

August 14, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 49 Kiwanians in attendance today. Our guests today were the following: Ed Fink and Tony Klink, guests of **Bill Battista**, and Jenny Beatty, guest and daughter of **Marv Beatty**.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Mary Van Hout, Coordinator, for the Orphan Train Project. Her presentation was focused on an update of the Kiwanis West Madison support for the Pillco Mozo Orphanage in Peru. **Bill Battista** introduced the speaker today.

Mary Van Hout presented a slide show highlighting her recent visit to Peru and the Pillco Mozo Orphanage. It was an interesting demonstration, and a reminder of how fortunate most of us in this country are in relation to Peru. Per capita income in Peru is just over \$3,000 annually per year, and the country is steeped in poverty. Poverty breeds violence and theft, so the orphanage must be behind closed in walls, and the children cannot leave the compound.

The background of the Orphan Train is that it matches service clubs to specific foreign orphanages in hopes that an on-going relationship will develop and be formed for future activities and support. Madison West Kiwanis supports the Pillco Mozo Orphanage in Peru.

Many of the slides presented by Mary Van Hout were focused on the activities of the children and helpers of the orphanage. It was clear that these types of facilities need the help and support of many service clubs such as Madison West Kiwanis. In addition to the Madison West Kiwanis Club, Pillco Mozo is supported by West Towne Rotary Club as well. There are opportunities to travel and visit these orphanages from any of the clubs which support the Orphan Train.

Moral of the Story: This is simply an example of people opening their hearts to share and provide a ray of hope to orphaned, abandoned, and institutionalized children around the globe.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Ed Reid
CHECK POINT.....Matty
OPENING WORDLarry Theis
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE..... Jerry Wallander
Soap Box Derby
Present Membership.....99

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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 will be at the Radisson Hotel at 517 Grand Canyon Drive. **Ron** also said that we will be meeting in the Grand Canyon Room. The Radisson is one of the finalists for a future new meeting location.

Ron indicated that the committee had narrowed the selection down to the following three locations and their caterers: Covenant Church/Garlord, Zor Shrine/Queen Anne's, and the Radisson with their own staff. **Ron** indicated that the final three recommendations would be reviewed and discussed at the September 2nd Board Meeting.

Ron reminded everyone of the Membership recruiting contest, and that Jordan Geiger was still offering \$60 to the first new member recruited from his team. **Ron** also announced that there will be a pen awarded every quarter for the person who brings in the most guests, and so far Ed Reisch is the leader. **Ron** reinforced that it is the hope of the club to add 25 new members between July 2009 and June 2010.

Ron announced that there were some Kiwanis T-Shirts found that can be purchased for \$5.

Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
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 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
September 2	Kiwanis West Board Mtg	7:30	Vitense Golf
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.

Eplegaarden Play Gym

Dave Wendricks announced that there was a good list of volunteers who helped on the play gym on August 12th. The members who participated were the following: **George Meyer, Vern Forest, Dave Wendricks, Carrol Spencer, Marv Beatty, Jack Padgham, and Bill Grabel**. They almost finished the construction, and plan on doing so on August 26th.

Eplegaarden Fall Schedule

Carrol Spencer indicated that last year the activities of the volunteers at Eplegaarden earned \$3,400 for Madison West Kiwanis. **Carrol** indicated that the plans for Eplegaarden during football season this year looks to be October 3rd, 10th and the 24th right now as the Badgers will be out of town on those Saturdays.

Christmas Pageant Bleachers Repair

Randy Hansen thanked all the volunteers who helped working on fixing up and cleaning up the Christmas Pageant Bleachers during the week of August 11th through the 14th. **Randy** indicated that there was some need yet today for around ten people to help at Reynolds Storage.

Paint A Thon

Aaron Waldron indicated that the Paint A Thon is ready to go on August 15th. Aaron indicated with the new house location, there will be less need for work on ladders.

Football Concession Stand

Rich Grooms announced that the football stand sign up sheet will be circulating most weeks because there are four games in a row in September. Rich reminded everyone that Madison West Kiwanis now works in a wholesale vendor location, rather than the prior retail concession stand.

Madison West Kiwanis Little League Update

Bill Battista provided a review and update of the Little League program. **Bill** indicated for the first time in 43 years, the Madison West Little League 12 year olds sent a team to compete in the regional finals in Indianapolis for an opportunity to earn the right to go to Williamsport for the Little League World Series. While the team went 1-3 during the tournament, they were able to play and experience some very talented young people. **Bill** also announced that the 15 and 16 year old senior group won the regionals in Columbia, Missouri and were moving to the Senior League World Series in Bangor, Maine.

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.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