

January 16, 2009

K-Business of the Day

Today's Attendance:

There were 56 Kiwanians in attendance today. There were no guests today

This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Tim Bruer President of the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund was introduced by Conley Montgomery. The title of his talk was "To Heat or to Eat!" He said they operate 14 agencies in Wisconsin and serve 8000 people in need. Many living are at or below the poverty level. They have to decide if they will buy food for their family or heat their homes.

The Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund is a statewide, non-profit, public/private partnership that steps in and keeps the heat and power on for thousands of families in crisis. Many of these households pay between 50-60% of their monthly income toward energy costs.

During this time of economic instability and increasing lay-offs, it is easy for the most vulnerable in our communities to fall between the cracks, leaving many to face life-threatening emergencies. Heat, a basic necessity, has become an unaffordable luxury for thousands of families who have no where else to turn - 95% of those helped by KWWF are elderly, disabled or families with young children. The Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund is committed to providing a safety net for these most vulnerable populations.

The KWWF is committed to providing immediate relief from energy crisis as well as long-term solutions, and ultimately self-sufficiency. Those in need can be helped with:

- Home weatherization

- Replacement or repair of old, inefficient and dangerous furnaces
- Budget counseling, money management
- Connection to other resources to help themselves
- The KWWF is dedicated to equipping people with the tools they need to stay warm this winter...and beyond.

Contributing Kiwanians

PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler
 GREETER..... Jim Marschall
 CHECK POINT..... Bob & Matty
 OPENING WORDLarry Theis
 KOG Reporter.....Dave Wendricks
 MUSIC.....Boomer and Mary
 RAFFLE.....Tom McCrill
 Henry Ahlgren Fund
 Present Membership.....99

WEBSITE: madisonwestkiwanis.tripod.com

For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:

<http://www.wml.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>

Pres Ron's Announcements

Ron announced that the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Conference will be February 27th and 28th in Stevens Point.

Ron announced that there was an Earl Forbes recruiting seminar on January 17th from 10:00-2:00 at the Verona Library.

Ron also announced that Denis Vogel is looking for someone to take over the Soap Box Derby as he does not have time to do it. If someone will not take over there will be no Derby this year. Denis will be glad to help you get started - please see if you can help this program.

[Future K-Meetings](#)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
Jan 23	Gary Sandefur, UW Dean of College of L & S UW Madison in the 21 st Century	Wearing	Virgil Jurrens	TBD
Jan 30	Renee La Jcak, Midwest Teacher Training Teaching English for Pleasure, Purpose, or Profit	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Feb 6	Kevin McSweeney, Director UW Arboretum UW Arboretum Celebrating 75 Years of Restoration	AI Wearing	Joe Dresser	TBD
Feb 13	Kevin Riley, UW System President	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Feb 20	Tim Otis Madison Senior Center	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Feb 27	Andrea Brunsell-Parks Mad. Bld Assn & Pat Shafer Home products Show	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
March 13	Linda Colletti, Tendertears.com Gifts for the Greiving Heart	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD

[Upcoming Activities and Events](#)

Jan 17	Earl Forbes Recruiting Seminar	10:00-2:00	Verona Library
Feb 26-28	State Wrestling Tournament	TBA	Kohl Center
Feb 27-28	Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Conf	TBA	Stevens Point
March 9	Hockey Banquet	6:30	Memorial High School
April 22	Music Banquet	6:00	Memorial High School
Apr 24, 2009	Madison West Kiwanis 50 th Anniversary		Monona Terrace
May 8 th	Brewers/Cubs Game	TBD	Miller Park

[Member Announcements](#)

[Girl Scout Cookies](#)

You can still order cookies - see Eric from Gaylord - his Daughter is selling Girl Scout cookies or see Sharon Brantmeier - her daughter is also selling Girl Scout cookies.

[State Wrestling Tournament](#)

Mary Mennes also announced that West Kiwanis would be hosting a stand in the Kohl Center for the State Wrestling Tournament on February 26th, 27th, and 28th. Rich indicated that a sign up sheet would be distributed next week and that both Mary Mennes and Rich will be gone that week at the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Conference in Stevens Point.

[Easter Seals Assistance](#)

Ken Saville asked for volunteers on Tuesday, Jan 20 from 9:00-12:00 for envelope stuffing at the Easter Seals office.

[Hockey Banquet](#)

John Schwab announced a date for the hockey banquet, but since his announcement, there have been some changes and please note that the Hockey Banquet is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, at 6:30 PM at Memorial High School. Volunteer Kiwanians will need to be at the school at 5:30.

[The Linus Mission](#)

Last week AI Wearing announced that the Verona Kiwanis Club is collecting blankets to distribute to needy families. Blankets could be dropped off at Miller & Sons, Park Bank, Walgreens, or the Verona Library locations in Verona.

[50th Anniversary Committee Update](#)

At the Board meeting this month, Boomer from the committee announced that the theme and logo of the anniversary dinner on April 24th would be a "Bright Past and a Brilliant Future." The committee is expecting 175 people in attendance and it will be held at Monona Terrace. Invitations will include all current and past members and interclub invitations as well. More information on specific costs and menu items will be distributed in the near future from the committee.

[Program Website](#)

Bill Battista would like to remind all the members that AOL is discontinuing the web storage feature which is used to post future events. In the short term, Bill will store the information at the following location: <http://www.wmll.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm> Please note that Bill has updated this website to reflect 2009.

[Members Concerns](#)

Bill Battista announced that Dave Dickson had a small growth on his bladder. Bill took him in for surgery this morning and was to pick Dave up this afternoon. We hope everything went well. Bill also told us he got a message from AI Wearing's Secretary that he had a fire in his house in Verona - we have no details at this time. Please keep Dave and AI in your prayers.