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Openers

On the first day of February President Tom Brodd welcomed 58 members and 3 guests to the regular meeting. Ted Iltis led the assembly in the singing of a patriotic song with Erin Grier at the piano. The moment of reflection was Know Your Kiwanian. The participants were Sarah Brown and David Rice. Sarah is a member of the financial world while David is retired from the practice of psychology. The door prize was donated by Wayne Kussow and won by Jerry Schwoch.

Meeting Crew for February 8	
Door Prize	Ken Kosciak
Greeter	Fred Buelow
Moment of Reflection	Chris Hodge
Visitor Table	Bill Arthur
Introducer	Curtis Wittwer

Upcoming Programs

February 8	Kristi Obmascher on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
February 15	Mary Burke on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Madison
February 22	Circle K Presentation
March 1	Rick Roll on Madison's Sustainable Neighborhood Design
March 8	Shana Martin on Huntington's Disease

Announcements

- ✚ **WilMar Meal** – On Saturday January 23 we served our favorite meal--fish sticks and French fries. We served 91 meals. A great kitchen crew made the task easy. Helping with the meal were: Abe Aberle, Mike Ely, Carroll Heideman, Joe Krzos, Dolly Ledin and her three children, Wayne Kussow, Steve Myrah, Bob Rand, Bernie Vering and Joe von Elbe. We were again joined by our friend Bill Sime. Our next cooking date is February 27. Announcement provided by Joe von Elbe, coordinator of this service project for 17 years.
- ✚ **New Circle K Club** – President Brodd announced that a new Circle K Club has been formed at Edgewood College. Charter night and the installation of officers was held in the latter portion of January.
- ✚ **International Convention** – The Kiwanis International Convention will be held from June 24-27th in Las Vegas. Please see President Brodd if you are interested in attending. Our club does have some money set aside to help with some of the expenses involved with attending the convention.
- ✚ **Bridge Club** – I have been learning how to play bridge for the last 18 years and do enjoy it. I would like to see if there is interest in starting a bridge club in the Kiwanis Club. If anyone shares my interest, send me an e-mail at jimpatch@hotmail.com If I get enough names, I will initiate an organizational meeting and we can set up the meeting times, etc.
- ✚ **Next Worldwide Service Project of Kiwanis International** – Kiwanis International is searching for its next Worldwide Service Project, and its International Board of Trustees heard proposals the week of January 24, 2010, from issue experts and advocates on four potential projects: malaria, maternal and neonatal tetanus, tropical diseases, and education and literacy. Advocates for each cause delivered 30 minute presentations to the International Board of Trustees, Kiwanis International Past Presidents, the

Kiwanis International Foundation Board, and Kiwanis staff members. Advocates included Malaria No More, UNICEF, and the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases. Kiwanis International is scheduled to announce the official finalists soon. The next Worldwide Service Project will be announced in June at the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

