

February 27, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 45 Kiwanians in attendance today and **Rosemary Stare** introduced her grandson Gordon as her guest.

This Week's Program Summary

Today's presentation was from Pat Schafer, Executive Director of the Madison Area Builder's Association. She was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**.

Ms. Schafer began her presentation with an announcement that the Home Products Show will be at the Alliant Energy Center on March 6th through March 8th. The hours will be 2:00-7:00 on Friday, 9:00-7:00 on Saturday, and 9:00-5:00 on Sunday. Due to the economy, admission will be free this year to the show. There will be 201 exhibitors this year, although this is less than previous years. There will be plenty of seminars going on throughout the show, with 8 on Friday, 16 on Saturday, and 12 on Sunday.

Ms. Schafer then turned her attention to tankless water heaters. She indicated that they flow at a slower rate of four gallons per minute, do not need soft water, and they are more economical in the long run, but more expensive up front. The payback is approximately 5 to 7 years compared to the cost of a standard water heater, and they last significantly longer than standard water heaters.

Pat Schafer did indicate that the Parade of Homes will continue this year with 21 homes in areas such as Waunakee, Windsor, Verona, and Bristol.

Finally, Pat Schafer had a brief discussion on low flow shower heads which releases water at approximately 1.5 gallons per minute versus the standard 2.5 gallons per minute.

Moral of the Story: Fred Ross likes to take his wife to all the Remodelers, Home Builders, and hopefully the Parade of Homes, shows and sites.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... None
CHECK POINT..... Bob and Matty
OPENING WORDBoomer
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE.....Harold Green
Soap Box Derby
Present Membership.....98

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

President Ron's Announcements

Ron announced that there is a Kiwanis Board of Directors meeting on March 4th at Vitense starting at 7:30 AM.

Ron announced that **Millard Johnson's** father passed away last Friday and the funeral was on Saturday.

Ron announced also that the Hockey Banquet sign up sheet would be moving through the crowd today with a date of March 9th and volunteers would be needed beginning at 5:00 PM.

Ron announced that the Wisconsin Upper Michigan District Conference has begun in Stevens Point and that Kiwanis West has six members attending the conference.

Ron indicated that he had another conversation with Monica from Mt Olive regarding the possible move to a new location, and that there really is no definitive date yet, although the move will happen sometime in the future.

Ron also indicated that a new sign up sheet for greeter and opening word would be circulated among the tables. **Gerry Maruska** presented **Ed Ornes** with a 17 year perfect attendance award.

Future K-Meetings

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PROGRAM</u> | <u>KOG EDITOR</u> | <u>GREETER</u> | <u>OPENING WORD</u> |
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| March 6 | Barbara Wiers, Blackhawk Girl Scouts Girl Scouts Program Update | AI Wearing | Randy Grobe | Virgil Jurrens |
| March 13 | Linda Colletti, Tendertears.com Gifts for the Greiving Heart | AI Wearing | John Thomas | Fred Ross |
| March 20 | Dan O'Connell, President, Madison Ice Madison Ice Arena-the Transition from Public to Private | AI Wearing | Marv Schaeffer | TBD |
| March 27 | ASA Participants Report on ASA Ski Trip to Colorado | AI Wearing | Harold Green | TBD |
| April 3 | Ashley Huibregate, Alice in Dairyland The Alice in Dairyland Program of Wisconsin | AI Wearing | Jordon Geiger | Ed Reisch |
| April 10 | Good Friday-No Meeting | | | |
| April 17 | Gary Close, Assistant Basketball Coach UW Mens Basketball Update | AI Wearing | Dick Vilstrup | TBD |
| April 24 | No Noon Meeting, 50th Anniversary Party in the evening at Monona Terrace | | | |
| May 1 | Angelina Jopke, Health Service Coordinator Preventive Health | AI Wearing | TBA | Karyn Schairer |

Upcoming Activities and Events

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| March 4 | Kiwanis Board Meeting | 7:30 | Vitense Golf |
| March 6-7 | Circle K District Convention | TBA | Sheraton Hotel |
| March 13-15 | Key Club Convention | TBA | Green Bay |
| March 9 | Hockey Banquet | 6:30 | Memorial High School |
| April 8 | Wednesday Kiwanis Meeting | 11:45 | East Madison Kiwanis |
| April 10 | No Kiwanis West Meeting | | |
| 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

Fred Ross indicated that the ASA skiers were off in Duranago conquering the mountains. Fred informed the club that at the last minute, one of the skiers was taken ill and could not make the trip. That left us with two participants this year and that Casey, who was planning to take over the mountain the first day, and he tried it and had some problems. Fred said everyone was ok and that the skiers would be returning on Saturday around 1:00 PM. Fred invited any members who would like to welcome the skiers back to be at the airport Saturday afternoon.

Verona Interclub

Dave Wendricks announced that we are attempting to have an Interclub with Verona on March 5th at noon at the Park Bank in Verona. Dave was looking for some volunteers to attend the meeting.

50th Anniversary

Boomer announced that between now and the time of the 50th anniversary celebration, he would be conducting a bit of a history lesson for all the club members. His first lesson announced that the club was officially formed on March 20th 1959, and the initial membership was 41 members. The idea for the West Kiwanis was originated by the Downtown Kiwanis Club, in particular Professor Jim Woodberg from Engineering, who was president of the Downtown Kiwanis at the time, and a professor from soils, and another professor from agronomy. The idea was formulated by these three individuals at a Kiwanis bowling event and fund raiser at the time.

Camp Wawbeek/Easter Seals Clothing Drive

Ken Saville announced that the Circle K clothing drive in conjunction with Easter Seals is still conducting their clothing drive. Ken indicated that there are barrels at all Starbucks stores in Madison for this clothing drive.

Circle K Convention

Ken reminded the members that the Circle K is still looking for volunteer help for their district convention being held the weekend of March 6th and 7th. In particular, Ken mentioned that volunteer help was needed for Saturday morning, March 7th. The convention is being held at the Sheraton on John Nolen Drive

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.