

Changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Vol. 93, No. 10

Issue Date: March 11, 2010

Openers

President Tom Brodd welcomed 66 members, 2 guests and 1 prospective member on March 8, 2010. *America the Beautiful* was sung by the assembly with Ted Iltis leading and Erin Grier at the piano. The moment of reflection on separation of church and state was given by Herman Freymiller.

Upcoming Programs

March 15 th	Future Farmers of America Day with B.J. Chrisler speaking
March 22 nd	Terry Gawlick, Sports Administration at UW
March 29 th	Kenton Peters, Architect – City Visionary

Announcements

- ✚ **Membership Update** – The Board at their March meeting accepted with regret the resignations of Beth Boeing and Pam Bean. Beth’s resignation was due to time conflicts with her employment. Pam’s resignation was based upon employment and economic issues for her family.
- ✚ **Health Concerns** – Bob Lindenau is awaiting a triple by-pass heart surgery at Banner Boswell Hospital 10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City Arizona 85351. Please keep Bob and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Cards would be appreciated either send to the hospital or his winter address available on the web site.
- ✚ **Marguita Fox** is recuperating nicely from her cataract surgery and is expected to join us soon at a regular club meeting.
- ✚ **International Night** – The International Committee’s annual country night out will feature Costa Rica this year. The event is set for April 17th at the Wil Mar Neighborhood Center. Watch the K-MUNICATOR for further information. Signup sheets will be available soon at our regular meetings.



✚ **Liberian Assistance Program** – A free screening of *Iron Ladies of Liberia*¹ will take place at 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 23rd in the Anderson Auditorium in Predolin Hall on the Edgewood College campus. *Iron Ladies of Liberia* chronicles the first year in office of the first woman president of an African nation, Pres. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of life today in Liberia, where, in the aftermath of a 15-year civil war, many Liberians still struggle to provide food, shelter, and education

¹ *Iron Ladies of Liberia* is an award winning documentary that goes behind the scenes with Africa’s first elected female head of state, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia. It explores the challenges facing the new president and the extraordinary women surrounding her as they work tirelessly to rebuild their ravaged country, stabilize the economy, and prevent a descent back into civil war. The film was directed by Siatta Scot Johnson and Daniel Junge, produced by Henry Ambusher & Jonathan Stack, and is distributed by Women Make Movies.

for their families. The screening is sponsored by the Liberian Assistance Program (LAP), in cooperation with Edgewood College's Center for Global Education and the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the UW Collegiate Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. LAP, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, is currently building a school in Cow Field, Liberia, providing scholarships to elementary school students, and supporting a Liberian student who attends college in Ghana. LAP was formed by Judy Reed and Jane Scharer, both of Madison, after they went to Liberia in 2007 to visit people Judy had taught while in the Peace Corps in the 1960s. When they returned to the U.S. they decided to work to educate young Liberians, many of whom had not attended any school during the years of war in their country. Following the film there will be a short discussion and a drawing for a print of "Liberian Girl" by Scharer, an award-winning Madison artist. Free parking is available in the lot next to Predolin Hall and in the parking ramp on the Edgewood Campus, 1000 Edgewood Dr. off Monroe Street on the near west side of Madison. For more information about the work of LAP go to www.liberianassistanceprogram.org For questions about the film presentation, call 233-0775. Note – this information was provided by Immediate Past President Melinda Certain and is hereby printed with the permission of our board.

✚ FFA Visit and Door Prizes – On March 15, 2010, members of 11 chapters of FFA in Dane County will be in attendance at our regular club meeting. They will be bringing several items as door prizes. Please be sure to thank them for these and take one home with you. Also be adventurous and sit at a table with our FFA guests. Please come and get a glimpse into the lives of our future.

✚ Auction Information – Auction Donation Forms are available from Richard Wildermuth or at your table. The completed forms are due no later than April 5, 2010. Please be creative with your donation. Think of a talent or service you can share with another member(s) of our club. If it is more convenient for you, you may e-mail your donation to Richard at tbmauctioneer@yahoo.com. All donations are to be brought on the day of the auction (unless a meal, etc.). The auction is scheduled for May 3, 2010 during our regular meeting time. The silent auction will open at 11:15 A.M. and will conclude at 1:00 P.M. The live auction will begin at 12:15 P.M. and conclude at approximately 12:55 P.M. The meal on auction day will be hardy finger foods. Take home party favors will be provided by Melinda Certain, Richard Wildermuth and Charlotte Woods. For those who prefer to make a cash donation instead of purchasing something in the silent or live auction donation canisters will be available on auction day. All members are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and the fun of this annual fundraising event. Please note that you will be billed for your purchases on your quarterly statement.



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

Richard Wildermuth: tbmauctioneer@yahoo.com

Program Notes for March 8th, 2010

In 1872 the neurological disorder Huntington's Disease was characterized and named. One hundred and thirty years later there is no cure and much remains to be discovered about this disorder. Our very own Shana Martin is the current president of the WI Huntington's Disease Society. Shana has experienced the disease first hand because her mother suffers from it. The wife of the late Woody Guthrie founded the National Huntington's Disease Society. Woody, a folk music icon and father of second generation icon Arlo, suffered with Huntington's. The disease appears in adults normally in the years from thirty to fifty, although there is a juvenile version and symptoms sometimes first begin in persons in their seventies to eighties. The disease is often misdiagnosed or no diagnosis is made although characteristics of the disease have been noticed. The disease is passed through a dominant gene from parent to child, so a child of someone with Huntington's has a 50% chance of having the disease themselves. A person may legally be tested for the gene at the age of 18.

Shana has chosen not to be tested; however neither her father or herself feel that she has the disease. Her mother was diagnosed at the age of thirty although some symptoms may have been present earlier but not identified as Huntington's Disease. A family medical history for Mrs. Martin was difficult to obtain since she was an adopted child. Huntington's disease currently affects about 35,000 persons in the United States. The disease affects psychological, cognitive and motor functions of the individual. Each case progresses in a different manner. The disease not only takes a toll on the person whom has it but often times an almost immeasurable toll is taken on family members. Shana's mother currently resides in a nursing facility in Mt. Horeb, WI. Shana's father was a guest and spoke briefly about his personal experiences with the disease. Shana's interest in sports helped her deal with her mother's disease during her teen and early adult years. This interest still gives her strength and support today. Recently Shana completed a climb to the top of Kilimanjaro and unfurled a Huntington's Disease Society Banner along with five other people. Shana was introduced by the person who recruited her to our club, John Icke. **Thanks Shana!** for sharing your personal story with the club. Further information about Huntington's is available at hdsa.org or hdsawi.org

A Legacy and The Legacy Society

A short time ago we lost one of our club's finest members, Robert Heideman. Bob stepped forward not only with his volunteering but was always raising funds for the various projects of the club. When we needed funds for a dinner at Emerson, Bob would ask how much do you need? The same went for the washcloth project, and on and on. Several years ago the club started the Legacy Society which asked members to consider pledging some assets as part of their will to the club's foundation. Bob stepped forward and pledged a life insurance policy. The money from this pledge will be kept as a restricted fund per Bob's wishes and the income from the fund will be used to help fund our Citizenship Grant Program. The foundation will fulfill his wishes with much gratitude.

You know-Bob is not here today, but his legacy lives on. Bob was a great man because he led by example. This is something all of us can do. Become a member of our legacy society. For further information or to join the legacy society please contact Stan Cravens, Joe Krzos or any member of the foundation board. We thank Bob, Carroll and the family. I repeat what Carroll said upon his passing, "Bob is still with us-He is just invisible." How true that is. Submitted by Joe Krzos, treasurer of the Foundation.