

January 30, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 47 Kiwanians in attendance today and there were no guests this week.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Renee Lajcak, Director of the Midwest Teacher Training Program who was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**. Ms. Lajcak's presentation was titled "Teaching English for Pleasure, Purpose or Profit." Ms. Lajcak began the presentation by stressing that there are many parts of the world, including areas such as Korea or Mongolia, which are looking for English Teachers. The purpose of this teacher training program is to teach and prepare students to teach English as a second language.

The program to prepare students for teaching English as a second language is an intensive five week program which results in a certificate of TEFL-Teaching English as a Foreign Language. This program has extended to all parts of the world including Latin America, Europe, Asia, and even Africa and the Middle East.

People enter the program for a variety of reasons, but primarily for the following: test to see if teaching is a possible career, opportunities to live abroad and function in a foreign community, some want to serve humanity, and some want to learn the language of the foreign country.

The participants in the program vary in age from 18 to 65 years old from all backgrounds. Both men and women participate, missionaries, retirees, and even those going through a mid life crisis and need a change. The opportunity to live abroad and be immersed in a native and foreign culture is also very attractive to many individuals.

Some examples of people who have participated is a physical therapist who opened a school for underprivileged children in Cancun, a musician who teaches business English in Argentina, and a retired pastor who is teaching orphans in southern India.

Moral of the story: This is an amazing opportunity to assist the underprivileged throughout the world the universal language of English.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER.....
CHECK POINT..... Bob and Dick
OPENING WORDLarry
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE.....Joe Dresser
Hank Ahlgren Fund
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 reminded everyone that the Board of Directors will meet on February 4th at 7:30 AM at Vitense.

Ron announced that Circle K would be having a District Convention on March 6th and 7th and they are looking for volunteers to participate in judging competitions and scavenger hunt activities. The convention will be at the Sheraton on John Nolen Drive.

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

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 reminded everyone that the Music Banquet is on April 22nd at 6:30 PM at Memorial High School.

Finally, **Ron** read a thank you letter from the Edgewood High School Key Club acknowledging the support of Madison West Kiwanis.

[Future K-Meetings](#)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
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 Grieving 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](#)

Feb 4	Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30	Vitense Golf Center
Feb 13	ASA Orientation Meeting	11:00	Mount Olive
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 6-7	Circle K District Convention	TBA	Sheraton Hotel
March 9	Hockey Banquet	6:30	Memorial High School
April 22	Music Banquet	6:30	Memorial High School
Apr 24, 2009	Madison West Kiwanis 50th Anniversary		Monona Terrace
May 8 th	Brewers/Cubs Game	TBD	Miller Park

[Member Announcements](#)

[ASA Update](#)

Arlin Brannstrom announced that there will be an orientation session for the three ASA skiers on February 13th at 11:00 AM right before the regularly scheduled Kiwanis Meeting at Mount Olive Church. Arlin was looking for some volunteers to assist with the orientation session and was hoping that some members could arrive early on February 13th to help with the ASA skiers.

[State Wrestling Tournament](#)

Rich Grooms announced that the sign up sheet for the State Wrestling Tournament, which is on February 26th, 27th, and 28th, was being distributed this week.

[Hockey Banquet](#)

John Schwab reminded everyone that the Hockey Banquet was still scheduled for March 9th and that Fred Ross volunteered to be the emcee, and Mike Eaves will be the speaker for the evening.

[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.wmll.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>

Please note that Bill has updated this website to reflect 2009.