



Noon News

The Weekly Newsletter of the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club
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Weekly Meetings Tuesdays at Noon at Ripon College's Pickard Commons
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NOON NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

February 16, 2010

This Week's Meeting

Attendance

17 members and seven guests

Guests

Key Club adviser **Rick Bunge** again brought Student Kiwanian of the Month **Brittany Brock**. **Steve** and **Jenny Machkovich** brought two guests, **John Goode** and **Jay Retzer**. **Barb Evensen** brought Circuit Court Judge candidate **Gary Sharpe** and his campaign manager, **Ray Lapierre**,

Announcements

Officers **Paul Nulton**, **Kristy Sadlon**, and **Tonya Alling** attended the Mid-Winter Convention of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District in Green Bay last weekend and will report on their activities at next week's meeting.

Green Lake Kiwanis Mardi Gras 9-Pin Tap Tourney will be held at Plaza Bowl in Ripon on Saturday, February 27. All proceeds go directly to Camp Wawbeek. Last year the club donated over \$2600, which sponsored three camperships from Green Lake County. Tonya is looking for some Nooners to form a team.

Kristy Sadlon said that the Aktion Club members had a great time at their Valentine's party yesterday, enjoying lots of cake and pizza. She also noted that the Aktioneers were recognized with a photo in the Commonwealth last week for donating \$100 to Haiti earthquake relief.

Kiwanis International President **Paul Palazzolo** is coming to Appleton March 20 to speak on "Achieving Club Excellence." The program will take place at Fox Valley Technical College from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is only \$2 per person or \$10 per club.

Interclub Coordinator **Rich Scamehorn** announced that there is an Interclub opportunity with the Green Lake club Wednesday noon, moments after the ink dries on this edition of the *Noon News*. Contact Rick immediately if you would like to attend.

Happy Bucks!

Kristy Sadlon gave a buck for attending the Kiwanis Mid-Winter Convention with **Tonya Alling** and another buck for the good news from her doctor that her recent weight gain was not her fault but her medication's.

Tonya Alling is happy for her niece's first birthday.

Rich Scamehorn is happy because he got to celebrate his granddaughter's fifth birthday in

Minneapolis and attended five basketball games.

We Celebrate!

Happy Birthday!

February 20 **Herm Leitz**

Most Service Hours for January

Helga Ridders was awarded chocolate.



Queen of Spades 50-50 Raffle

With \$235.50 in the pot, **Ray Lapierre** found that it pays to be a Nooner guest, as he drew the ten of spades, winning him ten bucks.

Next week there will be only 32 cards left, including five winners, among them Her Majesty Herself.



Guest **Ray Lapierre** draws a lucky ten of spades from **Tonya Alling**, while **Paul Nulton** smiles at the camera.

Program: New Community Gathering Place Coming to Downtown

Pastor Mike Holba and **Megan Wuske** of the Ripon Community Church spoke about the church's plans to open a community gathering place in downtown Ripon.

Pastor Holba first talked about the history of his church and its mission. He said that research shows that two-thirds of any community have no meaningful connection to a church, and that that is true in Ripon. He came to Ripon seven years ago to serve those people. The goal of his church is to "Love God with all our heart and love other people in the same way." When he first came to Ripon, it seemed like a perfect community, but he learned that there are hungry people here. His church, which started with two members, has over 1000 members today and is serving over 400 people at its Food Pantry.

He sees the need for a place where people can get together and have meaningful friendships. His church is buying the Flower Basket building downtown effective April 2 and hope to open the gathering place in September. (They're still looking for a good name. You could win a year's worth of coffee if you come up with the winning entry.)

Their plans are developing, but they hope that the center will be open seven days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 or 11:00 p.m., depending on the day of the week. They would serve coffee and snacks but would not be a restaurant. The building is in two parts, which can be separated or joined. Groups would be able to use one part as meeting space at no charge. Starting in January they hope to have alternative church services there.

One complaint he's heard from some community members is that there will be no property taxes on the building because it will be owned by a non-profit organization. Pastor Holba acknowledged that this is true, but that the business would be paying tax on its sales and that it would benefit downtown by generating traffic and benefit the community in other ways.

Megan, who will be graduating from Ripon College in May and will be overseeing the operation, said that groups could bring in meals—from Fat Bruce's or Christiano's, for example. There will be WiFi service. They want to have a wide range of events for all ages.

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 23 – **Kristy, Paul** and **Tonya** will update our club on the WI-UM midwinter conference they attended last weekend.

March 2 – **Jill Lemkuil** from the Salvation Army will speak on their efforts in Fond du Lac County.

March 9 – **Chris Stieber** will share the highlights and lowlights of his 30 years on the Ripon Police Department team.

March 16 – Mayoral candidate **Deano Pape** will address the club.

March 20 - Kiwanis International President **Paul Palazzolo** comes to Appleton to speak on "Achieving Club Excellence."

March 23 – **Committee Meetings!** We'll meet to see how far we've come to close the gap between our current reality and our vision for the committees in this first trimester of our Kiwanis year.

March 30 – **Ray Loth** from Collier Legacy Planning will lead an educational workshop on financial planning.