

SUNRISE NEWS

MARCH 2016

Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Oconomowoc
P.O. Box 462 Oconomowoc, WI 53066
Wednesday Morning 7:15 AM
Lake Terrace Clubhouse Restaurant
1380 West Wisconsin Avenue

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



President's Corner - Jim Fulmer

Hi everyone, not much to say on the President side. As I am thinking what to say the winds are really howling, and that makes me think of March. Pretty soon it will be March Madness and our thoughts will be towards the Wisconsin Badgers trying to make a run instead of our dear beloved Packers.

Speaking of making a run Jerry Schneider is making a run in getting more members, as you know we have kicked off the Membership Drive the end of January. We have brought in Colleen Meyer who now is a member (Welcome) Last meeting Bill Peebles brought in Dan Fryer, (spelling ?) and Jerry had brought in Dale Vercauteren from being out at the Farmers market. If you get a chance please call Sandy or Fred Steinlien. I talked with Sandy and

she is trying to get stronger as she has lost a lot of weight. Sandy said she hopes to be returning in one month.

I want to thank Kathy K. for setting up the blood drive, and helpers. A thank you to Deb B. for the Guest Speakers this past month. Thanks to Jack Jumper's and team members for helping with Bingo at Shorehaven.

I hope to have a turn out March 13th at our Invitational for the Aktion Club. I received a few emails from Parents who's adult is interested. I have put out several flyers. Panthyon and the Pabst Farm YMCA Has distributed flyers here and at the Watertown YMCA. Also Bethesda has received the flyer and is going out to area group homes. Please except my invitation if you want to come. It is at the Ixonia Pub from 2:00 pm till 4:00 p.m. Our next project is the tree sale on May 7th at the Farmers Market, Piggly Wiggly and BP Ixonia

Pres. Jim



GREETER & INVOCATION

March 2 Ed Somers
 March 9 Andy Wagner
 March 16 Gert Wilkenson
 March 23 Deb Bursinger
 March 30 John Caucutt

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 2 Breakfast Meeting
 March 8 Board Meeting
 March 13 Daylight Savings -
 Spring Ahead- 2AM
 March 13 Aktion Club Meeting
 Ixonix Pub 2 to 4
 March 14 Shorehaven Bingo
 March 16 Breakfast Meeting
 March 17 St. Patrick's Day
 March 20 First Day of Spring
 March 23 Breakfast Meeting
 March 25 Good Friday
 March 27 Happy Easter
 March 30 Breakfast Meeting



Bingo Teams Bingo Teams

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BILLS BUNCH

Bill Peebles, Captain

Kathy Kaempf

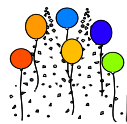
Mark May

Jerry Schneider

Leonard Schacht

Fred Steinlein

Fred Schnell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Lauber 3-12

John Caucutt 3-25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kathy & Steve Kaempf 3-18



**Thanks to Andy
for arranging speakers for the
month of March**

March 2 - Lee Hayden-Art for Relaxation

**March 9- John Kelliher- Director- Ocon.
Parks-Update on Fowler Shoreline**

**March 16 - Katie Miller- Director
Oconomowoc Chamber**

March 23 Club Day

**March 30 Dave Nold - Ocon. Mayor
State of the City Address**

**These are some very interesting
programs. Please try to attend.
Also this would be a great time
to bring a guest**

Service Learning Project for Middle School

Aside from our supporting \$ commitment to this middle school project, we are set to work with them during their summer school service opportunity. I have asked for our club work day to be Wed. June 22 from 8 am to noon.

. We will meet for breakfast and then proceed to the project area. The actual project is yet to be decided upon.

I have cleared with Jim Fulmer that the date is ok. He is to inform whoever will be arranging programs for the month of June.

Jack Grothaus

BELL RINGING RESULTS

Jane, Andy and Jerry attended the awards/thank you dinner on Monday at the Salvation Army. Pictured below is Jane receiving our Certificate and the Certificate. We placed 4th in the Service Club category.

- 1st - Waukesha Noon Kiwanis-\$19,232
- 2nd - Elm Grove Golden K - \$5481
- 3rd Waukesha County Shriners-\$5,473
- 4th - Oconomowoc Kiwanis – \$3,187
- 5th - Waukesha Rotary – \$2,131
- 6th Waukesha Noon Lions \$1,965
- 7th Waukesha Sunrise 1,675
- 8th Wauk Kiwanis Early Risers\$1,635

We worked 34 shifts totaling 51 hours so that comes to an average of \$62.50 which is higher than the county average of about \$50.00 per hour. The Waukesha County goal for Bell Ringing was \$420,000 and they raised \$428,500 up from \$367,000 last year which was short of goal. They collected for 36.5 days . They had 448 different volunteers for a total of 8256

hours at 57 different sites. Their total goal with bell ringing , mailings, etc. was \$695,000 and they collected \$735,00 so it was a very good year for them. They are very appreciative of all of the volunteers as they couldn't meet their goals without them.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO RANG THE BELL . WE DID GREAT AGAIN!!



