



**Noon News Is Good News • June 7, 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, June 14, Club Meeting**  
 Journalist Charles Wiley.  
**We will meet at First Congregational Church.**

**Tuesday, June 21, Club Meeting**  
 "Where are We Going?"  
 Noon Kiwanis goal-setting.

**Tuesday, June 28, Club Meeting**  
 Program TBA

**Tuesday, July 5, Club Meeting**  
 Program TBA

**Tuesday, July 12, Club Meeting**  
 Green Lake Festival Chamber Music Camp

**Tuesday, July 19, Club Meeting**  
 Program TBA

**Tuesday, July 26, Club Meeting**  
 Missionary from Mission Aviation Specialists

**Tuesday, August 2, Club Meeting**  
 Raymond Loth speaks on the Conductive Learning Center in Grand Rapids, MI

**Upcoming Events**

**Friday & Saturday, June 10 & 11**  
 Relay for Life

**Saturday, June 18, 7:30 a.m.**  
 Doug Lyke 5K Sunrise Run

**Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19**  
 Third annual Hay Days celebration at WellSpring Farm, N5307 Brooklyn G Road

**Tuesday, June 28**  
 Kids from Wisconsin, Ripon High School

**Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8**  
 Distance Running Clinic

**Sunday, July 17**  
 Aktion Club brat fry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m at Pick 'n' Save

**Friday, July 22, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Vic Ferrari concert brat fry at the Village Green

**Saturday, July 31, 7:00 a.m.**  
 FRMC Triathlon at Green Lake Conference Center

**Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m.**  
 Doug Lyke 5K Twilight Run

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**  
 Noon Kiwanis Installation Banquet

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

**Club Leadership**

**President**  
 Paul Nulton

**President-Elect**  
 Richard Zimman

**Vice-President**  
 Mellisa Wipijewski

**Secretary**  
 Kristy Sadlon

**Treasurer**  
 Bob Meyer

**Past President**  
 Tonya Alling

**Board of Directors**  
 Barb Evensen (2011)  
 Linda Putzer (2011)  
 Steve Sorenson (2011)  
 Emily Dinegan (2012)  
 Tom Keuler (2012)  
 Ian Stepleton (2012)  
 Jenny Machkovich (2013)  
 Rich Scamehorn (2013)  
 Danelle Phillips (2013)

**Newsletter**  
 Norm Loomer, Editor  
 Tonya Alling, Asst. Editor

**Committee Chairs**

**Fundraising**  
 Richard Zimman

**Youth Services**  
 Sue Meyer

**Sponsored Programs**  
 Rick Bunge  
 Jack Christ  
 Kristy Sadlon  
 Tim Scottberg

**Community Services**  
 Herm Leitz

**Young Child Priority One**  
 Ian Stepleton

**Club Meetings**  
 Mellisa Wipijewski

**Membership Growth and Education**  
 Tonya Alling

**Ken Koffarnus celebrates 35 years in Noon Kiwanis**



**Ken Koffarnus** receives congratulations and a 35-year pin from Immediate Past President **Tonya Alling**.

When **Ken Koffarnus** joined the Ripon Kiwanis Club 35 years ago, the US was celebrating its bicentennial, club members were a bunch of guys who enjoyed socializing, and there was only one Kiwanis club in town.

Some things have changed, but Ken has been a constant through those years.

Ken grew up in Hilbert, where he worked in his dad's cheese factory through high school. His dad wanted him to continue in the family business, but Ken chose instead to go to UW-Whitewater, where he earned his degree in accounting. If he hadn't done that, Ken said, "I'd still be a cheesemaker."

He graduated from UW-Whitewater in 1972 and took his first job in Milwaukee, where he met his future wife, **Linda**. They decided that they didn't want to raise a family there and, when looking for a job, he saw a want ad for a job in Ripon with **Ralph Root** and Associates. He's been doing accounting in Ripon ever since and is still living in the house they bought when they came to town.

