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Openers

President Tom Brodd welcomed 54 members and 86 guests to our regular meeting on March 15, 2010. Eighty five of our guests were affiliated with FFA. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, A. Henry Hempe sang *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and the chorus was sung by the assembly. Erin Grier accompanied Henry. ACE Agriculturalist Winner, long-time Kiwanian and promoter of agriculture, Alton Block, gave the moment of reflection. The moment of reflection is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. The door prize was won by Paula Dollard. The FFA chapter members also brought door prizes for our members.

Upcoming Programs

March 22 nd	Terry Gawlick, Sports Administration at UW
March 29 th	Kenton Peters, Architect – City Visionary
April 5 th	Jim Fleming on WI Public Radio
April 12 th	Dolly Ledin on the ARMS Program
April 1 th	R. Bruce Allison, Conservationist Award Winner, on <i>If Trees Could Talk</i>

Please review our program list and invite a friend/potential member to join us on a date of interest.

Announcements

- ✚ **Oakwood Bingo** – Our monthly Bingo game provided a good time for all. Calling and helping with the game were: Bill Arthur, Tom Brodd, Fred Buelow, Carroll Heideman, Bob Rand and Joe von Elbe. Our next game date is April 6th.
- ✚ **Auction Donations** are needed for the upcoming annual fun fundraising auction scheduled for May 3rd. Please fill out a donation form found on your table or e-mail your donation to Richard Wildermuth at tbmauctioneer@yahoo.com Please get this information to him no later than Monday April 5, 2010. A listing of donations will be found elsewhere in this publication.
- ✚ **Health Concern** – At this time your reporter/editor does not have an update on Bob Lindenau. Please continue to keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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Moment of Reflection offered by Alton Block

This is for the FFA members who are with us today. You will hear in graduation speeches that you have the world at your feet-that the sky is the limit as to what you can achieve-that opportunities are boundless if you set your goals and focus on your plans. All of this is true-but here are some thoughts in your day-to-day activity to keep in mind:

- ✚ Have a curious mind and ask why.
- ✚ Get the best grades that you can. They will stick with you the rest of your life.

- # Keep a positive attitude.
- # Pay yourself first, even if it is only a dollar out of the income that you receive. Develop the habit of saving and making deposits. You will thank yourself when you get older.
- # Establish a good credit rating and protect it with a vengeance.
- # Be loyal to your boss-find ways to make his/her job easier; be the first one on the job in the morning and the last one to leave at the end of the day.
- # Be a voracious reader. Devour trade journals, the daily newspaper, the Wall Street Journal and a good book occasionally.
- # Continue your education by attending seminars relating to your work and ones on self-development, too.
- # Join your trade association, such as Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin, and attend their annual business meeting.
- # Never, ever stop learning.
- # Live each day to the fullest.

Good Luck!!

Program Notes for Meeting of March 15th

Every year the FFA Advisors of the twelve chapters in Dane County each select a student who exemplifies the characteristics presented in the Moment of Reflection offered by Alton Block and has made a significant contribution to their community. Each of these students is then awarded the *Louis B. Sassman Certificate of Excellence* by the ACE committee of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison. The twelve students honored at the annual FFA awards luncheon will be named in the next edition of the K-MUNICATOR. Louis Sassman was an agriculture educator and state FFA advisor for many years. Mr. Sassman was a member of our club for a number of years. He left the family farm to pursue a career in education after being injured in a farm accident as a teenager. Mr. Sassman attended the U-W at Madison. Upon his death, his family also established an agriculture scholarship in his honor. This scholarship fund was maintained by our foundation for several years but is now housed in the WI FFA Foundation. The winner of this scholarship is normally selected by one or two members of our ACE Committee following the criteria of a demonstrated financial need and a desire to become an agricultural educator .



B. J. Chrisler, current State FFA president, was the winner of the Sassman Scholarship a couple of years ago. Mr. Chrisler is a member of the Sauk Prairie FFA chapter. B. J. was our speaker on Monday March 15, 2010. He is studying at the U.W-Madison with the intention of becoming a high school ag. teacher and plans on pursuing a Master's in the area of Special Needs Education. Upon completion of his Master's he wishes to combine the teaching of ag. with the teaching of persons with Special Needs. His final education plans include receiving a Doctorate.

