

March 27, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 51 Kiwanians in attendance today and guests included Ed Reid from Madison East Kiwanis, John Otte and Jane Schmieding, one of our ASA participants from last year.

This Week's Program Summary

Our program this week, introduced by **Fred Ross** was a wonderful presentation from our two Adapted Skiing Association participants from this year James Hamre and Casey Kaim that participated in the program Feb 23-29.

The two teamed up for the presentation using video, photos, and personal insights to the experience. ASA is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of service this year and has done a great job over the years of helping people with disabilities conquer the mountains of Durango. The motto for ASA which certainly is how our folks described the experience is

- Overcome Fear
- Push limits
- Experience success

Both gentlemen expressed how well trained, patient, and friendly all the staff and volunteers at ASA were and how they very much helped as needed but also let them be more on their own as they were able to handle the challenge. The ski equipment is highly specialized equipment that allows people with different types of ability to achieve success starting from the bunny hill to the black diamond runs. The scenery was beautiful and location was ideal.

Casey and James were truly individuals that liked to achieve all that they could and were more than willing to push the envelope to take full advantage of the week. A few tales of falls, traveling backwards and figuring out the ski lift were shared. They skied 4 days and about 9 hours each day so they really did take full advantage of the experience.

Both expressed that their ASA experience helped change their lives by gaining confidence, learning new skills, and meeting new friends. James and Casey thanked the club many times for our support of their trip

and was enthusiast in wanting help recruit more people for the program next year.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Harold Green
CHECK POINT..... Dick and Matty
OPENING WORDBoomer
KOG Reporter.....Ken Saville
MUSIC.....Boomer and Mary
RAFFLE.....Mary Mennes
Soap box derby
Present Membership.....98

WEBSITE: madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com

For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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

President Ron's Announcements

Ron announced that there is a Governor's visit coming on March 29th.

Ron announced that there is a Service Olympics Meeting scheduled for April 1st at Keva Sports Center.

Ron reminded everyone that there is still a need to receive some community and youth service grant applications.

Ron announced that **Pat Hicks** would be returning to the club on May 1st.

Pres. **Ron** announced that our Kiwanis board meeting will be April 1 at Vitense Golf at 7:30 am. All members are welcome to attend

Past **President David Leduc** talked about Soap Box Derby. The goal of the new committee is continue the excellent program started by **Denis Vogel** and expand the base of community outreach so more individuals will be able to participate. They have specifically reached out to community centers and Big Brothers/Big sisters. They are undertaking a fundraising effort to raise money to upgrade our current cars and to purchase more cars for the new influx of participants.

Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
April 3	Ashley Huibregate, Alice in Dairyland The Alice in Dairyland Program of Wisconsin	Al Wearing	Jordon Geiger	Ed Reisch
April 8	Annual Meeting with Madison East Kiwanis			
April 10	Good Friday-No Meeting			
April 17	Gary Close, Assistant Basketball Coach UW Mens Basketball Update	Al Wearing	Dick Vilstrup	TBD
April 24	No Noon Meeting, 50 th Anniversary Party in the evening at Monona Terrace			
May 1	Angelina Jopke, Health Service Coordinator Preventive Health	Al Wearing	TBD	Karyn Schairer
May 8	Middle School Awards Day Student Recognition	Al Wearing	TBD	TBD
May 15	Dan O'Connell, President Madison Ice Madison Ice Arena-Transition From Public to Private	Al Wearing	TBD	TBD
May 22	Watts Memorial Golf Outing Lake Wisconsin and Camp Wawbeek Tour	Al Wearing	Ken Saville	Ken Saville

Upcoming Activities and Events

April 1	West Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30	Vitense Golf
April 1	Service Club Olympics Mtg	12:00	Keva Sports Center
April 8	Wednesday Kiwanis Meeting	11:45	East Madison Kiwanis
April 10	No Kiwanis West Meeting		
April 17	UW Men's Asst. Basketball Coach Gary Close		
April 18	Spring Football Concession	12:00	Camp Randall
April 22	Music Banquet	6:30	Memorial High School
Apr 24, 2009	Madison West Kiwanis 50 th Anniversary		Monona Terrace
May 8 th	Brewers/Cubs Game	TBD	Miller Park
Sept 23-25	Camp Wawbeek Key Leader Training		Camp Wawbeek

Member Announcements.

50th Anniversary Update

Boomer wanted to answer some questions that he has received regarding the anniversary party. The total price for the event includes both tax and tip. Also, the money and fees should be directed to Bonnie Bruce's assistant as Bonnie is helping on the committee. **We have 44 signed up but want 175 so please send in your reservations now!** The party will be at the Monona Community Center. Bob Spencer reminded us that as a club we purchased 3 roof tiles- one each in quadrant 3,4, and 13 Inscriptions read" Kiwanis West Celebrates Madison" At our 40 anniversary celebration, also at Monona Center, Millard Johnson was our esteemed president

Dave Dickson Update

Bill Batista announced that Dave continues to improve and that Dave is actually hoping to be able to return to the club for a visit next weeks. Bill indicated that according to Medicare rules, Dave needed to remain in his house in order to receive home health benefits.

Spring Football Concession Stand

Mary Mennes announced for **Rich Grooms** that he needs volunteers for the spring football game again this year which is on April 18th. Rich indicated that he needs 12 to 14 volunteers to be there around 12:00 noon until approximately 4:00 PM. Rich said that we would be operating a regular concession stand in stand A

Interclub Opportunity

Dave Wendricks reported that we want to do an Interclub with Monroe Kiwanis this Thursday at noon. The mission is to both do an interclub, the last one we need for the Kiwanis year, and personally invite their members to our 50th ANOVAs banquet. If you can go please contact Dave

Key Club Update and Announcement

Our visitors from Key Club announced that their current service project is collecting gently used books to be donated to the American Family Children's Hospital. **They announced that there will be a box available at future Madison West Kiwanis meetings for our contributions. Be sure to bring in your used books!**

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. Also, Bill would like to remind everyone that the Kiwanis phone line has been disconnected because there were never any calls, and we saved some money as a result.

Middle School Awards Day

John Thomas let us know that our annual Middle School Awards Day is set for May 8. The west side of Madison schools choose a student to honor that has made a real difference in their school- not necessarily a top student but someone that helps others and is just a "good kid". John sent around a sign-up sheet to ask for MWK members to be the host with each school/family

Brewers/Cubs Game May 8th

Robert DeBroux indicated that there still plenty of seats available for the Friday May 8th game. Round trip bus and ticket price is \$59. Robert needs to know by April 10th for anyone interested in attending the game. Please contact Robert at 441-0798 or brouxman@yahoo.com.