

# July 31 2009

## K-Business of the Day

### Today's Attendance:

There were 41 Kiwanians in attendance today. Our guests today were the following: Carl O'Connor, guest of **Vern Forest**, Ellouise Beatty, guest of **Marv Beatty**, Diane Stumpf, guest of **Chuck Stumpf**, Marilyn Nelson, guest of **Ed Reisch**, and Nancy Spencer, guest of **Carrol Spencer**.

### This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Reverend Joan Deming, Pastor from the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church. Rev Deming spoke on Traveling in Israel. **Dave Wendricks** introduced the speaker.

Reverend Deming spoke and presented a slide show featuring Archbishop Elias Chocar who leads the largest Christian denomination in Israel. Archbishop Chocar has led the development of one of the most successful educational campus and facility in Israel which educates Muslims, Christians, and Jewish children together. It is one of the top ten high schools academically in all of Israel, and Chocar has authored two particularly notable books-Blood Brothers and We Belong to the Lands.

Moral of the Story: This is a truly remarkable story in light of all the turmoil in the Middle East.

### Contributing Kiwanians

**PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler**  
**GREETER..... Joe Dresser**  
**CHECK POINT..... Bob and Matty**  
**OPENING WORD .....Boomer**  
**KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing**  
**MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave**  
**RAFFLE..... Carl O'Connor**  
**Henry Ahlgren Fund**  
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** announced that next week's meeting would recognize all the grant recipients.

**Ron** reminded everyone of the Membership recruiting contest, and that next week would be the first Friday of the month, so it would be the Jordan Geiger team with the letters of A through G for the beginning of the last names. Ron explained that it is the hope of the club to add 25 new members between July 2009 and June 2010.

**Ron** provided an update on the status of the new location search. Ron indicated that the committee had narrowed the selection down to three locations, and they all had some pros and cons-none of them are perfect. Ron indicated that the final three recommendations would be reviewed and discussed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Ron** reminded everyone that the next Board meeting would be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM at Vitense.

**Ron** also reminded everyone that the Paint A Thon would be on August 15<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Ron** announced that our own Kiwanis West Soap Box Derby participant, Maija Liimatainen, took first place in the Super Stock division of the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. In addition, Ellie Erb from the Kiwanis West Soap Box Derby also placed second in the Stock Division in Akron.

Finally, **Ron** announced that Kiwanis West's own **Jordan Geiger** was in the newspaper recently announcing his promotion Trust Officer at the State Bank of Cross Plains.

## Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
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

August 5	Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30	Vitense
August 1-9	WHA Fundraiser	Various	WHA Studios
August 11-14	Christmas Pageant Bleachers	TBD	TBD
August 12	Eplegaarden	TBD	Eplegaarden
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
February 28	Key Leader Training Again(?)		Camp Wawbeek

## Member Announcements.

### Service Olympics

**Ed Ornes** on behalf of **Steve Mueller**, wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Service Olympics. It was announced that Madison West Kiwanis took first place in the Bean Bag competition, and second place in the Bocce Ball event.

### Potosi Brewery Tour

**Ed Reisch** provided an update on the results of the Potosi Brewery tour. Ed indicated that it is quite an operation and it is a great brewery tour, definitely different than the average brewery tour. Ed also indicated that there is an article in the most recent Isthmus newspaper about the Potosi Brewery.

### Key Leader Program

**Ken Saville** announced that there will be a Key Leader program for future leaders sponsored by Kiwanis International Service Leadership Program the weekend of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Ken indicated that there are three scholarships available for children or grandchildren of Kiwanis members, but that they must apply by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Paint A Thon

**Joe Dresser** indicated that in addition to the Paint A Thon which will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>, there also is a need for volunteers to assist in the preparation of the house for painting on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Joe reminded everyone that we are partnering with Downtown Kiwanis on this project.

### Christmas Pageant Bleachers Repair

**Randy Hansen** announced that there will be a group of individuals working on fixing up and cleaning up the Christmas Pageant Bleachers during the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Randy indicated that the work times will be varied in order to be able to include some evenings

for members who are working might be able to volunteer to help as well.

### Eplegaarden Play Gym

**Dave Wendricks** announced that a week from Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Kiwanis West is looking for some volunteers to help build a play gym on the grounds of Eplegaarden.

### Eplegaarden Fall Schedule

**Vern Forest** indicated that the plans for Eplegaarden during football season looks to be October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> right now as the Badgers will be out of town on those Saturdays.

### 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.