



# 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  
Serving the Children of the World

## Noon News Is Good News • February 1, 2011

### Meetings

**Our club meets in the Dahm Heritage Room at Pickard Commons on the Ripon College campus at noon on Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted.**

#### Tuesday, Feb 8, Club Meeting

Todd Elliott on "Believe! A Benefit Concert for the Alyse Zabel family"

#### Tuesday, Feb 15, Club Meeting

Amy Pollesch on the Ripon Community Thrift Store and Food Pantry

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, Feb. 10 Board meeting in Mihaly Room at noon

#### Saturday, Apr. 16 Children's Fair

#### Saturday, Apr. 30 RC2 road run.

#### Saturday, May 7 Brat fry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m at Pick 'n' Save

#### Saturday, June 18 Doug Lyke 5K Sunrise Run

#### Friday, July 8 Vic Ferrari brat fry Village Green

#### Sunday, July 17 Brat fry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m at Pick 'n' Save

#### Saturday, Aug. 13 Doug Lyke 5K Twilight Run

#### Saturday, Sept. 10 Brat fry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m at Pick 'n' Save

#### Saturday, Oct. 1 Brat fry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m at Pick 'n' Save

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#### Club Meetings

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#### Membership Growth and Education

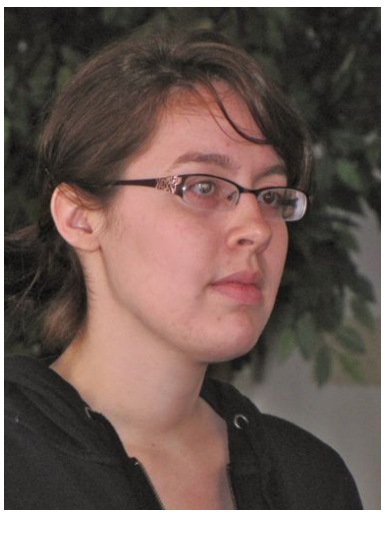
Tonya Alling

## This Week's Meeting

### Attendance

19 members and 3 guests.

### Guests



**Jack Christ brought Brendan O'Brien and Jordan Salzer.**

They are Ripon College seniors who are enrolled in Leadership Ripon 2010, the topic of today's program. Jordan is from Oshkosh and is a past president of the College Circle K. Brendan is a Ripon native and is the son of Tracy O'Brien.

**Sarah Brown was the guest of Jolene Rueden.**

Sarah works with the Ethical Leadership Program in the College's Office of Community Engagement. She also is enrolled in Leadership Ripon 2010.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Benefit Concert for the Alyse Zabel family



**Todd Elliott** will talk about "Believe: A Benefit Concert for the Alyse Zabel family," to be held Sunday, February 20. Alyse is a 15-year-old Ripon girl who has been battling leukemia for three years. Proceeds from the concert will help her family with her medical expenses. There's more on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1733161922421&set=o.124124430988929) <<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1733161922421&set=o.124124430988929>>

### Have a Great Conversation February 19

Superintendent of Schools and Nooner **Richard Zimman** reminds us that he has tickets for the Great Conversations dinner coming up Saturday, February 19, in Great Hall of Ripon College. The event is sponsored by the Education Foundation of Ripon, and all of the proceeds will stay in Ripon. Attendees can choose from 16 stimulating dinner conversations being hosted by local experts in a variety of subjects. Click [here](http://www.ripon.k12.wi.us/site_uploads/uploads/2011GreatConversationsDescriptions.pdf) <[http://www.ripon.k12.wi.us/site\\_uploads/uploads/2011GreatConversationsDescriptions.pdf](http://www.ripon.k12.wi.us/site_uploads/uploads/2011GreatConversationsDescriptions.pdf)> for a list of the conversation topics and expert hosts. Among the hosts are three Nooners: **Mary Avery, Barb Evensen, and Steve Sorenson.**

Tickets are only \$45, \$20 of which is tax deductible and supports the Foundation's activities.

### Queen of Spades 50-50 raffle



Seven wasn't a lucky number for **Matt Lueptow**. With \$81 in the pot, Matt drew the 7 of Hearts, which in this game is worth absolutely nothing.



Next week we'll be down to 45 cards in the deck, including the Queen of Spades and seven other winners.

### Happy Bucks!



**John Olson** said, "So many things to be happy about and so little money." He gave a \$2 bill to the Ripon Commonwealth for giving nice press to the Gideons down in Boscobel. He gave another \$2 bill for something about living in the birthplace of the Republican Party and his father being a die-hard Democrat. ???

**Sue Meyer** gave a buck in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of her mother-in-law, **Carol Meyer**. She was happy that her father-in-law (long-time Noon Kiwanian **Bob Meyer, Sr.**) was able to come. "But on that note," she said, "his health is failing. The dialysis isn't doing what it's supposed to do. If any of you want to see him, I suggest that you visit him soon."

**Jack Christ** always gives a buck when he misses at least a month and then shows up again (**Herm Leitz** called it a "guilt buck") and gave another buck "for not only letting me in but letting me do the program."

**Jolene Rueden** gave a very Happy Buck because she is so grateful for the support the club gave her last year when she took part in Leadership Ripon. "It was a great program," she said.

**Danelle Phillips** gave a buck to tell us about her (almost) three-year-old son. He was sitting in the back seat and he kept on telling her he wanted the "cheese song," and they couldn't figure out what he was saying. And then all of a sudden, "Like a Cheesehead" came on, and he was going nuts in the back seat. He wanted her to play it again...but it was on the radio. She couldn't play it again.

