

September 18 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 52 Kiwanians in attendance today. **Steve Mueller** brought along Bill Ferguson as a guest.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Kevin McSweeney and he provided a History of the Planet Earth from a Scientific Perspective. Professor McSweeney was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**.

Professor McSweeney initially began his presentation by indicating that there are a variety of theories and perspectives on the origin of earth and man, and that his presentation would only be focusing on the scientific perspective and that this was not intended to be a debate on which theory is most likely, believed, or accepted in the general population.

The planet earth was formed approximately 4.5 billion years ago from a mass of rocks and stuff combined from the Milky Way. The continents which are on the earth today have been progressively moving around the planet throughout its history primarily through the process of plate tectonics.

It is estimated that the origin of life occurred around 3.5 billion years ago. The theory is that there was a sort of primordial soup of oxygen, hydrogen, and other stuff existing in a shallow pool which was struck by lightning which began the process of biological evolution. Around 3 billion years ago, photosynthesis began creating oxygen which sustained the evolutionary process.

Scientists believe that there have been five mass extinctions throughout the history of earth, with the most famous the extinction of dinosaurs. There is evidence that a ten kilometer meteorite landed in the Yucatan Peninsula region of Mexico creating enormous disruptions in earth movement, floods, and dust blocking sunlight which impacted plant growth, and thus the plant eating dinosaurs had no food, and then their extinction left the meat eating dinosaurs also with no food.

Moral of the Story: In relative terms, humans have evolved and been on earth a very short time, and some believe that the sixth mass extinction process is in progress right now as a result of the human use of natural resources.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
GREETER..... Jack Padgham
CHECK POINT.....Matty & Bob
OPENING WORDBoomer
KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing
MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave
RAFFLE..... Harold Green
Soap Box Derby
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 indicated that the Board of Directors approved some minor bylaw changes as it relates to the Foundation and that this was the second notification to the members of the proposed changes. This will be presented to the membership for a vote in the near future.

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 and that there is a sign up sheet circulating among the tables. Ron was hoping for 40 attendees and at the time, the sign up was a little short of that amount.

Ron indicated that there would be an Eplegaarden sign up sheet circulating among the tables today for the October weekend dates which there is not a football game which are 10/3, & 10/4, 10/10 & 10/11, and 10/24 & 10/25. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available such as selling produce and working in the snack stand.

Ron announced that following Ed Reisch's breakfast meeting with the International President, the President indicated that he would visit Madison West Kiwanis next summer if the club could add 25 new members between now and then.

Future K-Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
Sept 25	Susan Richards, Apiarist Hidden Oaks Apiary	Al Wearing	Don Herrmann	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 23	Tim Gattenby, UW Kinesiology Department Fitness and Outdoor Pursuits	Katie Rusch	TBD	TBD
Oct 30	Pam Alexander, Director Animal League Defense Fund	Katie Rusch	TBD	TBD

Upcoming Activities and Events

September 23	Annual End of Year Celebration	4:30 PM	Saukdale Trails Clubhouse
Sept 23-25	Camp Wawbeek Key Leader Training		Camp Wawbeek
September 26	Badger Michigan State Game	11:00 AM	Camp Randall
October 3 & 4	Eplegaarden	11:00 AM	Eplegaarden
October 7	West Kiwanis Board Meeting	7:30 AM	Vitense Golf Center
October 10 & 11	Eplegaarden	11:00 AM	Eplegaarden
October 17	Badger Iowa Game	11:00 AM	Camp Randall
October 24 & 25	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

Challenger Little League Program

Bill Battista announced that there was a great front page article in the Wisconsin State Journal about the Challenger Little League. Bill also suggested visiting www.Madison.com to view even more detail and pictures of the coverage. Also, **Bill** indicated that the third game of Challenger Little League was to be held at 11:00 on Saturday 9/19.

Pancake Breakfast

Ken Saville reminded everyone of the importance of the Pancake Breakfast and that the sign up sheet would begin circulating at this meeting. Ken indicated that there is a real need usually for volunteers on second shift, and that this year there can be a customized sign up as well. Ken also announced that there is a need for four volunteers on the Friday before to help deliver and set up the grill.

Membership Drive

Ken Saville announced that it is time to begin thinking again about re-invigorating the membership drive and that he would have more announcements on this topic at future meetings.

Badger Football Stand

Rich Grooms announced that there are enough volunteers already signed up for the next two Badger games. Rich just asked everyone to be looking at calendars and considering volunteering at the 10/17, 10/31, and 11/17 games.

Kiwanis History

Since this was the first official meeting at Covenant, **Bob Spencer** provided the club with a lesson on the original Mt. Olive meeting. The first meeting at Mt. Olive was on Friday, October 28, 1988. The first speaker was Robert Zobel, Investment Director from the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. The club leadership consisted of **Fritz Lutze** President, **Bob Richardson** 1st Vice President, **Bill Brunkon** 2nd Vice President, **Larry Theis** Past President, **Gerry Maruska** Secretary, and Treasurer **Bob Spencer**. During the meeting, **Boomer** led the music, **Orley Jensen** was the greeter, **Rev Bill Stevens** led the opening prayer, and **Glenn Krieg** won the raffle that day.

Entertainment Books

Dave Lerdahl from the East Kiwanis Club visited Madison West Kiwanis today and announced that their club was selling Entertainment Coupon books for \$25 and appreciated the past support of Madison West Kiwanis.

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.