He and Linda raised two children here. Their son **Scott** is a land surveyor in Madison, and their daughter **Kristen** is working on a Ph.D. in Spanish at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Ken came to Ripon Kiwanis through one of his firm's clients, Ripon Drug. **Bob Evenson** and **Al Nimz** invited him to a few Kiwanis meetings. "I enjoyed it and joined, and I've been a member ever since." That was June 28, 1976.

Among current Kiwanians, Ken trails only **Len Ringstad** (57 years) and **Bob Mathia** (41 years) in tenure. (He is followed closely by **Bill Neill** and **Steve Sorenson**, who joined later in 1976.)

When Ken joined, the club met at Moxie's Supper Club (the current Alibi's). "The club was a little bit more social back then. Some of the guys would get together before lunch, roll dice, and have a drink," Ken observed. "The main fundraiser was always the show, and that really got everybody involved. We were all pretty close that way, working the show. We had a lot of fun doing that and enjoyed the parties after the show."

Back in the older days one of the big events was a steak fry in the summer. Ken recalled, "That was usually at the home of one of the Kiwanians who had a place on Green Lake. That was a social event that was always a lot of fun."

One of the club's big projects was the Kiwanis Ski Hill. "That was fun," said Ken. "It took the kids on the ski lift and that. After several years that died out. It took too many man-hours, and I think the kids started tapering off."

Until 1987 Kiwanis clubs were exclusively a male domain. That changed when the International Convention approved a constitutional amendment that Kiwanis clubs could admit women to membership. "The transition here went real smooth," said Ken. "I think everyone realized it was inevitable. There were no real problems. I enjoyed having the women join the club. We got more active in different community events, and we probably got more work done."

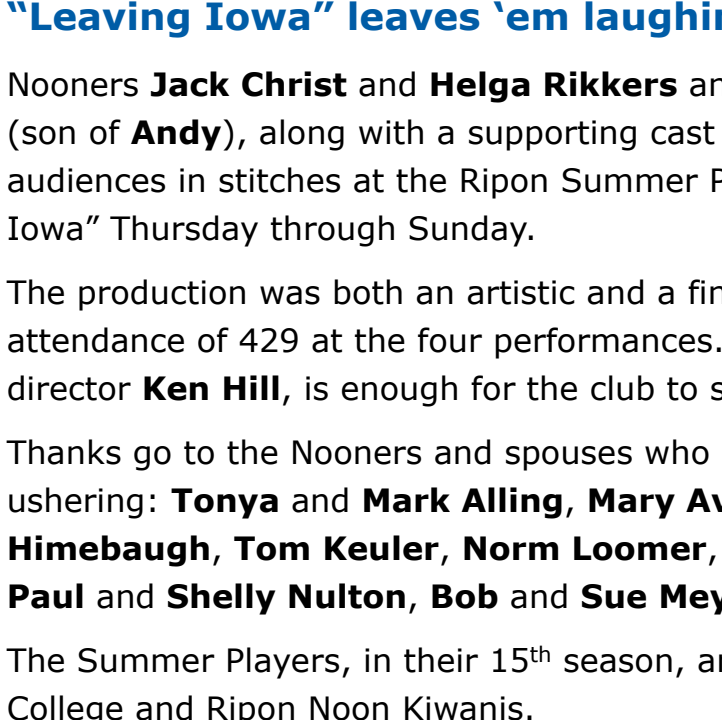
One memory that sticks out for Ken occurred when he was president. "We got a grant to put in a sidewalk between Barlow Park and (the new) Barlow Elementary School. That project went pretty smooth—we had a lot of help—but then I felt I should stick around until the cement was somewhat dry, so I called my wife and told her I wouldn't be home for supper and said 'Yeah, I'm just sitting here watch the cement dry,' keeping the kids off of it."

Reflecting on his years in Kiwanis, Ken had some advice for newer members: "You'll probably get more out of Kiwanis than you put into it. You've got to get involved with the club."

