

September 4, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 58 Kiwanians in attendance today. Our guests included an Interclub from Monroe consisting of Margie Ellen, Pauline Ferguson, Judi Huntzman, and Audrey Hein. Also, with our speaker today was Barbara Olson, Gretchen Spearstra, and Curtiss Wittwer from the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Jim Laurion, son of **Bob Laurion**, was a guest today.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Anna Baltzer, who was introduced by Curtiss Wittwer from Downtown Kiwanis. Her presentation was "Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories and Photos." During Anna's introduction, Mr. Wittwer read a proclamation from Governor Doyle regarding Anna's passion and work for this particular cause.

Ms. Baltzer began her presentation describing that it was a life long dream of hers to attend Columbia University, and that she received assistance in achieving her dream by receiving a Kiwanis scholarship. Following her graduation from Columbia, she had the opportunity to teach English in Turkey. As part of living in the Middle East, she had the chance to travel to Palestine. It is important to understand in this commentary that Anna Baltzer is a Jewish American citizen.

Anna's visit to Palestine opened her eyes that she should become more active in her recognition that the information in the traditional media regarding occupied Palestine was slightly inaccurate. Anna gained a much greater appreciation for the Palestinians through her visit and subsequent research.

In particular, Anna was most amazed at the required separation between Palestinians and Israeli's in regards to the use of roads, different license plate identifiers, the absolute number of checkpoints in the West Bank, and the use of monetary incentives to encourage Israeli's to move into the Jewish settlements in Palestine. The example of the checkpoints was to imagine that it would take approximately four hours to get from Mt. Olive church to Verona based on the number of checkpoints which you would be required to pass through on your way to Verona.

Anna closed her presentation with suggestions that each American should do their own research on this topic, consider visiting the Holy Land, support a more productive US policy in the Middle East, review your own investments, and visit Anna's website at www.annainthemiddleeast.com.

Moral of the Story: Anna's first hand accounts of the situation in the Middle East are certainly quite different and astounding to the information which is communicated in the United States.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Dave Dickson
CHECK POINT.....Matty & Bob
OPENING WORDMarv Schaeffer
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE..... Millard Johnson
Henry Ahlgren Scholarship Fund
Present Membership.....98

WEBSITE: www.madisonwestkiwanis.com

For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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

President Ron's Announcements

Ron announced that the order of the vote for a new location was Covenant, Radisson, and Zor Shrine. Based on the results of the vote, the Board of Directors agreed to choose Covenant as the new location. The approved motion at the Board was to move to Covenant, evaluate the location in six months. For the known four Fridays during the year that Covenant is not available, Madison West Kiwanis will meet at the Radisson. **Ron** reminded everyone that our first meeting at Covenant will be on September 18th.

Ron announced that the annual Madison West Kiwanis End of Year Celebration would be held on September 23rd from 4:30 to 10:00 PM at the Saukdale Trails Clubhouse.

Ron indicated that there would be an Eplegaarden sign up sheet circulating among the tables today for the October dates which there is not a football game which are 10/3, 10/10, and 10/24.

Ron finally found some old Paint A Thon shirts and said any member could have a shirt on their way out of the meeting.

Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
Sept 11	Fred Ross and the Pancake Bandits Rustling Up Some Flapjacks	Al Wearing	John Thomas	TBD
Sept 18	Kevin McSweeney History of Planet Earth	Al Wearing	TBD	TBD
Sept 25	Susan Richards, Apiarist Hidden Oaks Apiary	Al Wearing	TBD	Virgil Jurrens
Oct 2	Ken Saville Installation of New Club Officers	Katie Rusch	Harold Green	TBD
Oct 9	Steven Karlen, Development Director Our Lady of Hope Clinic	Katie Rusch	TBD	TBD
Oct 16	Marcus Murphy Steps to Success	Katie Rusch	TBD	TBD
Oct 30	Pam Alexander, Director Animal League Defense Fund	Katie Rusch	TBD	TBD

Upcoming Activities and Events

September 5	Badger Football Northern Illinois	6:00 PM	Camp Randall
September 12	Badger Football Fresno State	11:00 AM	Camp Randall
September 19	Badger Football Wofford	11:00 AM	Camp Randall
September 23	Annual End of Year Celebration	4:30 PM	Saukdale Trails Clubhouse
Sept 23-25	Camp Wawbeek Key Leader Training		Camp Wawbeek
October 3	Eplegaarden	11:00 AM	Eplegaarden
October 7	West Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30 AM	Vitense Golf Center
October 10	Eplegaarden	11:00 AM	Eplegaarden
October 27	Chicago Art Institute Bus Tour	6:40 AM	Verona City Hall
November 1	Pancake Breakfast	7:30 AM	Edgewood

Member Announcements

Eplegaarden Playground Equipment

Dave Wendricks indicated that the playground set at Eplegaarden is now mostly all completed and **Dave** wanted to thank all who assisted in the project. In particular, **Dave** wanted to thank the following: **Carrol Spencer, Vern Forest, George Meyer, Bill Grabel, Jack Padgham, Dick McGary, Ron Sculer, and Dave Wendricks.** **Dave** also indicated that **Vern Forest** brought apples as well and all members could feel free to grab an apple today.

Badger Football Stand

Rich Grooms announced that there is a need for one more volunteer for the Northern Illinois game. **Rich** was concerned that there is only five people signed up for the following week, and he needs more for the remaining games.

Football Tickets

Bob Johnson announced that he had two tickets available for the Northern Illinois game for anyone who might like to attend the game.

Larry Nelson Retirement

Ed Reisch announced that Larry Nelson was retiring from the City of Madison and there was a card circulating for everyone to sign.

Capitol Bank Art Institute Trip

Ed Reisch announced that the Capitol Bank was sponsoring a bus trip to visit the Art Institute of Chicago on October 27th. The trip would also include a Sculpture Tour of Chicago.

Membership Recruiting Program

Ken Saville announced that while Dave LeDuc is on a leave of absence, that Ken agreed to be the Membership Chair for the rest of the year. Ken indicated that he would continue to attempt to challenge the teams to continue to bring in guests to the club.

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 result.