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Program for April 26, 2010

Dennis Erickson, District Director of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) will speak to us on the history of boy scouting and its continued importance to youth. Please come and join us!



Upcoming Programs

April 26	Dennis Erickson on the 100 th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
May 3 rd	Annual Fun Raising Auction with Registered WI Auctioneer V. R. Wildermuth
May 10 th	Annual Meeting and then Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson
May 17 th	Cambodian School Project with Roger Garms and Sarith Ou
May 24 th	John Scocos on The Iraq Experience
May 31 st	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 7 th	Scholarship Luncheon with Leng Xiong Speaking

Note that the Program Committee has scheduled some very interesting programs on a wide variety of subjects. Please share this with others and invite them to join us for a great hour and half of fellowship, food, fun and learning. After this experience they may appreciate the great things our club has to offer.

Crew for April 26

Door Prize	Jeanne Engle
Greeter	Joe Krzos
Moment of Reflection	<i>Know Your Kiwanian</i>
Visitor Table	Nate Boebel

Announcements

- ✚ **New Corporate Member** – At the April board meeting, Madison Area Technical College, now known as Madison College was approved for corporate membership. The main representative will be their President. We welcome this first corporate member.
- ✚ **Oakwood Bingo** – The following assisted with the monthly bingo game at Oakwood West on April 13, 2010 : Bill Arthur, Fred Buelow, Carroll Heideman, Joe Krzos and Bob Rand. An enjoyable time was experienced by both the residents and our volunteers.
- ✚ **Costa Rica Night** – A special thanks to Dolly Ledin for coordinating the Costa Rica Night held on Saturday April 17th at the WilMar Neighborhood Center. Past District Governor Patricia Brinkman gave a brief demonstration at our Monday meeting of Salsa dancing which she learned at the event. Costa Rica Night was sponsored by the International Relations Committee. Thanks to all who attended.
- ✚ **Auction Information** – Our annual fun fund raising auction is scheduled for May 3, 2010. The silent auction will begin at 11:15 AM and will conclude at 1:00 PM. Hearty Finger Foods and Party Favors will be available beginning at 11:15 AM. The live auction will begin at 12:15 PM. The live auction will be conducted by our very own auctioneer V. Richard Wildermuth. A variety of interesting donations have

been contributed by our members and businesses. Members will be e-mailed a complete listing for both auction; the listings will also be available at our meeting on April 26, 2010. For those wishing to make a cash contribution, donation canisters will be available on auction day. Please come to the meeting on May 3rd with generous hearts. Come and have fun while helping fund our service projects. Thanks to all for your participation.

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

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Editor's/Reporter's Notes

Please be sure to submit your announcements to Richard Wildermuth either in hard copy after giving them at the meeting or in e-mail form at tbmauctioneer@yahoo.com. Please note that because of time limitations on May 3rd, only urgent and time-sensitive announcements will be presented so it is very important that announcements for that week get to Richard in written form or by email. Please check your e-mail for the Auction Listing for May 3rd for a listing of the auction items.

Opening for April 19, 2010

On April 19, 2010 President Tom Brodd welcomed 60 members, 4 guests and 1 prospective member. One of the guests was from the Republic of China. In fact he was a guest of the prospective member who was in turn a guest of Richard Berling. *Working on the Railroad* was the song of the day. Long time song leader Ted Iltis led the group with Erin Grier at the piano. The door prize was donated by Jerry Schwoch and won by Elaine Lohr.

Program Notes from April 12th Meeting

The City of Madison and Dane County have many individuals who have practiced being green, celebrated and honored creation along with and in memory of the late Senator Gaylord Nelson. On the Monday nearest to Earth Day (April 22nd) the Agriculture, Conservation and Environment committee of our club presents their annual conservation award. The very deserving recipient of this award for 2010 is R. Bruce Allison. Mr. Allison is the CEO of Allison Tree Care, Inc., *Professional Tree Science since 1974*. Mr. Allison is a certified arborist, educator, author, land owner, and a recognized leader in his field. He received the award from his friend Dean Elton Aberle and President Tom Brodd.

In his presentation to us, R. Bruce Allison shared his most recent research project with the club and guests - it is "Searching for Thoreau's Wild Apples in WI." Henry David Thoreau died from consumption (TB) on May 6, 1862. It was recommended to Thoreau that he travel to America's Heartland for health reasons. He agreed with his doctor and set out for the Midwest along with travel companion Horace Mann, Jr. He traveled in Wisconsin from Prairie Du Chien to Milwaukee using the railroad (line then was in same location as current line). One hundred forty seven years to the day that Thoreau began his journey, R. Bruce Allison made the same journey over the same railroad bed. He traveled in a maintenance pickup over the rails. Prior to this trip, Allison visited the home area of Thoreau, Concord, Massachusetts. Concord was also the home to Ralph Waldo Emerson and Margaret Fuller among other notables at the time. Thoreau's visits to Walden Pond were his way of dealing with his intense grief over the death of his brother from lockjaw after cutting his finger shaving. Thoreau experienced much grief in his early years in Concord, as a result of death and illness in his close family.

Thoreau's family, actively involved in the abolitionist movement, kept diaries, journals and letters, these along with writings of Horace Mann, Jr. and Thoreau himself were very helpful to Mr. Allison as he made preparations to search for Thoreau's wild apples in WI. Thoreau believed that some of the apples that had

originated in Europe, and subsequently brought to the colonies had returned to their wild origins. I am sure he also thought this to be true of the human species. The journal kept by Mann gave much insight to the journey taken by him and Thoreau. Thoreau's notes were terse. This may have been partially due to his health condition at the time of his journey. Thoreau lived less than a year after his return to Concord following his travels to America's Heartland. Fortunately for us and himself, R. Bruce Allison is healthy and still alive. Mr. Allison did indicate he did not find any of the wild apples he was searching for, but came to realize that "wild apples" was just a metaphor for the journey and the sights along the way.

R. Bruce reminded us of other travelers who practiced conservation and being green before it was politically correct. He mentioned John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Charles Darwin and Gaylord Nelson. He showed slides of his trip and gave several pertinent literary quotes related to conservation during his presentation.

Congratulations to R. Bruce Allison and a special *Thank You* to the ACE committee for the presentation of the award. For further information visit allison.tree.com or do a search for R. Bruce Allison