



Noon News
The Weekly Newsletter of the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club
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NOON NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

February 2, 2010



Happy Groundhog Day from Bill Murray and Puxsatawney Phil.

This Week's Meeting

Attendance

11 members and 5 guests

Guests

John Olson made his second appearance as a guest of **Tonya Alling**.



We were pleased to welcome an Interclub from the Green Lake Kiwanis Club. Attending were former Lieutenant Governor **Mike Seitzinger**, **Karen Williams**, **Mervi Bannasch**, and **Bill Bannasch**. Thank you for joining us!

We Celebrate!

Birthdays This Week

February 6 **Steve Machkovich**

Ripon Noon Anniversaries in February

47 years **Leo Eberhardt**

5 years **Richard Zimman**

4 years **Tonya Alling**

Perfect Attendance for January

Tonya Alling, **Sue Breerton**, **Tom Keuler**, **Paul Nulton**, **Kristy Sadlon**, **Mellisa Wipijewski**, and brand-new member **Mary Tamblin**.

Most January Guests

Tonya Alling, who brought **Mary Tamblin** and **Mark Alling**. She won the right to pick a prize from the Kiwanis Bag and selected a super-sized Kiwanis cup.

Announcements

Please send your January service hours to Secretary **Kristy Sadlon** <ksadlon3606@charter.net>.

Green Lake Kiwanian **Mike Seitzinger** invited us to their [Mardi Gras Bowling Party](#) at Plaza Bowl on Saturday, February 27. Proceeds will benefit Camp Wawbeek. Last year the Lakers raised \$2700 for this Kiwanis project.

The February **Board Meeting** will be held Thursday at noon in the Heritage Room. All members are most welcome.

Paul Nulton, **Kristy Sadlon**, and **Tonya Alling** will be attending the [Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis Midwinter Conference](#) in Green Bay.

Happy Bucks!

Tom Keuler is happy that he got his passport so that he can go to China in May.

Herm Leitz is happy that he will again have access to the American Family luxury suite when he attends the state wrestling tournament.

Kristy Sadlon is happy that *Noon News* Editor **Norm Loomer** is back from vacation. Now she can enjoy the meetings without the distraction of taking notes for that day's edition of the newsletter. [My great thanks to Kristy and **Tonya Alling** for putting out the last four issues while I was away. -Ed.]

Norm Loomer put down two bucks to say that he is happy to be back and that he and Sue had an enjoyable trip through the southwest and Colorado, where they visited their three grandsons (and their parents). He noted for the benefit of Superintendent of Schools **Richard Zimman** that in Santa Fe, NM it took only four inches of snow for the superintendent to close all the schools in the city.

Our five guests are all happy:

Mervi Bannasch is happy that she and husband Bill took a trip to Cancun.

Karen Williams is happy that she will be having relatives visiting from Finland.

Bill Bannasch is happy to be with us.

Mike Seitzinger is happy about his club's Mardi Gras that his coming up February 27. (See Announcements.)

John Olson gave two bucks to celebrate his second visit to our club.



Queen of Spades 50-50 Raffle

Perhaps embarrassed that she had already drawn the lucky ticket four times, President **Tonya Alling** recused herself this week. That gave **Barb Evensen** a shot at the \$205 in the pot, but she was able to come up with only the King of Clubs, which Barb ruefully noted is "the Queen's cousin." Previously she had drawn the "Queen's husband."

Next week there will be only 34 cards left, including six winners. The *Noon News* consulted its resident statistician, who declared that the probability of drawing a winner is now .176!

Program



Our very own **Richard Zimman**, Ripon School Superintendent, talked about the "Looming Crisis in Public Education: Countdown to July 1, 2011." That's the date when the next Wisconsin state budget will go into effect. He said that the next governor, whoever he or she is, will face a structural deficit of \$2.7. That is nothing new, but we have been saved from confronting it by temporary fixes like using money from the tobacco lawsuit, raiding the highway trust fund, and using federal stimulus money. That deficit will create a crisis in public education, as 43.4% of the

state budget goes to state schools. He said, "There are 420 school districts now. Who will survive?"

He cited examples of several companies—Kodak, GM, RCA—who were once tops in their industries but failed to adapt to changing conditions and new technologies. Wisconsin schools are facing similar threats. Besides the budget crisis, new technologies could radically change the way schools do business.

He would like to get our input on how to proceed and invites us to a listening session prior to next week's meeting at 11:15 in the Heritage Room.

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 Ridders, or Marge Burling.**

Coming Up

February 9, 11:45 - Listening session with Superintendent of Schools **Richard Zimman**. He would like our thoughts about the looming crisis in public education.

February 9 - **Tom** and **Mary Avery**, speaking on their effort to help create self-supporting entrepreneurs in Jamaica.

February 16 - **Pastor Mike Holba**, speaking on the new community gathering place.

February 23 - **Jill** from the Salvation Army, speaking on their efforts in Fond du Lac County.