

# January 22, 2010

## K-Business of the Day

### This Week's Program Summary

**Al Wearing** introduced Kevin Huttleson, Executive Director of the Madison Ronald McDonald House.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide temporary lodging to families who live outside of Madison because their child needs treatment at a Madison health care facility. Furthermore, the Ronald McDonald House supports delivery of dental and medical services to south central Wisconsin and northern Illinois with the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

The first Ronald McDonald House opened in 1974 thanks to the efforts of Jimmy Murray, coach of the marvelous\* Philadelphia Eagles. Eagles tight end Fred Hill's daughter, Kim, was diagnosed with leukemia. Murray saw how Hill and his family essentially lived out of the hospital—eating their meals from vending machines and sleeping in hospital room chairs—and wanted to create a home for families of sick children to help them be comfortable and maintain some normalcy. Murray teamed up with a local McDonald's, which donated the proceeds from their Shamrock Shake promotion in return for the naming rights. It wasn't long after the opening of the 15-bedroom home in Philadelphia that Murray realized that there was a need elsewhere in the world.

There are now Ronald McDonald Houses in over 50 countries. Our local Madison house opened in 1993, and has hosted over 7000 families for over 19,000 visits. To become a resident, a local hospital must refer the family to the Ronald McDonald House. On average, families travel 50 to 150 miles to get treatment for their child; however, the Madison house has hosted families from every Wisconsin county and 15 countries. Kevin noted

### Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	KATIE RUSCH
OPENING WORD	BRETT RUSCH
CHECKPOINT	BOB & MATTY
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & DAVE
RAFFLE	DOYLE BEHL
TO	SOAP BOX DERBY

that many of the stays are related to premature babies.

The primary source of funding for Ronald McDonald Houses includes donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses. In addition, local McDonald's restaurant owners fund portions of the annual operating costs. The Madison-based Ronald McDonald House is mainly run by volunteers, with only four full-time staff members, including Kevin.

\*The Editor is a native Philadelphian and, therefore, a diehard Eagles fan. Talk to her about McNabb and she might cry and/or hit you.

### President Dave's Announcements

**Dave** reminded members of the Edgewood College Circle K Charter Night on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Note that the time has changed from 6:00-8:00 to 7:00-9:00.

**Dave** announced that Hannah Roberg would use the money we donated for her water system project when she heads to Haiti later this summer.

Congrats to **Chuck Stumpf** for 42 years of perfect attendance!

## Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
January 29	<b>Cheryl McCollum</b> Habitat for Humanity	TBD	TBD
February 5	<b>Lori Battista, Horizon School</b> Dane County's Only Recovery High School	TBD	<b>Joe Dresser</b>
February 12	<b>Jim Hubing, Henry Vilas Zoo Director</b> The Best Kept Secret in Madison	TBD	TBD
February 19	<b>Ruth Shelley, Madison Children's Museum Executive Director</b> A Preview of the New Museum	TBD	TBD
February 26	<b>Jamie Weissburg, JDRF Executive Director</b> An Update on Diabetes Research	TBD	TBD

## Upcoming Activities and Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
January 26	<b>Edgewood Circle K Charter Night</b>	7:00PM	Edgewood
February 3	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>	7:30AM	Vitense Golfand
February 13-14	<b>Midwinter Convention</b>		Green Bay
February 16	<b>Foundation Board Meeting</b>	7:00PM	Kiesling Associates
March 3	<b>Hockey Banquet</b>	6:30	La Follette
April 21	<b>Music Banquet</b>		Edgewood

## Member Announcements

### Camp Randall Classic

**Mary Mennes** asked for volunteers to work at the wholesale concession stand at the Camp Randall Classic (Wisconsin v. Michigan hockey) on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. After an auction-style

Volunteers should arrive at 3:30pm and expect to work until the end of the second period.

### Theater Outing?

Following last week's stellar presentation, **Ed Reisch** purchased tickets for Four Seasons Theatre's "An Evening of Broadway Favorites" on Friday, February 19, 2010. If you have also purchased tickets or plan to do so, and would like to get together at a downtown pub prior to the concert for refreshments and revelry, contact **Ed**.

### 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 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.

### Edgewood Circle K Charter Night

The Circle K club at Edgewood College is celebrating its Charter Night on January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:00PM.

**Dave Wendricks** is looking for members to sign up for a double interclub, as our club is sponsoring this Circle K club.

### Adaptive Sports Association

**Fred Ross** announced that past skiers and this year's participants are attending our February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Fred** also shared a letter from one of this year's participants, an excerpt of which follows.

"The people I've met from Madison West Kiwanis have a unique quality, and perhaps they don't realize how special it is. In all the conversations I've had with MWK members, every single person has treated me with respect. You've treated me as an equal. That means more to me than you'll ever know. Many people who learned of my disability before they ever meet me talk down to me as if my disability has stolen my intelligence. MS does have cognitive effects for some of us (as does aging—a double whammy!), but I especially appreciate the way MWK members don't assume I'm limited in intelligence before they get to know me... This problem is even worse for my friends with more obvious disabilities. Total strangers will talk with them loudly and slowly, and treat them as if they're children. It's really refreshing to meet so many MWK members who accept us as normal human beings with physical quirks. Thanks to all of you."