

# **NOON NEWS IS GOOD NEWS**

## **January 5, 2010**

### **This Week's Meeting**

#### **Attendance**

17 members and 3 guests

#### **Guests**

**Mary Tamblin**, owner of the Center for Creative Healing and an RN at Ripon Medical Center, was the guest of **Tonya Alling**.

**Jenny Machkovich** brought her daughter, **Natalie**, from Woodbury, Minnesota.

**Dr. Henrik Schatzinger**, professor at Ripon College, was the guest of **Jolene Rueden**.

#### **Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 14** at 12:00 noon at Immanuel United Methodist Church. We will enjoy sub sandwiches and beverages.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who attended the visitation or funeral for Aktion Club president **George Jung**. He will be missed.

#### **Bell Ringing Bragging Rights**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing ended successfully, raising nearly \$13,000. \$1,060 was collected during the two days our noon club rang bells together. Thank you to **Rich Scamehorn** for scheduling the ringing city-wide and to all the members who helped in the effort.

## **Governor's Visit this Saturday**

Our WI-UM Governor, Kathy Vorpahl, will visit Fond du Lac this Saturday, January 9. Club Leadership Education will take place in the afternoon with a meeting and dinner at 5:30. Paul, Tonya and Kristy will attend. We need one more for an interclub! It's a great opportunity to fellowship with other Kiwanians in our division and have some fun in the process. Please let Tonya know if you will attend.

## **Happy Bucks**

**Jack Christ** gave two happy bucks. He's "happy to be here" and he's also happy that the **Leadership Ripon Program** is up and running after a hiatus of nearly a decade. The program will run for 8 weeks in February and March with a follow-up session after. The program mission is to develop personal leadership skills. Spaces for 15 people are available at a cost of \$500 per person. Scholarships are available. Right now, nine of the 15 slots are taken, so if you're interested, please contact Jack.

**Melanie Oppor** is happy to have visited with her mom over the holidays.

**Herm Leitz** is happy to have stayed in daughter Mary's good graces. Before his grandson Gabriel (age six) went to youth wrestling, Mary said "refrain, refrain, refrain, refrain from yelling and going on the mat", which he did (barely).

**Barb Evensen** is happy that she no longer has to answer the toll-free help line at her job on Tuesdays.

## **Queen of Spades 50/50 Raffle**

**Richard Zimman** won the opportunity for a chance at the \$162 pot this week. He pulled the nine of Spades. There are now 38 cards left in

the deck and still seven chances to win! The odds are getting better and the pot is growing!

## **Today's Program: The Ripon Medical Center Triathlon and Impact Testing**

Chris Schattschneider from RMC informed us about the Ripon Medical Center Triathlon. Now in its 11th year, the triathlon has about 280 racers with as many as 300. Racers come from all over the country and even France. Over 100 volunteers are needed each year. There is a long course and a short course. It includes biking, running and swimming. This is the fourth year it has been held at the Green Lake Conference Center.

Money raised goes towards impact (concussion) testing for athletes in Ripon, Markesan and Green Lake public schools as well as Ripon College. RMC became involved in [wisportconcussion.org](http://wisportconcussion.org) to make impact testing a key part of registering for athletes. Pre-testing gives a base line of their reaction time and memories. When they are hurt, follow-up testing provides a comparison of what is healthy and what is not healthy for this athlete. They have tested over 700 athletes so far and typically 10% of those athletes end up with a concussion. Baseline test is free for the athletes, \$10 for RMC and the post test is generally covered by insurance.

Triathlon sponsorships are needed, and many giving levels are available. Please contact **Chris Schattschneider** for more information.

## **Know a Kiwanian who is Facing a Challenge?**

If you know of a fellow Kiwanian who is ill, injured or experiencing a personal loss, please contact **Steve Sorenson, Helga Rikkens, or Marge Burling** so that we may send a card.

## **Upcoming Programs**

January 12 – The **Ripon Aktion Club** members will attend our meeting and **Kristy Sadlon** will present a program on the new Aktion Club.

January 19 – **Mary Avery** will present a program about the Creative Enterprises Center.

January 26 – **Jack Christ** will present a program on the Leadership Ripon experience.