

## March 19, 2010

### K-Business of the Day

#### This Week's Guests

**Dave Wendricks** brought Steve Karlin of Our Lady of Hope Clinic.

#### This Week's Program Summary

**Al Wearing** introduced Tom Mooney, CEO of the Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Tom provided an update on the American Red Cross' progress in providing relief to Haitians after the recent earthquake. The earthquake, with its epicenter only seven miles beneath the capital city of Port-au-Prince, is considered the largest single country disaster addressed by the Red Cross. Of the 9 million people residing in Haiti, the earthquake affected at least 3 million. Currently, 1.3 million people remain homeless—roughly the population of the entire southwestern and south-central part of our state—and over 200,000 people have died.

Though mobilized immediately after the earthquake, Red Cross volunteers initially struggled to provide adequate medical care because of a severe lack of a governmental or medical infrastructure and a lack of water access, law enforcement, and airport support. Tom noted that in some cases, volunteers had to wash bandages and reuse them.

To date, \$106 million has been spent on Haiti relief—about one-third of what was raised. Tom stated that the Red Cross is using the funds at a slower pace to ensure the proper people are getting the relief. He stated that 879,000 have received shelter and other relief items thus far. Red Cross volunteers plan to get shelter and relief for the remaining people by May 1<sup>st</sup>, in preparation for the rainy season.

#### Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING	DAVE WENDRICKS
GREETER	HAROLD GREEN
OPENING WORD	LARRY THIES
CHECKPOINT	BOB & MATTY
KOG REPORTER	KATIE RUSCH
MUSIC	BOOMER & DR. DAVE
RAFFLE	TERRY HOWARD
TO	ALGHREN FUND

In contrast to Haiti, Tom stated that providing relief to Chile has been less challenging because the Chilean Red Cross was in better shape to handle the crisis. He also remarked that the Chilean earthquake was less disastrous because its epicenter was located in a more rural area and at a depth of 21 miles.

Locally, the Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves ten counties in south-central Wisconsin, responded to 110 disasters in the last year. Of those disasters, about 100 were single-home fires. The Badger Chapter is currently looking to integrate life-saving training (for example, CCR, CPR, AED) into high school the health and physical education curriculum.

#### President Dave's Announcements

**Dave** announced that there is room for one more member to attend the Club Excellence Summit and International President's visit this Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are able to attend, contact **Dave**.

**Dave** reminded members that grant applications are due on April 1<sup>st</sup> to **Bonnie Hansen** or **Arlin Brannstrom**.

## Future K-Meetings

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER	OPENING WORD
March 26	<b>ASA Skiers</b> A Report from Durango	TBD	Ed Reisch
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 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
May 2	<b>Foundation Auction</b>	TBA	West Side Club
May 28	<b>John Watts Golf Outing</b>	TBA	Lake Wisconsin Country Club
August 14	<b>Paint-a-thon</b>	TBA	TBA

## Member Announcements

### 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. As always, feel free to contact **Katie Rusch** at (608) 469-4603 or [katherine.k.rusch@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.k.rusch@gmail.com) with questions, concerns, or e-mail address additions.

### Eplegaarden Woodcutting

**Carrol Spencer** announced that the woodcutting crew is scheduled to spend Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> sawing more wood at Eplegaarden. He noted that he needs at least six volunteers to complete this project. Contact **Carrol** if you are able to assist.

### Edgewood Circle K's Inaugural Project

**Katie Rusch** reported that Edgewood Circle K hosted its first service project this past Monday. Edgewood Circle Kers and five Westies (**Rich Grooms, Ashley Kuehl, Brett Rusch, Katie, and Ken Saville**) made over 50 blankets as part of Project Linus—a project named for Linus of Snoopy fame—for seriously ill or traumatized children.

### Member Updates

**Dave Wendricks** reported that **Gale Vandenberg** recently had a heart attack and had a stint put in. **Dave** also reported that **Mary Mennes** was hospitalized due to changes with her heart monitor. Thankfully, both **Gale** and **Mary** are recovering well.