

# March 12, 2010

## K-Business of the Day

### This Week's Guests

**Keri Svoboda**, our speaker, brought her mother, Kim Svoboda.

### This Week's Program Summary

**Rich Grooms** introduced Keri Svoboda, Marketing Director for Ecumenical Housing Corporation (EHC).

EHC is a non-profit ministry of faith communities dedicated to providing quality, affordable housing and related services to individuals 55 years of age or better. EHC offers 1-2 bedroom apartments at three east-side locations—Dempsey Manor, Meadow Grove, and Taylor Ridge—that support independent living. Among the many services provided by EHC, Keri highlighted the social and educational activities, weekly worship services on-site, and transportation services. Rental rates range from \$644 per month for a one-bedroom apartment at Dempsey Manor to \$1,076 per month for a two-bedroom at Meadow Grove.

Keri also explained the difference between Section 8 and Section 42 housing. Section 8 is federally subsidized housing for those individuals with an income less than 50% of the annual median income in the county. For those individuals with Section 8 vouchers, rent is 30% of the individual's income. In contrast, Section 42 housing, or "moderate income housing," provides tax credits to investors who build affordable housing, which translates into lower than market-rate rent. EHC primarily works with Section 42 housing, but does accept Section 8 vouchers.

Local faith communities support EHC financially. These communities also provide members to

### Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	TOM MCCRILL
OPENING WORD	FRED ROSS
CHECKPOINT	BOB & MATTY
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & DR. DAVE
RAFFLE	JOHN SCHWAB
TO	MUSIC BANQUET

EHC's assembly of delegates, who elect EHC's board of trustees. The corporation is considered a Christian organization, but welcomes residents of all faiths.

### President Dave's Announcements

**Dave** announced that he has formed a committee to determine our permanent meeting location. **Rich Grooms** and **Mary Mennes** are co-chairing the committee. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact **Mary** or **Rich**.

**Dave** reminded members that we are not meeting on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Good Friday. Instead, members are encouraged to attend the Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of East Kiwanis at Old Country Buffet on Parkside Drive.

**Dave** reminded grant sponsors that the grant applications are available at the check-in desk at our meetings and online. The deadline for application submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Dave** announced that **Virgil Juerrens'** brother passed away on Sunday. **Dave** asked that we keep **Virgil** in our thoughts. In other member news, **Dave** reported that **Terry Howard** is recovering well and plans to return home on Saturday.

## Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
March 19	<b>Tom Mooney, CEO American Red Cross</b> Badger Chapter Update	TBD	<b>Larry Thies</b>
March 26	<b>ASA Skiers</b> A Report from Durango	TBD	TBD
April 9	<b>Jodi Farritor, Epic</b> An Epic Story of Electronic Medical Records	TBD	TBD
April 16	<b>Dan Guerra</b> Boy Scouts of America	TBD	TBD

## Upcoming Activities and Events

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
March 15	<b>Project Linus</b>	6:00PM	Edgewood College
March 16	<b>Foundation Board Meeting</b>	7:00PM	Kiesling Associates
March 18-19	<b>Basketball Concession Stand</b>	7:00AM-10:00PM	Kohl Center
March 21	<b>Club Excellence Summit</b>	12:30PM-4:30PM	Oconomowoc
April 7	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>	7:30AM	Vitense Golfand
April 21	<b>Music Banquet</b>	6:30PM	Edgewood Cafeteria
August 14	<b>Paint-a-thon</b>	TBA	TBA

## Member Announcements

### Surprise! You've Won a Stand!

Much to our Dynamic Duo's surprise, **Mary Mennes** and **Rich Grooms** announced that the W-Club scheduled our club to run a concession stand at next week's basketball tournament. **Mary** stated that she especially needs workers for the daytime shifts (7:00AM-12:30PM and 12:30PM-5:00PM) on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are asked to enter the Kohl Center via the Media and Staff entrance and to wear a white t-shirt and a Wisconsin hat. If you are able to help, contact **Rich** ASAP.

### Project Linus

**Ashley Kuehl** reported that our club is joining Edgewood Circle K on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for Project Linus—a project to create handmade blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children. The project begins at 6:00PM in the Washburn Room at Edgewood College. No special skills are required—all members are welcome to attend.

### Hockey Banquet

**John Schwab** thanked those members who helped set up and serve food at this year's Hockey Banquet. **John** noted that **Ken Saville, Fred Ross, Bob Spencer, Boomer, Bob Richardson,** and **Rich Grooms** were particularly helpful with tasks that ranged from trophy organization to principal wrangling. Congrats to **John** for coordinating yet another successful banquet!

### Membership Initiatives

**Ken Saville** announced two initiatives that the Membership committee is pursuing to increase our membership.

Firstly, the committee is investigating approaching local businesses about corporate membership. As a reminder, corporate memberships allow a club to designate a membership for an employer.

In addition, **Ken** announced a district-wide incentive, which recognizes the club with the most new members inducted between March 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. The recognition is \$200 for club use! Our club is reinstating our membership "teams" so that we can be that winning club. The teams are as follows:

- Members with last names A-G (Captained by **Jordon Geiger**)
- Members with last names H-L (Captained by **Dave LeDuc**)
- Members with last names K-R (Captained by **Ed Reisch**)
- Members with last names S-Z (Captained by **Ken Saville**)

The team that brings in the most new members will decide how to spend the \$200 winnings.

### Kiwanogram Going Paperless

As a reminder, the Kiwanogram will no longer be printed and mailed beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Members without e-mail addresses on record (that is, **Doyle Beyl, Gerry Maruska, Matty Mathison,** and **Ernie Rothe**) can pick up a printed copy of the Kiwanogram at the following week's meeting. Non-members without e-mail addresses on record are encouraged to call their favorite Westie to arrange pick-up.