

## January 8, 2010

### K-Business of the Day

#### This Week's Visitors

**Ed Reisch** brought David Nelson as a guest. David is currently a controller with SSM in Chicago, but is relocating to Madison shortly.

We were also joined by Hannah Roberg, a senior at Edgewood High School Key Club, and Hannah's mother, Kathy.

#### This Week's Program Summary

**Al Wearing** introduced Sean Robbins of Thrive. The mission of Thrive is to grow the economy and enhance the quality of life in an eight-county region that includes Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Sauk and Rock counties. Sean noted that focusing on a region instead of a specific county was necessary because these counties are economically interdependent. As Sean stated, "The economy does not respect political boundaries." Instead, the economy is about thousands of little decisions made several times per day by consumers, producers, and governments.

Thrive's goal is to influence those little decisions. For example, Thrive and the UW Alumni Association collaborated to create the Badger Job Network, which connects local employers with UW alumni. This project is one way to attract new industries to our community by showing we have the workforce educated and prepared to support those industries. Sean noted that because of the potential to create spin-off jobs and to bring dollars into the region, Thrive focuses on three specific industries—agriculture, healthcare, and technology.

#### President Dave's Announcements

**Dave** updated the club on decision made at this month's club board meeting. This included approving eight leave of absence requests for

#### Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	BONNIE BRUCE
OPENING WORD	ED REISCH
CHECKPOINT	BOB & BRUCE
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & MARY
RAFFLE	MARV SCHAEFER
TO	SOAP BOX DERBY

those members heading south for the winter. Additionally, the board approved a change to the credit given for leave of absences or make-up meals from \$5.00 to \$6.00. The board also approved a \$500.00 donation to West Madison Little League to repair the picnic porch.

**Dave** reminded the club that the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan district is hosting its annual Midwinter Convention, February 12-14, 2010. The board approved **Al Wearing**, **Ken Saville**, and **Dave Wendricks** as our delegates to the convention.

The Circle K club at Edgewood College is celebrating its Charter Night on January 26, 2010, from 6:00-8:00PM. **Dave** is looking for members to sign up for a double interclub, as our club is sponsoring this Circle K club.

**Dave** recognized **Bruce "Shoeshine" Hoehne** for 25 years of Kiwanis service. Congrats, **Bruce!**

Congrats to the recipients of Perfect Attendance awards from Kiwanis International:

**Ed Reisch**, 8 years of perfect attendance

**Marv Beatty**, 9 years of perfect attendance

**Bob Luening**, 13 years of perfect attendance

## Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
January 15	<b>Andrew Abrams, Artistic Director</b> Introduction to the Four Seasons Theater	TBD	<b>Larry Thies</b>
January 22	<b>Kevin Huttleson, Executive Director</b> Ronald McDonald House	TBD	<b>Brett Rusch</b>
January 29	<b>Mike Carlson, Development Director</b> Habitat for Humanity	TBD	TBD
February 5	<b>Lori Battista, Horizon School</b> Dane County's Only Recovery High School	TBD	TBD

## Upcoming Activities and Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
January 26	<b>Edgewood Circle K Charter Night</b>	6:00PM	Edgewood
February 3	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>	7:30AM	Vitense Golfand
February 13-14	<b>Midwinter Convention</b>		Green Bay
March 10	<b>Hockey Banquet</b>		La Follette
April 21	<b>Music Banquet</b>		Edgewood

## Member Announcements

### Christmas Pageant

**Ed Reisch** thanked everyone for their efforts raising funds for the annual Christmas Pageant. He noted that the goal was to break even, and, as of this week, that goal was achieved.

### Inter-district Interclub

**Ed Reisch** is organizing an interclub with the Kiwanis club of Springfield, Illinois, which is the home club of the Kiwanis International President, Paul Palazzolo. **Ed** would like to get about 8-10 members from the Madison area to attend the club meeting and then to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. This interclub is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The group will leave Covenant Presbyterian at 7:00AM to arrive for the Springfield Kiwanis meeting at 11:00AM. Contact **Ed** if you are interested.

### Member Updates

**Dave Wendricks** announced that **Jerry Wallander** is having surgery this week, related to his voice box reconstruction.

**John Roberts** announced that **Dick Stauber** suffered some internal bleeding, but he's now home and recovering for a related operation.

**Bill Battista** announced that **Dave Dickson** continues to recover. **Bill** also thanked the club providing rides to **Dave's** upcoming medical appointments.

Here's to a swift recovery!

### Haitian Water System Fundraiser

Hannah Roberg, a Key Club member at Edgewood High School, spoke to our club about an upcoming trip to Haiti. She is visiting Haiti for ten days as part of a joint trip with the Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin.

Hannah was asked to build a water system—essentially a basin to collect rainwater and hold it throughout the dry season—for the village. She described the local topography, which consists of a creek running down the side of a nearby mountain. Currently, the children of the village are responsible for collecting water from this creek because the steep and slippery conditions of the mountain make it challenging for the adults and elders of the village to complete the climb. Hannah noted that many of these children are seen in the local clinic for back and neck injuries later in life.

Hannah needs funding to purchase concrete for the project. In total, she needs \$4500. Edgewood Key Club contributed \$500 and during the club meeting, our members donated approximately \$375 to help her with her great efforts.