

December 11, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance

Today, **Ed Reisch** brought Carrie Slaboda, Marketing Director for Ecumenical Housing, as a guest. Carrie happens to be one of **Rich Groom's** bowling companions. Thankfully, Carrie is a Packer fan despite **Rich's** questionable influence. Well done, Carrie.

Our current membership stands at 98.

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was our very own **Ken Saville**, who presented an update on Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.

Camp Wawbeek hosts nearly 2000 campers annually. These campers come from all parts of Wisconsin to experience outdoor fun, develop independence, and, as one camper described, to be with folks "who know what I am going through." Campers are primarily physical disabled children and adults, though Camp Wawbeek's sister camp, Easter Seals Respite Camp, hosts campers with cognitive disabilities as well.

Camp activities range from painting and swimming to playing cards and completing a high-ropes course. The activities are tailored to the abilities and interest of the camper. **Ken** emphasized that many of these activities allow the camper a chance to do something that he or she cannot do at home. For example, some campers may have access to a swimming pool, but not to someone who can help get them in and out of the pool.

Outdoor education is also a primary goal of Camp Wawbeek. The 400-acre space gives campers the opportunity to sleep under the stars, tell stories around a campfire, and make s'mores.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	JORDON GEIGER
OPENING WORD	FRED ROSS
CHECKPOINT	BOB & MATTY
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & MARY
RAFFLE	ED ORNES
TO	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This past year, Camp Wawbeek started a new program for newly disabled war veterans. This program invites the veteran and his or her family to explore activities they can do as a family, despite the disability. The camp setting also provides the family a chance to discuss tough topics outside of the hospital.

Kiwanis has played a part in Camp Wawbeek's success for many years. In the mid-1950s, Kiwanis sponsored a project to build the camp's pool. Each year, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan district participates in a project—called the Governor's project—to keep camp's facilities top-notch. This year, Governor Kathy Vorpahl is raising funds to purchase new tables for the camp's dining hall.

President Dave's Announcements

Dave is looking for a member to volunteer to co-advise the West High School Key Club. Club meetings are Mondays at noon. Let **Dave** or **Ed Reisch** know if you're interested.

Dave asked that members submit leave of absence requests in writing.

Dave reminded members that we are not meeting on December 25th or January 1st.

Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
December 18	Joan Hall, University of Wisconsin Dictionary of American Regional English	George Meyer	TBD
January 8	Kathryn Otto, Thrive Economic Development	Bonnie Bruce	TBD
January 15	Andrew Adams, Artistic Director Introduction to the Four Seasons Theater	TBD	TBD
January 22	Kevin Huttleson, Executive Director Ronald McDonald House	TBD	TBD
January 29	Mike Carlson, Development Director Habitat for Humanity	TBD	TBD

Upcoming Activities and Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
December 19	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	All Day	Walgreens Midvale
December 19	Sit-Ski Assembly	9:00AM	2701 Progress Road
January 26	Edgewood Circle K Charter Night	6:00PM	Edgewood
April 21	Music Banquet		Edgewood

Member Announcements

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Fritz Lutze passed around the sign-up sheet to ring bells on Saturday, December 19th at Walgreens on University and Midvale. We have enough volunteers at this time.

Sit-Ski Assembly

Isthmus Engineering is hosting a build session on Saturday, December 19th, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, to assembly sit-skis. These cross-country skis are provided to individuals who struggle with mobility disabilities at no cost. This project is a great opportunity for our members and our sponsored Key Clubs and Circle K club. Contact **Harold Green** for more details.

Monroe Candy

Ken Saville announced that he has our Monroe Candy orders. Contact **Ken** to pick up your order.

Christmas Pageant

The club thanked **Randy Hansen** for his incredible work repairing the stage and organizing this year's pageant. Next year, **Randy** will serve as our Christmas Pageant chairman.

Randy thanked those members who assisted with set-up, takedown, and ushering. He reported that the takedown crew beat last year's takedown time by a half-hour. Amazing!

With regard to fundraising, **Ed Reisch** thanked the East Kiwanis club and Madison Golden K for their contributions.

Edgewood Circle K

Ken Saville proudly reported that Kiwanis International officially recognizes the Edgewood Circle K, which our club sponsors. The club will host its Charter Dinner on Tuesday, January 26, 6:00-8:00PM, in the Washburn room at Edgewood College.

Ken also solicited volunteers to join the Edgewood Circle K committee. Currently, the committee is **Ken**, **Brett Rusch**, and **Katie Rusch**.

Adaptive Sports Association

Bobette Heller thanked **Jim Marschall** and committee for reviewing and ranking the ski school candidates. **Bobette** noted that the committee would share information about the five selected candidates at our club meetings so we can better understand the impact this experience has on the candidates' lives.

Hockey Banquet

John Schwab announced that the date for the Hockey Banquet is likely Wednesday, March 3, but put it on your calendar in pencil. (Actually he said, "Eh, it's probably the first Wednesday in March, but it keeps changing.")

For the Man Who Has It All

For **Conley Montgomery's** 90th birthday, he requested no gifts since he "has it all," but noted that folks could donate to the Keep Wisconsin Warm fund in honor of his big day. **Conley** reported that the fund received \$2,226 thanks to the kind donations and a matching fund. Incredible!