Our Bell Ring History

Our records show that we have been ringing the bell since 1995(20 years). Salvation Army shows that we have collected \$27,244.74 over the past 10 years. Just think of all the individuals we have helped over this time .

We are thinking of challenging the Lions and Rotary next year to join in and support the Salvation Army by Bell Ringing

Key Club Service Project

The Key Club hand made about

50 Valentines which were delivered to Shorehaven residents.



Hello Key Club Members

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> Thank you so much for making the adorable Valentine cards for our residents. That was so thoughtful. I wish you all could have seen the smiles it brought to our resident's faces. It was magical!

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> Thanks again. God Bless you all.

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> Denise Peplinski

> Director of Social Services & Activities

Quiz provided by Steve Schmiedlin



Which of the 50 states is the furthest:

North?

East?

South?

West?

If you go due south from Detroit what is the first foreign country you reach?

Where is the northern most Confederate Civil War burial ground?

Answers next month

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT **UPDATE**

Mr. Wagner,

I have good news, better news and great news for fundraising.

Good news: So far fundraising has proven very very successful for the project from the many faith communities in the area. With the many communities I was able to raise far beyond my \$1000 per month goal.

Better news: I had raised so much money, I have to turn some parishes away. As of the end of last month, I had \$1962 in the bank. \$500 from outright donations from Crosspoint and St. Jerome's each and \$962 from Our Saviors Lutheran. On the weekend of the 6th and 7th of this month, I did a fundraising presentation at St. Jerome's in front of all three masses. As a result, over \$4000 dollars was raised from that weekend and checks sent to me in the past couple weeks. Bringing the bank account for the project to over \$6000.

Great (fantastic/unbelievably good) news: This is part of why I didn't want to accept the money from the Kiwanis right away, as I thought I might not have need it. As I figured would happen if I did take the \$700 right away there may have been a lot of confusion and unnecessary work done in case of insane fundraising totals, like right now. So, with that, I am not needing the money from the Kiwanis.

I do believe I sent you something in regards to this plan of taking the \$700, if I didn't, I apologize for not letting you know ahead of time.

I am also on Monday going to meet with Modern Ink Sign and Graphics and start work on the signage.

Thanks much for all of the help and I hope this is as exciting news for you as it is for me!

Will Pestka



SUMMER PARTY

Carolyn is planning our summer outing for Saturday July 9th. It will be at her place on Okauchee Lake. Probably a catered meal. More details to come about cost and time, etc. She did say we could do boat rides.

Sounds like fun !!

Thanks Carolyn

BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to Kathy Kaempf for organizing another successful blood drive. Also thanks to all who worked a shift- Jane Fredrich, Tom Ginn, Gert Wilkinson and Jerry Schneider. The next blood drive will be April 5th.

THANKS TO STEVE SCHMIEDLIN & JACK GROTHAUS FOR HELPING FFA

The FFA asked the Kiwanis Club to provide judges for a speaking contest.

Unfortunately the event conflicted with our Kiwanis sponsored blood drive and we were able to provide only 2 judges.

The event I judged was the recital of the FFA creed.

There were three judges for this event. We considered the accuracy of the

recitation, compliance with the stated dress standard, and the presentation or style of the speaker. Eleven students participated. Surprisingly all three judges concurred on the first and second place presentations. The first two students advanced from the district level to the state level.

Steve Schmiedlin

FFA STUDENT LETTERS ON THEIR TRIP TO NATIONALS

I have included 2 letters that Marge Waite sent to us. This is part of their assignment after they get back. Looks like this is a very good experience for the students. I have about 10 more letters. The students really appreciate our support. **I encourage everyone to get them from me to read.** It will make you feel good about what we do.

Jerry

Kiwanis Members,

My name is Carly Huelse and I am this year's greenhouse manager. With my three years as an active member in FFA I believe that this year; my senior year, will be forever memorable. I have had my fair share of tides and tribulations, but one thing I have realized

out of being a member of FFA is that catastrophic and unexpected events will always be a part of life. I have been thrown drama filled situations, death, financial struggles, a filled work week, and recently I have had the privilege to learn the skills to develop a spring greenhouse order. Whether it was substantial or not, the risk taking and knowledgeable leadership skills I have has allowed me to be where I am today.

Attending National Convention previously last year had allowed me to simply dip my toes in the water of learning in FFA. Last year had taught me that not everything will be in your control, but what you do have control of is being in charge of your learning. This

carried on into this year attending the convention.

