

## July 24 2009

### K-Business of the Day

#### Today's Attendance:

There were 62 Kiwanians in attendance today. Our guests today was Emma Mueller, guest and spouse of **Steve Mueller**

#### This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Lee Swanson from the State Bank of Cross Plains, but he was visiting with Madison West Kiwanis to discuss the Ice Age Trail. **Jordan Geiger** introduced the speaker.

Lee Swanson began his presentation indicating that a number of investors originally bought the land in Cross Plains in the 1980's for approximately \$400,000 and planned to preserve the farmland for recreational use. The name of the group who purchased the land is Swamp Lovers Incorporated. They started restoring the wetlands and prairie to the extent to now there are over 900 different species of flora and fauna in the site.

In the early 1990's, Gary Warner from the Ice Age Trail Foundation contacted Swamp Lovers Inc to consider selling their land to the Ice Age Trail. Remarkably, the land value had increased to \$4 million. Swamp Lovers Inc actually considered working with a variety of land trusts in Wisconsin, which there are 53 of them in Wisconsin.

The Ice Age Trail is 1200 miles long running throughout Wisconsin tracing the edge of the glaciers as they moved through Wisconsin. Approximately, 650 miles of the trail is fully developed now. The Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation is headquartered in Cross Plains and it is dedicated to protect the property and maintain the conservation easement. The property is located about one mile west of Cross Plains, and one fourth mile north of Cross Plains just off of Highway KP.

The Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation relies on private donations and memberships to fund the majority of their activities. The Ice Age Trail is the second most traveled trail in the country following the volume of traffic on the Appalachian Trail. There is much more information at [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org).

Moral of the Story: Preservation of land for public use and education is necessary to remind all of us of the historical significance of the Wisconsin geography.

#### Contributing Kiwanians

**PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler**  
**GREETER..... Bill Battista**  
**CHECK POINT..... Bob and Matty**  
**OPENING WORD .....Boomer**  
**KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing**  
**MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave**  
**RAFFLE..... Harold Green**  
**Soap Box 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** reminded everyone of the Membership recruiting contest, and that next week it would be an open week for the fifth Friday of the month. Ron explained that it is the goal of the Madison West Kiwanis Club to invite a total of 99 guests between July 2009 and June 2010, with the hope of adding 25 new members in that time frame. Ron reminded everyone that so far we have had four guests since the beginning of the program.

**Ron** reminded everyone that the Mount Olive planned move date is now September 20<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, Ron has met with the committee to study the options for a recommendation of a new meeting site by the August Board Meeting. Also, Ron indicated that there are still seven sites being considered as follows: current Mount Olive facility on Mineral Point Road, New Mount Olive on Whitney Way, Covenant Presbyterian on Mineral Point Road, ZOR Shrine, Radisson Hotel, the Knights of Columbus facility, and Divine Savior United Methodist Church on Rosa Road. Ron indicated that **Don Herrmann** checked out a few other location possibilities as well, but none seem to be able to meet our needs.

## Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
July 31	Rev Joan Deming Traveling in Jerusalem	AI Wearing	Joe Dresser	TBD
August 7	Annual Grant Awards Recognition	AI Wearing	John Thomas	Karyn Schairer
August 14	Mary Van Hout An Update on Pillco Mozo Orphanage in Peru	AI Wearing	Ed Reid	TBD
August 21	Dick Alpert, WIBA Morning Radio Radio History	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
August 28	Joe Bisognano, Professor, Synchrotron Radiation Center	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Sept 4	Anna Balter Witness in Palestine	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Sept 11	Fred Ross and the Pancake Bandits Rustling Up Some Flapjacks	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Sept 18	Kevin McSweeney History of Planet Earth	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Oct 2	Ken Saville Installation of New Club Officers	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD

## Upcoming Activities and Events

July 27, 28	Service Club Olympics	TBD	KEVA Sports Center
July 28	Spinal Cord Injury Fund Raiser	TBD	TBD
July 30	Potosi Brewery Tour	9:30	Potosi Brewery
August 5	Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30	Vitense
August 1-9	WHA Fundraiser	Various	WHA Studios
August 15	Paint A Thon	TBD	Cottage Grove
August 15	Special Olympics Duathlon	10:00-1:00	Fitchburg
August 21-23	District Convention	Full Days	LaCrosse
Sept 23-25	Camp Wawbeek Key Leader Training		Camp Wawbeek
November 1	Pancake Breakfast	7:30	Edgewood

## Member Announcements.

### Service Olympics

Steve Mueller reminded everyone that the Service Olympics would be on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and that he was hopefully looking for some replacements for bowling and horseshoes. Also, Steve reminded everyone who ordered dinner tickets that he had them available for distribution today.

### Paint A Thon

Aaron Waldron provided an update on the Paint A Thon which will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Aaron indicated that Madison West is combining with Downtown Kiwanis Club on this project. Aaron also announced that the house being painted this year is in Cottage Grove.

### Special Olympics Duathlon

Robert DeBroux announced that the Special Olympics was also hosting an event on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and he indicated that if anyone was interested in volunteering from around 10:00 to 1:00 that day for this special needs event, that he asked everyone to simply contact him.

### Potosi Brewery Tour

Ed Reisch provided an update on the Potosi Brewery tour. Ed indicated that the tour is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> and that it is now going to be combined with both the Mineral Point and Dodgeville Kiwanis Clubs. The idea would be that there could be a caravan leaving together from Mt. Olive that day, or Ed said we could adjust the plans to accommodate anyone from having to drive out of their way. Ed reminded everyone that the plan was to leave

around 9:30, tour and lunch at the brewery, and then return to Madison by 3:30.

### Patriotic Songs

Boomer announced that after inviting his wife Wilma last week, that she thought he needed to introduce some new patriotic songs, so Boomer said August will be a month of new inspiring patriotic songs for the club.

### Attendance Awards

Gerry Maruska distributed attendance awards to both Ron Schuler and Mary Mennes.

### 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.mht> 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.