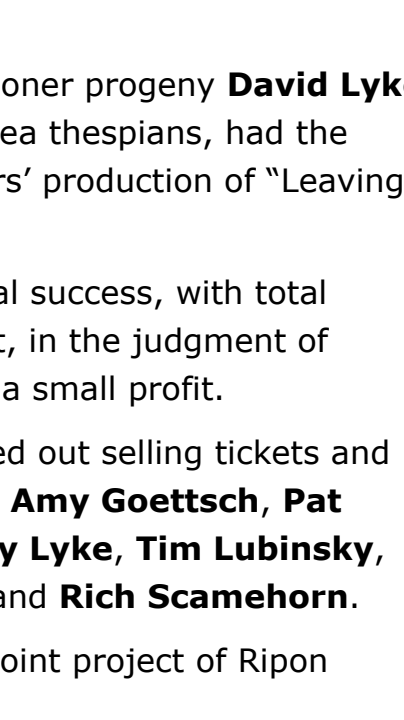
**This Week's Meeting Attendance**

15 members and 5 guests.

**Guests**



Our speaker was **Jean Woolley**, who was accompanied by her husband and PowerPoint assistant **Bill**.

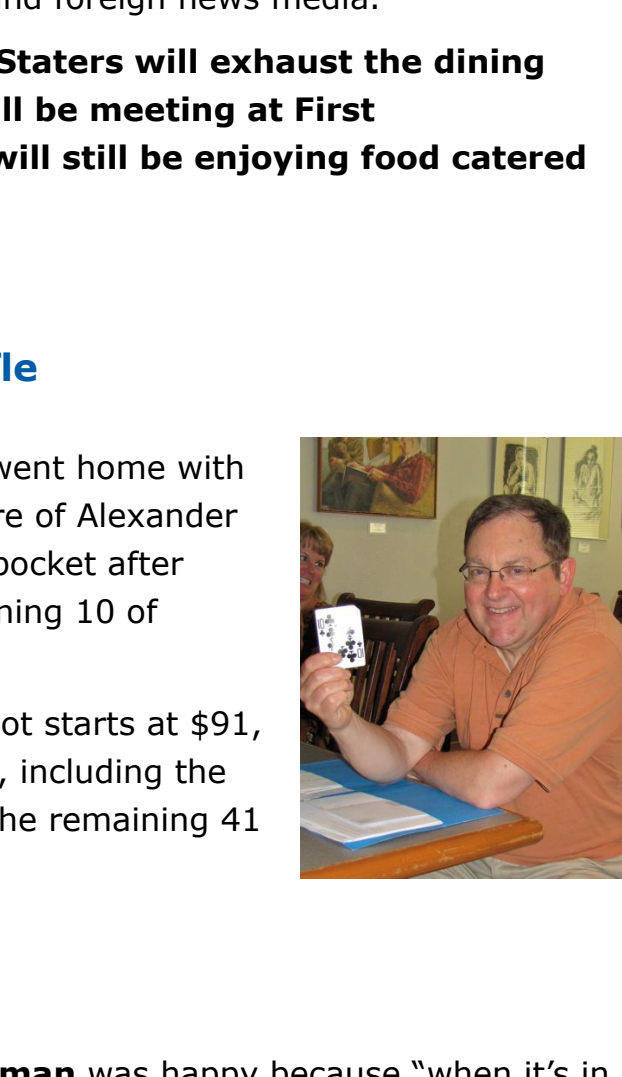


**Sue Loomer** was the guest of her husband **Norm**.

Ripon High School students **Charlotte Marquardt** and **Brianda Salinas** were the guests of Schools Superintendent **Richard Zimman**. (See story below.)

**Soles 4 Souls**

Ripon High School students **Charlotte Marquardt** and **Brianda Salinas** have collected 656 pairs of shoes for "Soles 4 Souls" <[www.soles4souls.org/](http://www.soles4souls.org/)> —a non-profit organization that collects and distributes shoes to people in need all over the world. Charlotte and Brianda are part of a pilot program that provides project-based learning at the high school.



**Brianda Salinas**, left, and **Charlotte Marquardt** hold up a papier-maché shoe that they made to promote the shoe drive they are conducting.