Waking up early Wednesday morning was a learning experience in itself. I had worked till 10 pm the night prior and I had the intention to not even go to sleep that night and to just sleep on the bus, but of course that plan fell through and I passed out on my bedroom floor with two of my FFA members asleep in my bed. I was abruptly woke up at 3 am by Sadie because our projected alarm clock time was suppose to go off at 2:30, so clearly we were already set back a half hour. By 3:15 we had packed the trunk of my car, made sure our bodies were being fueled with caffeine and were on the road to Lake Mills.

We left Lake Mills by

4:30am and were in Freedom Hall at the expo center ready for opening ceremony by 3:30pm. We were sat to the right of the stage and what we first witnessed as soon as we walked in there was crazy. The attendance was overwhelming and the bass from the speakers had literally shaken my body from the inside out. One more thing that had shaken me from the inside out was this year's speaker, Rick Rigsby. He had spoken to us about who we were as people in society. Whether you were someone who scrubbed toilets at the local McDonald's or the president of the United States you have a purpose. You have the opportunity to stand tall and show everyone that you will be doing your

absolute
best job to amplify your
impact. One thing he had
said
will stick with me, "good
isn't good enough if you
can be
better; better isn't good
enough if you can be the
best." I
will be applying this to
myself, to my job, and to
my
education. You are not
reaching your full potential
unless
you are giving your *100%*
in everything you do.
Another
thing that will stick with
me is, "I was always told
what I
could not do so I ignored
that and went out and did
it."
Life will always give you
reasons to give up or slow
down, but this gives you
the opportunity to jump
right
back in and try even harder
than before.
In addition to attending
opening session, leadership
workshops, and the expo
center, we had also gone to

Mammoth Cave National
Park. Aside of finding new
ways to better myself for
the chapter, seeing the
world
from a different view was
initially my favorite part of
the trip. I have climbed the
stairs at Holy Hill and
stood at
the top of the tower at
Lapham Peak, but viewing
the
world from 250 or more
feet underground was mind
blowing. We had climbed
hundreds of stairs, up and
down uneven rock and the
only thing that was lighting
the way was small light
bulbs that were every 50
feet. At
one point, everyone on our
tour was sitting on benches
while our tour guide talked
to us and we had turned
every
light around us off.
Imagine being in your
bedroom late
at night when all of the
lights were off, your eyes
were
adjusted enough the be able
to see your finger wiggle in
front of your face, but at

this point in time in the cave, we could we absolutely nothing. Not the people around us, not the light fixtures on the walls and not even our fingers wiggling in front of our face. At that point in time we had seen oblivion. It was a beautiful thing to see, or not see.

I had seen the world from a different view and had been able to learn a lot about myself as a person. I know now that I should always be allowing myself to put myself into anything at *100%* and give my best ability in everything I do. My ability to do things at *100%* are not because of the color of my skin, gender or not my ability to pass Algebra 2. I can do things at *100%* because I believe that I can, because I know if I think that I can't

I can always be taught how to. I can always be willing to learn new things or work differently or allow myself to work with different people. I will be able to do my best in anything I do because anything in this life is possible and I know that for a fact.

I am forever thankful for the opportunities that I have been given; being allowed to National Convention being one of them. I am thankful that the Oconomowoc FFA has the greatest support group complete of men and women willing to put their faith into this generation. I have faith in the generations after mine that they will uphold the integrity and strength of the education of agriculture. FF A has brought sunshine to the corn fields

of my life.

**Thank you so
incredibly much !!!**

**Carly Huelse
Oconomowoc FFA
Greenhouse Manager**

friends. I used to not even want to talk to people because I never knew what was going to happen. I learned that if I always have my guard up I will also miss out on the fun and it is important to put myself out there and see what happens. I had a lot of fun on this trip. Thank you for helping me go.

**Sincerely,
Brian Simons**

Dear Kiwanis Members,

On my FFA trip to Louisville, Kentucky I learned a lot of things. One of them is that I should always try and gain as much wisdom and information as I can from everyone I can. It is important to keep that wisdom with me because it will help guide me through life. One of the seminars I went to was called Cultivating Your Superpowers. I did not know what to expect to see or hear at the seminar. It surprised me that it was all about making healthy choices and you can do more for your self and others if you are physically at your best. In my opinion the host of the seminar really did have a superpower his power was he could tell who really didn't want to talk in front of everyone at the seminar. I really did not want to talk in front of all those people but he randomly called on me and I talked in front of everyone. I did almost have a heart attack but talking in front of people did not kill me and that is probably the most important thing I learned at that seminar.

This trip meant a lot to me. It helped me to let down my guard and make new