- ✚ **Web Site Contacts** – The Web Site Contacts Page, circulated earlier is now posted under the About Us tab on the public side of the club web site.
- ✚ **One A Week Club December and Annual Report (from Bernie Vering)** – I want to thank all of you for making this a surprising year for our One a Week Club. We blew past my goal of 102 donations and ended the year with 121 blood donations. Even if we subtract the 9 donations that the person at Red Cross recruited for us, we ended up with 112. In the month of December we had 10 donations from the following donors: Tony Brewster, Peter and Joy Dohr, Rich Hoebel, Hap Johnson, Leonard Massie, Greg McManners, Gerald Schwoch and two donations by his wife Mary. With this donation, Tony hit the 27 gallon mark. Congratulations, Tony. For 2009, we had 33 donors that gave us an average of 3.67 donations per donor. If we take off the 8 donors in November, we had an average donation of 4.48 per donor. This is the highest average that we have had by 0.8 donor. Our average per month went up from 7 to 10.1 using all donations and 9.3 without Jim's recruits. This number is over 2 donations per month higher than before. Leonard Massie had the most donations with 13, Bernie Vering had 12, Doris Hodgson had 10, Mary Schwoch 7, Tony Brewster 6, Bill Arthur, George Beestman, Joe Krzos, Jim Nemke and Jim Patch had 5, Peter Fisher, Rich Hoebel and Hap Johnson had 4, Mat Dew, Bill DiCarlo, Greg McManners, Gerald Schwoch and Wendy McManners had 3, Elton Aberle, Peter Dohr, George Petak, Sonja Juric and Joy Dohr had 2 donations, and Jim Jensen and Cyndy Galloway had 1 donation each. Thanks to all of you we were able to significantly increase our donations in 2009 and help out in a time when donations dropped off. I asked for information about donations for children. I received a response that summarizes all the blood transfusions done by UW Hospital in 2009. They did 31,829 transfusions in 2009 and they did 2,139 transfusions for those born after 12/31/1991. So about 6.7% of the donations that we did have gone to children. UW Hospital is the biggest user of blood donations from the American Red Cross. In 2008, the One a Week Clubs raised 17,744 donations. These numbers help to show why it is so important for people to donate. This announcement provided by Bernie Vering coordinator of the One a Week Club for our Club. A big thanks to Bernie for his work. An Extra Special Thank You to all who give the gift of life.
- ✚ **Web Site Sponsorships** – If you would like to advertise your business 24/7 on our website please contact Paula Dollard. Paula and Jim Leonhart have taken out sponsorships. Their sponsorships have paid for the administrative cost of the website for one year. Thanks Jim and Paula.
- ✚ **Golf Committee Meeting** – The next meeting of the Golf Committee will be held on Monday February 8th at 1:00 PM at the Edgewater Hotel. The Golf Outing is scheduled for August 16th at the Oaks. Most likely beginning with the 2010 outing, it will be known as the Robert Heideman Memorial Golf Outing.
- ✚ **Auction Committee Meeting** – The Auction Committee will meet on Monday February 8th at 1:00 PM at the Edgewater Hotel. The Annual Auction is scheduled for May 3, 2010, during our regular meeting. Please be thinking about your donation(s) for the auction. A silent and live auction will take place.
- ✚ **FFA Speaking Contest** – Thirteen members of our club assisted with the judging of the District FFA Speaking contest held on January 27th at Waunakee High School. Thanks to all who assisted in this educational endeavor.
- ✚ **Thanks from your K-MUNICATOR Reporter/Editor** – I wish to thank all for your understanding and concerns while I was without a computer and now while I am adjusting to a new computer. A special thanks to Ken Koscik and Stan Cravens for their assistance in the publishing and distribution of the K-MUNICATOR. Please continue to keep Michael Doran in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recuperate. A gentle reminder if you make an announcement during a meeting and you wish to have it

published please be sure I either get an e-mail version of it or a hard copy of it at the meeting. A special thanks to all who have provided me the requested copy of your announcements.

Please contact the editor with information and announcements for the K-MUNICATOR.

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Program Notes for February 1st, 2010

Our club has had a connection with the WilMar Neighborhood Center for seventeen years through the Saturday Community Meal Program. A group of volunteers from our club locate, prepare and serve the food on the fourth Saturday of every month. The Saturday Community Meal is offered every Saturday of the year and is served by a variety of service clubs including at least two Kiwanis Clubs. On February 1, the Director of Wil Mar was our guest speaker. Gary Kallas came to the WilMar Neighborhood Center shortly after his partner Greta Hansen became the executive director of the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin. They came to Madison from Milwaukee where both had served in the non for profit sector. They reside in Edgerton, WI. They have been a part of Madison going on ten years.



Gary spoke of the assets of the Williamson/Marquette Neighborhood. He is also aware of the needs of the people living in this area whom are served by the center. The center offers a computer lab, an elderly nutrition site, food pantry, the Community Meal, after school programs, and offers their facility to a number of non for profit groups to use on a regular basis. The center has developed a pride in the community through its sponsorship of four festivals during the summer. The oldest of these being the Willy St. Fair, and the youngest being La Fete de Marquette. While these festivals assist in bringing in financial assistance to run programs at the center the main goal is to continue to develop the community and to showcase it to Madison.

The board of Wil Mar along with the staff is considering renovating the facility which is nearing its 100th birthday. The facility was originally a church building. The center shares a parking lot with Immanuel Lutheran Church. Across from the center is a nice playground with modern equipment.

Gary was introduced by Joe von Elbe, coordinator of our crew at the community meal.