI Wearing | Joe Dresser | TBD |
| Feb 13 | Kevin Riley, UW System President | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| Feb 20 | Tim Otis Madison Senior Center | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| Feb 27 | Andrea Brunsell and Pat Shafer Madison Home Products Show | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| March 13 | Linda Colletti, Tendertears.com Gifts for the Greiving Heart | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| March 20 | Dan O'Connell, President, Madison Ice Madison Ice Arena-the Transition from Public to Private | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |
| March 27 | ASA Participants Report on ASA Ski Trip to Colorado | AI Wearing | TBD | TBD |

Upcoming Activities and Events

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| Feb 4 | Kiwanis Board Meeting | 7:30 | Vitense Golf Center |
| Feb 22 | Belleville Chili Fundraiser | 11-7 | |
| Feb 26-28 | State Wrestling Tournament | TBA | Kohl Center |
| Feb 27-28 | Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Conf | TBA | Stevens Point |
| March 9 | Hockey Banquet | 6:30 | Memorial High School |
| April 22 | Music Banquet | 6:00 | Memorial High School |
| Apr 24, 2009 | Madison West Kiwanis 50 th Anniversary | | Monona Terrace |
| May 8 th | Brewers/Cubs Game | TBD | Miller Park |

Member Announcements

Christmas Pageant Update

Ken Saville announced that the Christmas Pageant this year was a financial as well as spiritual success this year. He indicated that Kiwanis received \$4645 and spent \$4184 for a net gain of \$461 for the Foundation, which will be used to refurbish the bleachers during the summer. **Ed Reisch** also read a letter he received from an attendee thanking Kiwanis for sponsoring the Christmas Pageant. Ed asked that the letter be included in the Kiwanogram if there was room, so here we go:

Dear Kiwanis Members,

As it always is, the Christmas Pageant was beautiful and inspiring. I think it is one of Madison's best kept secrets, and I try to encourage friends and others I meet to go to see and hear it. As I was describing the pageant to one lady, she said "I am getting 'goose bumps.'" I told her I was also getting them just telling about the pageant. If you didn't have the Christmas spirit before you went, you will certainly get it there.

Keep up the good work. God bless you. Happy New Year. Thanks.

Sincerely, Tony and Claire Statz

Ed Reisch indicated that next year we will work on better marketing of the program to increase attendance, and he thought that many of our member's church affiliations might be a way to advertise the pageant next year.

State Wrestling Tournament

Mary Mennes announced the sign up sheet for the State Wrestling Tournament, which is on February 26th, 27th, and 28th, will be distributed next week. Mary indicated that the Kohl Center stand will only require five people at a time to staff the tournament.

Belleville Travel Dinner

Ed Reisch announced that on February 22nd the Belleville Club will be hosting travel discussion in conjunction with their chili dinner fundraiser. The Chili Dinner will be from

11-7 that day, and the travel topic will be Dane County Bicycle Trails.

Membership Committee Update

Dave LeDuc announced that there will be a transition on the Chairperson for the Membership Committee where Dave will replace **Ken Saville** as Chairperson, but Ken will remain on the committee. Dave indicated that he would like to have a target of 20 new members by the end of 2009.

Madison Restaurant Week

Dave LeDuc also mentioned that all Kiwanis members should take advantage of Madison Restaurant week next week where a number of restaurants are offering \$25 deals for modified dinner packages.

Wearing Fire

AI Wearing thanked everyone for their kind thoughts, words, and prayers for his family for the fire which extensively damaged their house last week. The good news is that everyone is ok and the house can be repaired, but AI and Ann and the family will be living in temporary quarters until July 1st which is the projected time it will take to fix the house.

Program Website

Bill Battista would like to remind all the members that AOL is discontinuing the web storage feature which is used to post future events. In the short term, Bill will store the information at the following location:
<http://www.wml.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>
 Please note that Bill has updated this website to reflect 2009.