The shoes are all boxed up and ready to go. There's just one problem—a BIG problem. It costs a lot of money to ship that many shoes to the poor people who need them. The total cost will be \$431, of which they have raised \$275. That includes \$125 from the Ripon Rotary Club.

They are hoping for an equal amount from our club, which would bring them within \$31 of their goal. Our Board will consider their request at its meeting Thursday.

See the *Ripon Commonwealth-Press* article about their project at <<http://bit.ly/mifC8J>>.

**Energizer Bunnies are ready to Relay**



Mother Bunny **Marge Burling**'s Energizer Bunnies are ready to walk in the Relay for Life at Barlow Park, Friday evening into Saturday morning.

Team members are **Tonya Alling, Barb Evensen, Amy Goetsch, Pat Himebaugh, Norm Loomer, Jenny Machkovich, Bill Neill, Helga Ridders, Kristy Sadlon, Rich Scamehorn, and Mellisa Wipijewski**.

If you would like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society and at the same time give credit to our team, contact one of the team members.

For more information about the *Ripon Relay for Life* go to <[bit.ly/mDreka](http://bit.ly/mDreka)>.

**Doug Lyke Sunrise Run, June 18**



The Doug Lyke 5K Sunrise Run will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 a.m., with on-site registration from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. As in the past two years, the runs begin and end near the Village Green band shelter, next to Horicon Bank on Watson Street in Ripon.

The Ripon Noon Kiwanis Distance Running Clinic will be held Tuesday through Friday, July 5th through the 8th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Elizabeth Murray Park in Ripon. It is open to Middle and High School runners.

We need your help at the Sunrise Run. If you can work at Registration or act as a road guard, contact **Paul Nulton** <[pastoriponumc@centurytel.net](mailto:pastoriponumc@centurytel.net)> or **Norm Loomer** <[LoomerN@Ripon.edu](mailto:LoomerN@Ripon.edu)>.

The road runs are named in memory of **Doug Lyke**, long-time Noon Kiwanian, avid runner, local businessman, philanthropist, and friend to all.

**Kids countdown: 3 more weeks**



We have just three weeks to sell tickets before the Kids from Wisconsin put on their annual high-energy show June 28 at Ripon High School auditorium.

Nooner Kids show coordinator **Barb Evensen** asks for our help in putting up posters, selling tickets, and working at the interact ice cream social.

**"Leaving Iowa" leaves 'em laughing**

Nooners **Jack Christ** and **Helga Ridders** and Nooner progeny **David Lyke** (son of **Andy**), along with a supporting cast of area thespians, had the audiences in stitches at the Ripon Summer Players' production of "Leaving Iowa" Thursday through Sunday.

The production was both an artistic and a financial success, with total attendance of 429 at the four performances. That is a small profit.

Thanks go to the Nooners and spouses who helped out selling tickets and ushering: **Tonya** and **Mark Alling, Mary Avery, Amy Goetsch, Pat Himebaugh, Tom Keuler, Norm Loomer, Andy Lyke, Tim Lubinsky, Paul** and **Shelly Nulton, Bob** and **Sue Meyer**, and **Rich Scamehorn**.

The Summer Players, in their 15<sup>th</sup> season, are a joint project of Ripon College and Ripon Noon Kiwanis.

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Journalist Charles Wiley**



Veteran international reporter **Charles Wiley** makes his annual visit to Badger **Boys State** and stops by Noon Kiwanis to give us his take on current events.

He has lectured in 50 states and on six continents. Every year, he speaks at dozens of high schools and other youth audiences throughout the country.

While reporting from 100 countries, his search for facts led to his arrest eight times by secret police, including the KGB, and imprisonment in a Cuban dungeon while he was a correspondent for New York City radio station WOR. Wiley has covered 11 wars, four times in Vietnam, including reporting for NBC, UPI, the London Express, and numerous other U.S. and foreign news media.

**Because the multitudes of Boys Staters will exhaust the dining facilities at Ripon College, we will be meeting at First Congregational Church. But we will still be enjoying food catered by Sodexo.**

**Queen of Spades 50-50 raffle**



**Tim Lubinsky** went home with a valuable picture of Alexander Hamilton in his pocket after drawing the winning 10 of Clubs.



