

February 12, 2010

K-Business of the Day

This Week's Program Summary

Al Wearing introduced Jim Hubing of the Henry Vilas Zoo. The Henry Vilas Zoo remains one of the few remaining zoos in the nation, opening in 1911 thanks to a gift of white-tailed deer. Annually, the zoo sees over 700,000 visitors.

Jim discussed and showed photographs of many of the zoo's residents. These included Henry and Vilas—the big lions—and eight of the 88 accredited lion cubs born at U.S. zoos. Jim noted that the first cub born at the zoo, Themba, is now housed at the Milwaukee Zoo. (He is supposed to be breeding with a pretty young thing from Minneapolis, but they haven't quite figured it out yet.)

Breeding is one of the main objectives of the zoo. The Henry Vilas Zoo remains one of very few zoos to successfully birth an orangutan. Later this year, zoo staff is looking to breed the red panda with a Canadian mate.

Additionally, the zoo sometimes holds confiscated animals during legal trials. For example, the zoo sheltered snakes that a man tried to transport in a suitcase. Zoo staff also participates in animal research, including researching why sting rays are resistant to cancer and how the poison of certain frogs might be replicated for anesthetic purposes.

The zoo also promotes environmental conservation so that wildlife may survive in their natural habitats. Jim stated that of the 50,000,000 bison that roamed the U.S. in 1870 when Brewster M. Higley wrote "Home on the Range," only about 200,000 remain today (this number reached a record low of about 200 in the early 20th century). Jim also noted that only 1000 grizzly bears remain of the once 10,000,000 animals. The zoo brings awareness of

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	JIM MARSCHALL
OPENING WORD	KEN SAVILLE
CHECKPOINT	BOB & MATTY
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & DAVE
RAFFLE	TERRY STEWART
TO	X-MAS PAGEANT

these endangered animals and educates visitors about what changes they can make to improve the lives of these animals. He stated, "Everyone needs to learn that your next meal doesn't come from the refrigerator."

The Henry Vilas Zoo is free to the public and open year-round from 9:30AM-5:00PM.

President Dave's Announcements

Dave reminded members that our meeting on Friday, March 5th is located at the Radisson on Grand Canyon Drive.

Dave thanked **Bobette Heller** for her efforts in coordinating the Adaptive Sports Association participants.

Congratulations to **Virgil Jurrens** for 15 years of perfect attendance!

Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
February 19	Ruth Shelley, Madison Children's Museum Executive Director A Preview of the New Museum	TBD	TBD
February 26	Jamie Weissburg, JDRF Executive Director An Update on Diabetes Research	TBD	TBD
March 5	Robert Sladkey, Olbrich Gardens Director What's Blooming at the Gardens	TBD	TBD

Upcoming Activities and Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
February 13-14	Midwinter Convention	All Day	Green Bay
February 16	Foundation Board Meeting	7:00PM	Kiesling Associates
February 24	International President Interclub	7:00AM	Springfield, IL
March 3	Club Board Meeting	7:30AM	Vitense Golf Land
March 10	Hockey Banquet	6:30PM	La Follette
April 21	Music Banquet	TBA	Edgewood
August 14	Paint-a-thon	TBA	TBA

Member Announcements

West High School Key Club

Ed Reisch reported that there are 35 charter members for the West High School Key Club. **Ed** noted that their charter celebration is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd, at noon in room 137 of West High School. Our membership is invited and encouraged to attend the celebration.

In addition, the club's first project is participating in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, scheduled for Saturday, February 20th. You can help with a donation to those students planning to dive into Lake Monona.

He also requested a substitute to attend next Monday's meeting at noon. Contact **Ed** if you can step up.

Hockey Banquet

John Schwab announced that he ordered tickets for the annual hockey banquet so the date can't be changed again. Yet again, **John** passed around a practice sign-up sheet.

International Pres Visits WI-UM

Mary Mennes announced that Kiwanis International President, Paul Palazzolo, is scheduled to visit our district this March. He will be in our area of the district on Sunday, March 21st, leading workshops at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc. **Mary** noted that these workshops are "a terrific experience for newer members and a renewal for long-time members."

Music Banquet

Harley Skjervem reminded members that the Music Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st at Edgewood High School. Members of the Four Seasons Theatre will perform at the banquet.

Kiwanogram Mailing No More

Katie Rusch announced that the board decided to move to an electronic-only distribution of the Kiwanogram beginning April 1st. The cost to print and distribute the Kiwanogram is \$3000 annually—roughly equivalent to what we raise spending hundreds of man-hours spent chopping wood at Eplegaarden. **Katie** stated that she would hold a brief meeting with the seven members who do not have e-mail addresses on record (date and time TBA).

To reflect this change, club dues will decrease by \$5 quarterly (\$20 annually) beginning April 1st.

Questions may be directed to **Katie** before or after meetings, at katherine.k.rusch@gmail.com, or at (608) 469-4603.

Grant Applications

Bonnie Hansen reported that the 2010 grant applications are available online or at the sign-in table during meetings. All applications are due on April 1st.