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### **May 24<sup>th</sup> Program Notes**

The month of May has two days dedicated to the military and military history. The first is Armed Forces Day which is celebrated on the third Saturday of the month. The other is Memorial Day celebrated on the last Monday of the month. With these days in mind, the program committee has asked Lt. Col. Tim Donovan to be our speaker on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Donovan is the public affairs officer for the 32<sup>nd</sup> "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. During the 32<sup>nd</sup> Brigade's year-long mobilization and deployment to Iraq in 2009, he also served as public affairs officer for the Joint Area Support Group, which was responsible for security and administration of the International Zone ("Green Zone") in Baghdad. From Baghdad, Donovan represented the 3,200 Red Arrow troops who were serving in locations throughout Iraq through numerous news releases in WI and in dozens of live television news appearances from Iraq. The brigade's public affairs team in Baghdad also published a monthly magazine, took more than 10,000 photographs, and produced television news stories and features. Before his recent deployment to Iraq, Donovan was fulltime director of public affairs for the Wisconsin National Guard from 1996 to 2009. During this time he was the Wisconsin National Guard's principal spokesman on a wide range of issues receiving local, state, national and even international news coverage. Lt. Col. Tim Donovan will be introduced by Mat Dew.

### **Upcoming Programs**

May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Donovan on The Iraq Experience
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scholarship Luncheon with Leng Xiong Speaking
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Cooley – City of Madison Economic Development Coordinator
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	John Odom on Cultural and Ethnic Diversity
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Herman Freymiller on the Yellowstone Trail in Wisconsin
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Deer Park Buddhist Center
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	James G. Gilmore – UW Children's Hospital Development Program Director

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.

### **Announcements**

✚ **Memorial Services** – The memorial service for Robert "Bob" Heideman is scheduled for June 13, 2010, in the afternoon. Please see further details in next week's K-MUNICATOR. The memorial service for Richard "Ed" Van Houten is scheduled for June 15, 2010, in the evening at Gunderson's Middleton Location. Please see last week's K-MUNICATOR for details (check next week also).

✚ **Bingo** – On Tuesday May 11, 2010, the residents of Oakwood West enjoyed the monthly bingo game. The following assisted with this activity: Bill Arthur, Tom Brodd, Fred Buelow, Carroll Heideman, Bob Rand and Joe von Elbe.

✚ **Garden Volunteers** – A reminder from Wayne Kussow: “if you have signed up to work at a Dane County Food Pantry please visit the website for further details. The website is [www.gardensvdpmadison.org](http://www.gardensvdpmadison.org) Thanks to all who have volunteered to carry on the work begun by the ACE Committee Agriculturalist Award Winners for 2009. A special thanks to Wayne Kussow for assisting in the coordination of this activity.

✚ **Governor’s Visit and Mt. Zion Academic Learning Center Paint-A-Thon** – (from Chris Hodge) A big Thank You! to all my fellow Kiwanians for participating in the Paint-A-Thon at Mt. Zion Academic Learning Center. WOW! What a transformation! We had a crew of 12 workers on Thursday May 13, 2010, Prepping the Center’s space and getting everything ready for Saturday. On Saturday we had a crew of 39 from several Kiwanis clubs and Mt. Zion Church. This crew painted, cleaned vents and installed valances. The valance installation was completed by Scott Banken and Tom Brodd of our club. This was a governor’s visit. The WI-Upper Michigan District Governor Kathy Vorphal was in attendance and working. This was truly a team effort! The break-down of Kiwanis Club participation is: Belleville (1), Downtown (14), East (6), Little Chute (1), Middleton (1), Stoughton (2), West (6). Special thanks to everyone who brought in their own painting supplies and tools. A big colossal thanks to Howard Brantmeyer from Stoughton for bringing in two scaffolds and Lue Sturtevant, Lieutenant Governor from Madison East who took the lead, serving as project coordinator. Paint was donated by Sherwin Williams via Phil and Angel McClarey of our club. Hot dogs, brats, condiments and buns were donated by the Madison East Kiwanis. Dip, veggies and chips were donated by Madison West Kiwanis. Grill provided by John Russell of the Madison East Kiwanis. Donuts, bagels, coffee, water and soda were donated by the Downtown Madison Kiwanis and the Stoughton Kiwanis. The lunch was set up by Kiwanian Mary Mennes and Mt. Zion member Jewelline Wiggins. The following members of our club took part in this activity: Scott Banken, Tony Brewster, Patricia Brinkman, Tom Brodd, Mike Ely, Peter Fisher, Katie Galloway (Peter Fisher’s daughter), Chris Hodge, Joe Krzos, Dolly Ledin, Greg McManners, Jack Schairer, Joe von Elbe and Charlotte Woods. This work project can be written in the history of Kiwanis as a gigantic success. Words alone cannot express my gratitude. I am deeply moved by all of the Kiwanis support and hard work. I am elated that you all share my passion. I am reminded of a quote by Marion Wright Edelman “Service is the price we pay for living.” This thank you announcement provided by Chris Hodge, director of the Mt. Zion Academic Learning Center. *Please contact the editor with information and announcements for the K-MUNICATOR.*