In this 100th anniversary year of the birth of President Ronald Reagan, B. J. Chrisler used the following quote of Reagan: "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." B. J. asked the assembly to close their eyes and focus on their family dinner table. Upon the opening of our eyes, B. J. informed the group that only 21 percent of the American regularly eat meals together. He believes this rate is higher in the state of WI and most likely all over the Mid-West. B. J. believes the family table is the cornerstone of the family. At the family dinner table one learns the significance of a support network, who this network is and the impact it has on the whole family. The family dinner table fosters communication. The family dinner table also fosters the importance of grass roots campaigning. At the family table one learns the importance of being one's own advocate especially in an industry that is so misunderstood by 98% of the population who depend on 2% or

less of the population (agriculturalists) to provide their food. At the family dinner table one also learns life's lessons and responsibilities often at a very early age for those involved in family agricultural production. The average family dinner table contains 300 nicks, blemishes, marks, and or permanent stains. B. J. shared the story of his mother admonishing her children not to damage the new dining table by placing their shoes, feet, backpack, etc. on it's surface; however his mother's love of candles and forgetting to extinguish one on the dining table resulted in a permanent stain on the new table. However this was a mistake to celebrate and to learn and grow from. B. J. encouraged the assembly to celebrate the blemishes of life and grow from and with them. He. compared the service and community roles of FFA and Kiwanis, stating that each complimented each other. He also related the pride that FFA has and instills in their membership. B.J. concluded his remarks by reminding us of the symbol that the family dinner table and chairs depicts and that is the legs of the table are the support system, the top of the table with all its blemishes shows the diverse activities we are all involved in and the chairs are the members of two wonderful service organizations FFA and Kiwanis. B. J. was introduced by ACE Committee Chair Leonard Massie. ACE stands for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment. Jerry Wendt advisor of the Stoughton FFA presided at the awards ceremony with Leonard Massie and President Tom Brodd handing out the certificates of excellence. A special thanks to Joe von Elbe for preparing and framing the certificates.

Special Notice From Your ACE Committee

You've all been reading and hearing and in the news media that Madison area food pantries are experiencing an unprecedented draw on their food supplies. Healthy, fresh produce is particularly scarce. As you learned at our 16 November 2009 meeting, Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens have become a major purveyor of fresh produce to the CAC and Second Harvest warehouses.

Your ACE Committee recently gave consideration to an invitation to assume primary responsibility for much of the supervision, expertise, and labor required to maintain the Malmquist Garden west of Madison on Valley View Road. We concluded that with the many service activities to which Kiwanis Downtown is already committed, our club could not take on this responsibility. Instead, we extended the offer of assuming the responsibility of alerting interested club members on a timely basis of the supervisory and labor needs at the gardens. Ken Witte, coordinator of the gardens, is very appreciative of this offer.

Wayne Kussow will shortly be collecting the names and email addresses of club members interested in devoting one to two hours at any given time to the gardens. Those signing up will receive weekly listings of the various gardens and their labor requirements for that week. The work can be performed evenings as well as during the day and you're encouraged to make it a family outing.

Teenagers with transportation can participate on their own time.



Current List of Items being offered for Auction Listing

- Packets of Illustrated Note Cards by Bruce Murray
- A Ski/Waterboarding Party on the W. Shore of Lake Mendota offered by Matt Stamerjohn
- A Canoe Trip with Lunch on the Yahara River offered by Ken Koscik
- Meal and Wine Tasting at the home of Joe and Carol von Elbe in September for 10 people co hosted by Bill Mallatt

and his wife.

- Six Bottles of Wine from Bill Mallatt
- 2 Season Passes to World Dairy Expo and 2 Banquet Tickets offered by Richard Wildermuth
- A Goody Basket offered by Paula Dollard
- 3 Sets of Jewelry (Necklace and Ear Rings) offered by Paula Dollard
- Household Membership to the WI Historical Society offered by Jeanne Engle
- Family Passport to the WI Historical Society Historical Sites offered by Jeanne Engle
- Three Books published by the WI Historical Society offered by Jeanne Engle
- Six jars of homemade Crab Apple Jelly offered by Gary Fritz
- Six jars of homemade Wild Grape Jelly offered by Gary Fritz
- The painting of the walls only of a 12x12 room, the bidder to supply the materials, the painting to be one coat, the value is \$150.00 which may also be applied to a different painting project. This is offered by Integrity Painting Services and was secured by Angel McClarey
- 10 pounds of Amish Made Cashew Crunch to be delivered in the fall offered by Richard Wildermuth
- 2 Pumpkin Pies offered by Herman Freymiller
- Cherry Bars offered by Herman Freymiller
- Music CD offered by KC and the Ranger performers at the Citizenship Awards Banquet
- Golf Outing at the Oaks Golf Course offered by the Oaks and the Golf Outing Committee

Please watch the K-municator and the Pre-Meeting Screen for further listing of items.
our May 3rd Auction