

June 12, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were about 46 Kiwanians in attendance today. No guests were present.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Ron Schuler who described the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, the largest outdoor farm show in Wisconsin. Originally called Wisconsin Farm Progress Days (WFPD), the show evolved from a state and national plowing competition in 1953 near Augusta WI. The first WFPD was scheduled in Waupaca County near Manawa in 1954. The plan was for an annual event which would be moved from county to county. Due adverse weather the 1954 show was cancelled and the 1955 show was scheduled in Waupaca County.

Our Art Peterson participated in these early shows. Henry Ahlgren, our charter president, was one of the key organizers of this show. Also Al Francour served as General Manager of the show from 1985-92 and Don Peterson served as Executive Director from 1993 through 1998 and chair of the state committee for many years before this. Both Al and Don are former Westies.

The show has been in 37 different counties since 1954. Once a county is selected about three years before the scheduled show, farmers in the county apply to host the show. Requirements for hosting include 60 acres of flat land for tent city, 100 acres for parking and 250 acres for field demonstrations.

The 2009 show will be held in Dodge County on the Crave Brothers Farm located north of Waterloo, about 30 miles from Madison. The four brothers operate a 1,100 cow dairy with a cheese factory which produces several specialty cheeses. In addition they have two manure digesters which produce methane to power two engine-generator sets. The electricity produce by the generators is sufficient for the farm, cheese factory and 500 family homes. The solids from the digestors are composted and used for animal bedding. Some of the composted solids are bagged for homeowners. The liquids from the digestors are applied to cropland providing crop nutrients.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Don Herrmann
CHECK POINT..... Bob and Matty
OPENING WORDBoomer
KOG Reporter.....Ron Schuler
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE..... Marv Schaefer

Soapbox Derby

Present Membership.....97

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For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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

President Ron's Announcements

Due to Vacation Bible School during the week of June 15th, the June 19th meeting would be held at Oakwood Village. The meeting will be held in the Nakoma West Room and there will be directions to the room at the front door. Also, for your reference, the address of Heritage Oaks, Main Entrance is 6205 West Mineral Point Road.

During the meeting this week there was some confusion created regarding the directions in getting to this meeting location. Your editor visited the location to determine directions and parking first hand for himself.

1. Enter the Oakwood Village area at the stoplight located at the intersection of Mineral Point Road and Island Drive.
2. Then you must turn to the left going up an incline and go past the Resale Shop (6203 Mineral Point Road) on the left.
3. After the speed bump just beyond the Resale Shop there is visitor parking on both sides of the street. There are 31 regular parking spaces and six for people with disabilities in this area. About three quarters of the way into the parking area there is a stop sign at the street that leads to the Heritage Oaks Main Entrance-6205 which has a roof above it.
4. There is additional parking in the area near the Main Entrance – eight regular and six for people with disabilities.

Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
June 19	Mary Kay Baum Crossing Bridges with Hope	AI Wearing	John Thomas	Carrol Spencer
June 26	Greg Larson Potosi Brewery	AI Wearing	Virgil Jurrens	TBD
July 3	John Dolan, Smart Toyota Innovations in the New Toyota Prius	AI Wearing	Doyle Behl	Ed Reisch
July 10	Margaret Lewis Wisconsin Academy of Science Arts and Letters	AI Wearing	Marv Beatty	TBD
July 17	John Wiley, Director, Wi Institute for Discovery Developments at the Wisconsin Institute of Discovery	AI Wearing	John Roberts	TBD

Upcoming Activities and Events

June 16	Culver's vs MWK	6:10	West Madison Little League
June 19	MWK vs. American Transmission	4:00	West Madison Little League
June 20	Eplegaarden	9:00	Eplegaarden
June 21	Blumer's Soda vs MWK	4:30	West Madison Little League
June 25-28	Kiwanis International Convention		Nashville, TN
June 27	Soap Box Derby	TBD	Rosa Road
July 27, 28	Service Club Olympics	TBD	KEVA Sports Center
Aug 22	Madison Paintathon		Madison

Member Announcements.

New Member Recruiting Plan

Dave LeDuc reminded everyone of our new member recruiting plan he announced on May 29. This plan is designed to increase membership of our club, to insure our club has a very successful and sustained future and to potentially increase support for youth and less fortunate people in our community. The plan calls for competition among four teams with membership based on the first letter of each members last name. A team leader has been assigned. The teams are 1. Leader **Jordan Geiger**, A-G, 2. Leader **Dave LeDuc**, H-L, 3. Leader **Ed Reisch**, K-R, and 4. Leader **Ken Saville**, S-Z. The goal is to bring a 97 guests(one for each current member) who are potential members during the next 12 months starting July 3. Each team will be assigned a week during each month to bring guests. **START NOW TO IDENTIFY GUESTS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS AND INVITE THEM TO A MEETING.**The winning team will be rewarded. Team 1 has July 3 as the first date and the remaining teams will follow in order for the remainder of July, team 2-July 10 etc..

Soap Box Derby Update

Dave LeDuc announced help was needed for the Soapbox Derby on Friday, June 19 after our meetig to circulate flyers in the neighborhood; Friday, June 26 after our meeting to setup the protective fence; Saturday, June 27 to conduct the event; and Sunday, June 28 for the awards program. A signup sheet will be circulated next week. **Ed Reisch** announced Kiwanis has lost a major sponsor, Evjue Foundation, for the Soapbox Derby and requested support from the club members. Ed suggested that we donate the raffle winnings to the Soapbox Derby. Contributions can be given to either Ed or **Dave LeDuc**.

Service Club Olympics

Steve Mueller, our Service Club Olympics coordinator for the Madison West Kiwanis, circulated the signup sheet for the Service Club Olympics events scheduled for July 27th and July 28th at the Keva Sports Center in Middleton. As you signup for an event you must also sign a waiver form for the Keva Center.

Carroll Spencer announced that the next Eplegaarden session of cutting firewood will be June 20th at 9:00 AM.

Dave Wendricks announced interclub with the Madison Aktion Club during their fifth anniversary celebrated on June 11 in the Fitchberg Community center. Westies attending this event were **Dave Dickson, Dave Wendricks, Dave LeDuc** and **Rich Grooms**.

Katie Rusch, our incoming second Vice President, announced **Brett** and she were celebrating their second wedding anniversary this month and that **Brett** completed his residency in the UW Department Psychiatry. **Brett** has joined the medical staff at the Veteran's Hospital.

Dave Dickson reminded us that June is Dairy Month. Dave provided a cow figurine to the Westie who drank milk today and could guess the year when June Dairy Month was started. Bob Cropp was the winner by guessing 1937 as the first year. Please note this is very close to the year Dave was born, but your editor does not believe Dave had a role in the 1937 event.

Added Item from President Ron

Last week after announcing the new projected move date, September 13, 2009 for the Mount Olive to the new location on 110 North Whitney Way, some members expressed concern about our future meeting place. Based on past discussions about meeting places of the future, I suggest we have the following alternatives:

1. Move to the new Mount Olive location on Whitney Way,
2. Stay at the current location which will be dependent on the new owner(s) of these facilities, the facilities are still on the market.
3. Move to a new location,

Last year president Dave LeDuc had a committee evaluate several locations: Radisson Hotel and ZOR Temple where we had one meeting last year. A couple of our members suggested Covenant Church at the intersection of Mineral Point and Segoe Roads. I will appoint a committee of current and past officers to develop a recommendation for consideration at the August board meeting. In the meantime if any Westie has additional locations we should consider, please let me know by June 29. If you have concerns about the suggested alternatives above, please contact me at rschuler@wisc.edu or 608-271-7114.