

NOON NEWS IS GOOD NEWS
Newsletter of Ripon Noon Kiwanis
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ATTENDANCE = 21 MEMBERS

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten in the Ripon School District



Principal **Myra Misles-Khrin** and teacher **Carrie Naparalla** talked about the four-year-old kindergarten program at Barlow Park Elementary School and several area collaboration sites.

The Ripon District's program is in its fourth year and is part of the state's Community Approaches program, which began in 2001 with three districts and has now grown to 87. The Ripon program includes Barlow Park and collaboration sites at Advocacy Head Start, Pickett Community Center, and the Ripon Children's Learning Center. The program has grown from 78 students in 2006 to 88 students. If children at Discovery Pre-School, Grace Pre-School, and home-schooling are included, every four-year-old in the Ripon District is receiving pre-school preparation.

One of the benefits of the program is that it allows early intervention in speech and language problems, so that very few are first identified in kindergarten.

Guests

Visiting us Tuesday were Ripon High School Key Clubber **Ashley Himebaugh**, who was the guest of her dad, **Pat Himebaugh**; and **John Olson**, guest of **Tonya Alling**.

Say CHEESE!

The deadline for turning in orders for our annual Cheese Sale is Wednesday noon. Well, that's sort of the deadline.... Extra boxes of cheese will be ordered, so you can still sell until we run out. Get your orders to Cheese Whizzes **Ken Koffarnus** <koff@charter.net>, **Paul Nulton** <pastorriponumc@centurytel.net>, or **Jolene Rueden** <ruedenj@ripon.edu>. The funds raised constitute a large portion of the money needed to support our service projects.

Bill Neill is Back!

Bill Neill walked up the stairs and into the meeting under his own power after undergoing hip replacement surgery just a little over two weeks ago. Welcome back, Bill!

Bells Will Ring Soon

Nooners and Aktion Club members will team up to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, at Pick 'n' Save. A few ringers are still needed. Contact the head ringer, **Rich Scamehorn**, to sign up for an opportunity to help the less fortunate.

"Untied" Sings Saturday

They debuted at our Valentines Dinner in 2008 and entertained us at our Installation Dinner in October. They now call themselves "Untied," and this vocal group of six male Ripon College students will be performing in concert this Saturday. The time is 7:00 p.m., and the place is Great Hall of Harwood Union.

Happy Bucks!

Richard Zimman is happy because last night's School Board meeting lasted only 90 minutes, a record. When he arrived home early his wife (**Valerie Cox**) wondered if he had been fired!

Mary Avery is happy because her office mate is back.

Bill Neill is triply happy:

- For the successful hip replacement surgery by (Ripon College alum) Dr. Dave Eggert and the care he received at Ripon Medical Center.
- For being able to walk with no assists.
- And for being back at Kiwanis.

Emily Dinegan gave a buck for the quality teachers at Barlow Park Elementary School, where our guest speakers are educators.

Steve Sorenson is happy that he survived to the finals of the Ripon Man Contest Thursday. (He says he spent the next day at the hospital getting his knee repaired.) His talent was giving the closing argument from "To Kill a Mockingbird." (No pictures of the swimsuit competition are available at press time.) The event, which was staged by Ripon College students, raised over \$5000 for the Huntington's Disease Association of America —up from \$3000 last year.

Queen of Spades 50-50 Raffle



Richard Zimman drew the lucky ticket, but with 100 bucks on the line was able to come up with only the four of diamonds. Pat Himebaugh was blurry with laughter at the Superintendent's bad luck. Next week there will be 45 cards left in the deck, including the Queen of Spades and seven other winning cards. The odds are getting better, and the pot continues to grow!

Who Is Sick?

If you know of anyone who is ill or injured, please contact **Steve Sorenson**, **Helga Rikkens**, or **Marge Burling**.

Service Hours Anyone?

Please keep track of your service hours and e-mail them to **Kristy Sadlon** at ksadlon3606@charter.net.

ON THE AGENDA

Nov. 24

Program: Thanksgiving program by the Spiritual Aims Committee

Dec. 1

Program: **Tim Lyke** talks about "The Evolution of the Commonwealth Press."

Dec. 4-5

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at Pick 'n' Save

Dec. 8

Program: **Danelle Phillips** of Ripon Medical Center: "Lighten Your Load, Focus on Wellness."

Dec. 16 (**Wednesday**)

We'll have a joint meeting with Early Birds and Rotary for a Christmas program by the Ripon High School Swing Choir. The meeting will be at Royal Ridges. Map

Dec. 29

We'll meet at Immanuel United Methodist Church for pizza and salad.