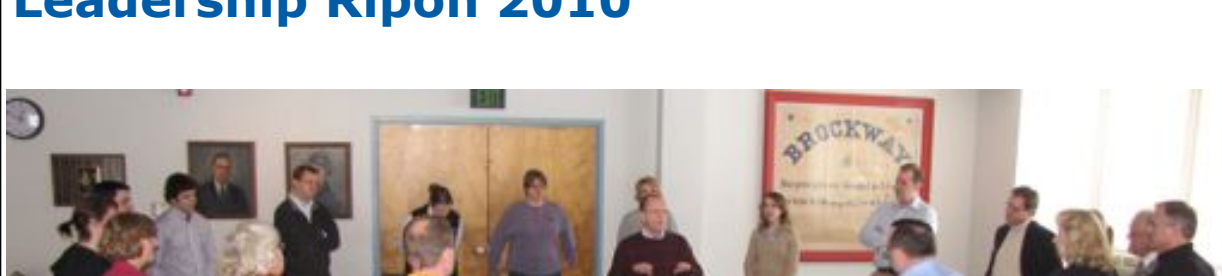
**Kristy Sadlon** was happy that yesterday her son turned nine, so that's nine years she's raised him by herself, and next year's going to be the hard one, the "big two digits."

**Henrik Schatzinger** said "I'm a happy person because not only are the Packers playing this Sunday, but I have the great feeling and confidence that they will actually win."

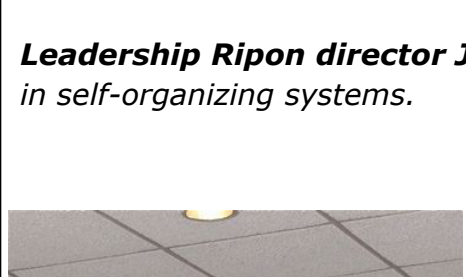
In **Marge Burling's** absence, **Herm Leitz** filled in for her with a "joke": After a long, successful career, Tom Brady dies and goes to heaven and meets up with God in person. God takes him down a path to a nice, comfortable home, filled with Patriots football stuff. God tells him he's a special person, and not everyone gets a home in heaven. Tom was feeling really good about this and was walking up to the house and looks around the corner. There was this huge mansion with a big ol' Green Bay flag in front, cheeseheads in every window. And Tom says, "If I'm so special, why did I get this little house and Aaron Rodgers gets this huge mansion?" God says, "Oh, that's not Rodgers' house. That's mine." Ta dum.

### PROGRAM

#### Leadership Ripon 2010



**Leadership Ripon director Jack Christ** (center) leads Nooners in an exercise in self-organizing systems.



In 1980 Ripon College became the "first college in the universe to study leadership behavior on purpose," said our speaker, Nooner **Jack Christ**. He was the first—and so far only—director of the Ripon College Leadership Studies program, which is now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year.

In the '80s, during Jack's first decade of doing this, other programs started to crop up around the country. "There was something going on in the atmosphere of intellectual activity, and we just happened to be in the right place at the right time," he said.

One of the things that started to develop during that decade was community leadership programs.

After World War II, Americans had very high opinions of American institutions and leadership—75% trusted them. Now that is reversed—three-quarters do not trust American institutions and leaders. This began to become clear 20-30 years ago. The old networks became frayed. New forms, institutions, and habits began to take place.

Jack became involved in the community part of leadership development in the mid-'90s. The Governor's office asked him to help develop a state-wide leadership institute. He got to visit with other communities that are actively promoting leadership.

He said, "The word 'leadership' didn't exist 250 years ago. We got the word 'leadership' because we needed a word to describe something new in the universe. Before that it was rulership or dictatorship. The notion of democratic governance is what leadership is about."

"It's really just been since we started—we just happened to be on the crest of the wave—that this global movement has taken over. A number of academics and practitioners say—and I think they're right—that this is a new phase of human cultural evolution."

The impetus for Ripon's community leadership program came in about 1996, when Rik Ridders and Carolyn Seawell heard about the Leadership Oshkosh program. They asked Jack if this could be done in Ripon.

"We ran versions of Leadership Ripon in 1998, 1999, and 2001." The program resumed last year. Six Noon Kiwanians were part of those first three programs. Last year **Jolene Rueden** was a participant, and this year **Tonya Alling** will be in the program.

The program will accommodate 15 participants, and half a dozen spots are still available.

"The program is largely about the people in the program," Jack said. There will be nine sessions, meeting at the library, 8:30-noon every Friday. There are expert presenters—including our own **Henrik Schatzinger** and **Mary Avery**. "We also do some team-building things and have fun."

Contact **Jack** <[christj@ripon.edu](mailto:christj@ripon.edu)> if you are interested in being part of this year's program.

### We Celebrate!



#### Happy Birthday!

- February 6 **Steve Machkovich**
- February 20 **Herm Leitz**
- February 23 **Andy Machkovich**
- February 23 **Jenny Machkovich**
- February 28 **Henrik Schatzinger**

#### Perfect Attendance in January

**Tonya Alling, Tom Kueller, Norm Loomer, Jenny Machkovich, Paul Nulton, and Richard Zimman**

#### Kiwanis Anniversaries in February

- Richard Zimman** 6 years
- Tonya Alling** 5 years
- Pat Himebaugh** 1 year

### 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.**