Next week the pot starts at \$91, with six winners, including the Queen, among the remaining 41 cards.

**Happy Bucks!**



**Richard Zimman** was happy because "when it's in the 90s outside, there's nothing white that needs to be shoveled."

**Helga Ridders** was happy because she finally settled into her own office after a week of frustration —no computer, no Internet connection, and CenturyTel lost all of her email. She was also happy because that morning a bunch of kids walked to her house from Barlow Park Elementary School to thank her for helping with reading there.

**Tim Lubinsky** was happy because he and five other guys are going to leave Thunder Bay in a sailboat and sail all around Isle Royal National Park, a six-day trip.

**Tonya Alling** was happy to honor **Ken Koffarnus** for 35 years in Noon Kiwanis. She was also happy to offer the club the opportunity to support the Green Lake American Legion with raffle tickets. She had a third buck because **Herm Leitz** cleaned the Northwestern Trail over the weekend.

**Danelle Phillips** had two bucks: One was for her sister, who got to golf with **Aaron Rodgers** Monday. The other was for the awesome job that **Green Lake, Winnebago**, and **Fond du Lac** Counties do maintaining the Mascoutin Trail, which she uses to bike to work in Ripon from her home in Berlin.

**Ken Koffarnus** said, "I have a Happy Buck for the 35 years that Kiwanis has given to me."

**Norm Loomer** gave one buck because very good friends **Bill** and **Jean Woolley** were at the meeting and another buck because his very best friend **Sue** was there.

**PROGRAM**  
**The United Arab Emirates**



"When Bill and I retired," said Jean Woolley, "we wanted to travel more than we had when we were both working. So we made a list. And I can tell you that the Middle East was not at the top of the list. It wasn't even on the list." But due to the fact that their son Steve and his family were transferred to Dubai by Honeywell, it soon moved to the top of their list.

Dubai is one of seven Arab Emirates—so called, because they are ruled by emirs.

"Dubai has grown very rapidly from a small pearling, trading, and fishing village along the Dubai Creek into a glitzy, glamorous metropolis, filled with skyscrapers and luxury," Jean said.

Oil was discovered in Dubai in 1966, and the modernization began when the money started rolling in.

The Dubai airport boasts the single largest building in the world. A new airport, to open in 2012, will be even bigger. Dubai has the tallest manmade structure ever built, the Burj Khalifa. The Mall of the Emirates contains a ski hill and snow park, cooled by fans made in Wausau.

But Dubai is in a desert. Where does the water come from? "With lots of money, you can build miles and miles of desalination plants along the coast," Jean said. Sewage is hauled away in long lines of tanker trucks.

"They have poor Indian and Pakistani folks who are just desperate to earn money. They house them in very tight quarters, they hardly get any sleep, they work all the time." Some of them pick up the sewage and drive it to the waste treatment plant.

The culture in Dubai is rooted in Islamic traditions, but "unlike in Saudi Arabia, Muslim women can drive, can go out unaccompanied by male relatives, do not have to cover themselves outside the home. They really have choices. Other religions are tolerated, as long as they don't proselytize. Visitors and expats are expected to be respectful of Muslim culture in their dress and their behavior, but from what I could see, it's a modern and open society that still supports the conservative Muslim practices of those who choose."

**We Celebrate!**



- Happy Birthday!**  
**Lindsay Michels** June 2  
**Scott Krueger** June 10  
**Paul Nulton** June 10  
**Matt Luettow** June 11  
**Meg Preplitz** June 17  
**Rich Scamehorn** June 20  
**Tan Stepleton** June 22  
**Joe Harvey** June 25  
**John Roesch** June 27

**Perfect Attendance in May**

**Tonya Alling, Herm Leitz, Norm Loomer, Paul Nulton, Danelle Phillips, Helga Ridders, Mellisa Wipijewski, and Richard Zimman**

**Kiwanis Anniversaries in June**

- Ken Koffarnus** 35 years  
**Jack Christ** 31 years  
**Linda Putzer** 20 years