

**May 29, 2009**

**K-Business of the Day**

**Today's Attendance:**

There were approximately 62 Kiwanians in attendance today with Weina Chen visiting as a guest of **Bonnie Hansen**, and **Ed Reisch** bringing his adorable four year old granddaughter, Nadia Kieler.

**This Week's Program Summary**

This week's speaker was Monica Kamal Rossa, Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin 2008-2009. Ms. Kamal Rossa was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**. Ms. Kamal Rossa is the coordinator of the Madison Spinal Cord Injury Association.

Ms. Kamal Rossa presented a very inspirational program demonstrating that it is possible to overcome many obstacles. Her story basically starts out with the fact that she had a ski accident in 2001 as a middle school chaperone on a ski trip. During a ski run, she slid off the course and crashed into a tree severing her spinal cord. As a result, she is paralyzed from slightly above the waist down and thus confined to a wheelchair.

Prior to her accident, Ms. Kamal Rossa was very active athletically, and was a teacher. However, after the accident, she began to wonder what her purpose would be in life. As a result, she became an advocate for people with disabilities, and began the Spinal Cord Injury and Disease Paralysis group three years ago. Just for the record, she was also the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up in the national Ms. Wheelchair competition, and she did win both the Press Award, and most photogenic award at the national contest.

Ms. Kamal Rossa also is an active member in the Achilles Track Club. Even though it is very difficult for her to travel more than two days consecutively from home, she did participate in the New York City Marathon where she beat two male members of the club by over ten and twenty minutes, respectively. Recently, she just finished the 2009 Madison Marathon.

Moral of the Story: "Doors can open. It is up to each of us to open them and ask for help when we cannot do it by ourselves." " May you always walk and roll with dignity. "

**Contributing Kiwanians**

**PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler**  
**GREETER..... Ed Reid**  
**CHECK POINT..... Bob and Matty**  
**OPENING WORD .....Fred Ross**  
**KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing**  
**MUSIC.....Fritz and Dave**  
**RAFFLE..... Ed Reisch**  
**.Soapbox Derby**  
**Present Membership.....99**

**WEBSITE: madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com**

*For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:*

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

**President Ron's Announcements**

**Ron** indicated that Kiwanis West Madison received a thank you letter from Kathryn Wundros, the Henry Ahlgren Scholarship winner.

**Ron** announced that Mt. Olive has indicated that they are planning to move to their new location on September 13, 2009, and they have invited Kiwanis West Madison to continue the meetings at their new location. **Bob Spencer** tells this editor that the first meeting of Madison West Kiwanis at Mt. Olive was on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1988.

Due to Vacation Bible School during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, **Ron** indicated that the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting would be held at the Oakwood Heritage Center.

**Ron** announced that Madison West Kiwanis received a 2009 National Club Patch recognition for the Skip a Meal program.

**Ron** announced that he was the program speaker at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Action Club Meeting.

**Ron** finally announced that the Madison West Kiwanis Board Meeting would be held on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vitense.

## Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
June 5	<b>Dave Zweifel, Editor Emeritus, Cap Times</b> AI Wearing The Dire State of the Newspaper Industry		George Meyer	Larry Theis
June 12	<b>Ron Schuler, President Madison West Kiwanis</b> AI Wearing Farm Technology Update		Don Herrmann	TBD
June 19	<b>Mary Kay Baum</b> Crossing Bridges with Hope	AI Wearing	John Thomas	Carrol Spencer
June 26	<b>Greg Larson</b> Potosi Brewery	AI Wearing	Virgil Jurrens	TBD
July 3	<b>John Dolan, Smart Toyota</b> Innovations in the New Toyota Prius	AI Wearing	Doyle Behl	Ed Reisch
July 10	<b>Margaret Lewis</b> Wisconsin Academy of Science Arts and Letters	AI Wearing	Marv Beatty	TBD
July 17	<b>John Wiley, Director, Wi Institute for Discovery</b> AI Wearing Developments at the Wisconsin Institute of Discovery		John Roberts	TBD
July 24	<b>Lee Swanson</b> Ice Age Trail	AI Wearing	Bill Battista	TBD
July 31	<b>Rev Joan Deming</b> Traveling in Jerusalem	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
August 7	<b>Annual Grant Awards Recognition</b>	AI Wearing	TBD	Karyn Schairer

## Upcoming Activities and Events

May 31	<b>MWK vs Blumer's Soda</b>	1:10	West Madison Little League
June 2	<b>MWK vs Bankers Life</b>	6:40	West Madison Little League
June 3	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7:30	Vitense Golf
June 7	<b>Badger Sporting Goods vs MWK</b>	3:20	West Madison Little League
June 9	<b>MWK vs Meicher &amp; Associates</b>	4:30	West Madison Little League
June 14	<b>MWK vs Nitty Gritty</b>	6:45	West Madison Little League
June 20	<b>Eplegaarden</b>	9:00	Eplegaarden
June 27	<b>Soap Box Derby</b>	TBD	Rosa Road
July 27, 28	<b>Service Club Olympics</b>	TBD	KEVA Sports Center
Sept 23-25	<b>Camp Wawbeek Key Leader Training</b>		Camp Wawbeek

## Member Announcements.

### Action Club

**Brian Martin** announced that Action Club is having an anniversary celebration on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Fitchburg Community Center. Brian also indicated that the entire Madison West Kiwanis Club is invited to the meeting and it will be considered as an Interclub.

### Eplegaarden

**Carrol Spencer** wanted to thank the members who participated in the Saturday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup> work of cutting up over a face cord of wood. In particular, Carrol wanted to thank the following for their help: **Marv Heiser, Ron Schuler, Ken Seville, Bill Grabel, Rich Grooms, and Carrol Spencer.** Carrol also announced that the next session will be scheduled on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon.

### Annual Golf Outing

**Dave Dickson** announced that the nineteen golfers participated in the golf outing on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and in total they collected \$1,030 for a donation to the Madison West Kiwanis Foundation.

### Soap Box Derby Update

**Dave LeDuc** indicated that Soap Box Derby planning is going well with 16 stock, and 12 super stock cars already signed up for the event. Dave did indicate that a sign up sheet will be distributed soon for volunteers for the event. In particular, there will be a set up crew needed on June 26<sup>th</sup>, race day help on June 27<sup>th</sup>, and a clean up crew on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, Dave indicated that due to the economy, Madison West Kiwanis has lost a major sponsor and Dave asked all members to be aware of potential new sponsors.

### Membership Committee Update

**Dave LeDuc** announced a new plan to stimulate membership growth by simply asking each member to invite a guest to one of the programs throughout the year. Dave indicated that this will be done through a contest where the club is split into four teams who are assigned to bring guests during a particular week. There will be four teams formed by the letters of the alphabet with the following team captains: Team 1 Captain **Jordon Geiger** letters A through G, Team 2 Captain **Dave LeDuc** letters H through L, Team 3 Captain **Ed Reisch** letters M through R, and Team Captain **Ken Seville** letters S through Z. More information to follow with the contest starting in July.

### 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. 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.