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### **The new Alphabet for Mature and Maturing Individuals as offered by Ken Groehler**

- A’s for arthritis,
  - B’s the bad back,
  - C’s the chest pains, perhaps car-di-ac?,
  - D is for dental decay and decline,
  - E is for eyesight, can’t read that top line!
  - F is for fissures and fluid retention,
  - G is for gas which I’d rather not mention.
  - H high blood pressure--I’d rather it low,
  - I for incisions with scars you can show,
  - J is for joints, out of socket, won’t mend,
  - K is for knees that crack when they bend,
  - L’s for libido, what happened to sex?
  - M is for memory, I forget what comes next.
  - N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
  - O is for osteo, bones that don’t grow!
  - P for prescriptions, I have quite a few, just give me a pill and I’ll be good as new!
  - Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
  - R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.
  - S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
  - T is Tinnitus; bells in my ears!
  - U is for urinary; troubles with flow,
  - V for vertigo, that’s dizzy, you know.
  - W for worry, Now what’s going ‘round?
  - X is for X ray, and what might be found,
  - Y for another year I’m left here behind,
  - Z is for zest I still have--in my mind.
- I’ve survived all the symptoms, my body’s deployed, and I’m keeping twenty-six doctors fully employed!!!

## Meeting and Program Notes from May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Openers:** President Tom Brodd welcomed 58 members, 7 guests and 2 prospective members. The assembly sang *America the Beautiful* led by Ted Iltis with Erin Grier at the piano. The moment of reflection was offered by Ken Groehler. A portion of his reflection will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The door prize was donated by Chris Shanahan and won by Kevin Freymiller.

**Program Notes:** Education is a key to getting out of poverty. This is true regardless of one's geographical location. It does take a village to raise a child. This village may be made of permanent residents, visitors, and outsiders who are benefactors. This is the case with rural villages in Cambodia who have been impacted by the Cambodia School Project. This project is organized in Madison, to serve children and their families in the poorest rural villages in Cambodia. The project has built

four schools, provided uniforms for the children and teachers, assisted with gardening and the raising of produce to be consumed by the children at the schools, provided bicycles, and given the immeasurable gift of hope. Sathin Ouk a former resident of Cambodia who still has family in the area and Roger Garms are on the board of directors for the Cambodian School Project.

Roger was the main presenter on May 17<sup>th</sup>. He showed slides of the four school buildings. One of the schools

was built in memory of Sathin Ouk's brother on land donated by their sister. Originally the project was purchasing the uniforms for the children to wear to school but they discovered that having the uniforms made locally was more cost effective and also provided income to the seamstress. The first seamstress was the fifth oldest girl in the poorest family in the community. This program has grown to about five to six young girls sewing uniforms for the students in grades K-8. The buildings are built with volunteer labor. The schools follow the mandated curriculum of the Cambodian government, but offers other educational opportunities outside the regular curriculum. The area of Cambodia where the project is located is a remote rural area. The area is in a flood prone region which is good for growing rice but does require the majority of the homes to be built upon piles which raise the structure out of harm's way. The schools are so constructed that they can be used year around. The schools are for both genders which was not the case for Sathin's parents. The project has received funds from a challenge grant from a Rochester, Minnesota Kiwanis club. After an article appeared in the WI. State Journal funds from several individuals and organizations were directed to the project. One of those organizations was the Retired Peace Corp Volunteers of which our President Tom Brodd is a member. Roger Garms did invite members of the assembly to visit the region and to assist with the variety of projects offered by the Cambodia School Project. Roger and Sathin were introduced by educator Elaine Lohr. A special thanks to Elaine for suggesting this program to the program committee for its consideration. The Cambodia Project is another example of international service with ties to Madison.

