

## February 6, 2009

### K-Business of the Day

#### Today's Attendance:

There were 51 Kiwanians in attendance today and we had one guest from the Middleton Kiwanis Club, Gurdip Brar.

#### This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Kevin McSweeney, Director of the UW Arboretum. Dr. McSweeney had his colleague Jennifer Skolaski along with him. **Dave Wendricks** introduced the speaker today.

Dr. McSweeney acknowledged in the audience that he was pleasantly surprised to see so many of his colleagues present at the meeting today. He indicated that the mission of the UW Arboretum is to promote the science and practice of ecological preservation as inspired by Aldo Leopold. The Arboretum was established in the 1930's during the emerging conservation movement which occurred as a result of much clear cutting and the effects of the Dust Bowl. Most of the Arboretum in the 1920's was farmland with extensive erosion.

It was civic leaders such as Michael Olbrich and Aldo Leopold who achieved with tremendous effort the establishment of the Arboretum for the express purpose of the University faculty and students. The Civilian Conservation Corps(CCC) contributed to developing the major ecosystems of Wisconsin in the Arboretum, and at one point, there were over 200 CCC workers in the Arboretum. The UW was the only campus in the United States with CCC workers on campus.

Some of the contemporary issues facing the Arboretum today are stormwater runoff, invasive species, population pressures, and the proposed ATC powerline. The stormwater overflow into the Arboretum has been a more prevalent issue the past few years, and this overflow introduces quite a few invasive species that are difficult to control in the Arboretum.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will result in many event in the Arboretum with many Community Engagement events to include Arts and Humanities Exhibits, Programs which

will integrate the values of research, education, and restoration, and of course, many science symposiums.

Moral of the story: The Arboretum is an amazing collection of diverse ecological systems.

#### Contributing Kiwanians

**PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler**  
**GREETER..... Robert DeBroux**  
**CHECK POINT..... Bob and Dick**  
**OPENING WORD .....Boomer**  
**KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing**  
**MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave**  
**RAFFLE.....Joe Dresser**  
**Hank Ahlgren Fund(2 weeks in a row!)**  
Present Membership.....98

**K-WEST PHONE NUMBER: 661-0272**  
**WEBSITE: madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com**

*For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:*

<http://www.wml.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>

#### President Ron's Announcements

**Ron** reminded everyone of the Belleville Club Chili Dinner which will be held at the Belleville High School on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-7:00 with a Travel Presentation at 1:30 and 3:00 that day.

**Ron** announced that Circle K would be having a District Convention on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The convention will be at the Sheraton on John Nolen Drive.

**Ron** announced that the Wisconsin Upper Michigan District Conference will be February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point.

It was announced that it was **Bud Schultz** was celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Also, for the January Birthdays, \$88.50 was contributed to the Foundation for the birthdays of **Rich Donkle** and **Ved Prakash**.

**Gerry Maruska** also distributed the following perfect attendance awards: **Chuck Stumpf**-41 years, **Bill Battista**-14 years, **Don Herrmann**-10 years, and **Marv Beatty**-8 years.

## Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
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

Feb 13	ASA Orientation Meeting	11:00	Mount Olive
Feb 22	Belleville Chili Fundraiser	11-7	Belleville High School
Feb 26-28	State Wrestling Tournament	TBA	Kohl Center
Feb 27-28	Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Conf	TBA	Stevens Point
March 4	Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30	Vitense Golf
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 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		Monona Terrace
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Brewers/Cubs Game	TBD	Miller Park

## Member Announcements

### Youth and Community Service Grants

**Arlin Brannstrom** announced that the process of considering applications for the Youth and Community Service Grants is in play at this time and the deadline for application submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Arlin also indicated that the grant applications are available on our Kiwanis website [madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com](http://madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com).

### Computer Recycling Fundraiser Idea

**Arlin** also asked the club for any support for an idea to conduct a computer recycling day to collect old computers, and now maybe televisions, as a fundraiser. Arlin has been working on the details with Cascade Management and has some further ideas as well.

### ASA Update

**Arlin Brannstrom** announced that there will be an orientation session for the three ASA skiers on February 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, was being distributed this week. Rich indicated that we need volunteers yet for Friday and Saturday.

### Middleton Kiwanis Club Update

**Gurdip Brar** from the Middleton Club visited today and he announced that the Middleton Club is still active and has been recruiting new members recently, and that the High School Key Club has over 200 members. Gurdip also announced that they are doing a unique pancake day at

Applebys Restaurant in Middleton where their pancake breakfast will be held in a few weeks.

### Mt Olive Move Update

**Chuck Stumpf** indicated that it appears that Mt. Olive might be moving to the new location sooner that what was announced last week, so he offered to show the facilities to any members willing to take a tour.

### Henry Ahlgren Scholarship Applicants

**Dave Dickson** asked for help on evaluating the scholarship applicants during his leave of absence. **Terry, Bill, Rich, and Jerry** all stepped up immediately to help Dave on this project.

### Hockey Banquet

**John Schwab** would like to remind everyone that the Hockey Banquet is still scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> and that **Fred Ross** volunteered to be the emcee, and Mike Eaves will be the speaker for the evening. Also, it will be important for the volunteers to be there at 5:00 that evening. John especially appreciates the following members: Dining Room Leader-**Bob Richardson**, Head Table and Trophys-**Rich Grooms**, Check In Table-**Bob Spencer**, and the Invocation will be by **Boomer**.

### 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.