



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

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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, Aug. 30, Club Meeting
President-elect Richard Zimman will continue our discussions on club strategic planning.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, Club Meeting
Bob Fale, President/CEO of Agnesian Healthcare.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, Club meeting
Division Lt. Governor Gary Miller on Project Eliminate

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Club meeting
Paul Nulton with a fellowship program

Tuesday, Sept. 27. Club meeting
Superintendent of Schools Richard Zimman with an update on the Ripon schools

Tuesday, Oct. 4, Club Meeting
Ken Saville from Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Noon Kiwanis Installation Banquet

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

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Richard Zimman

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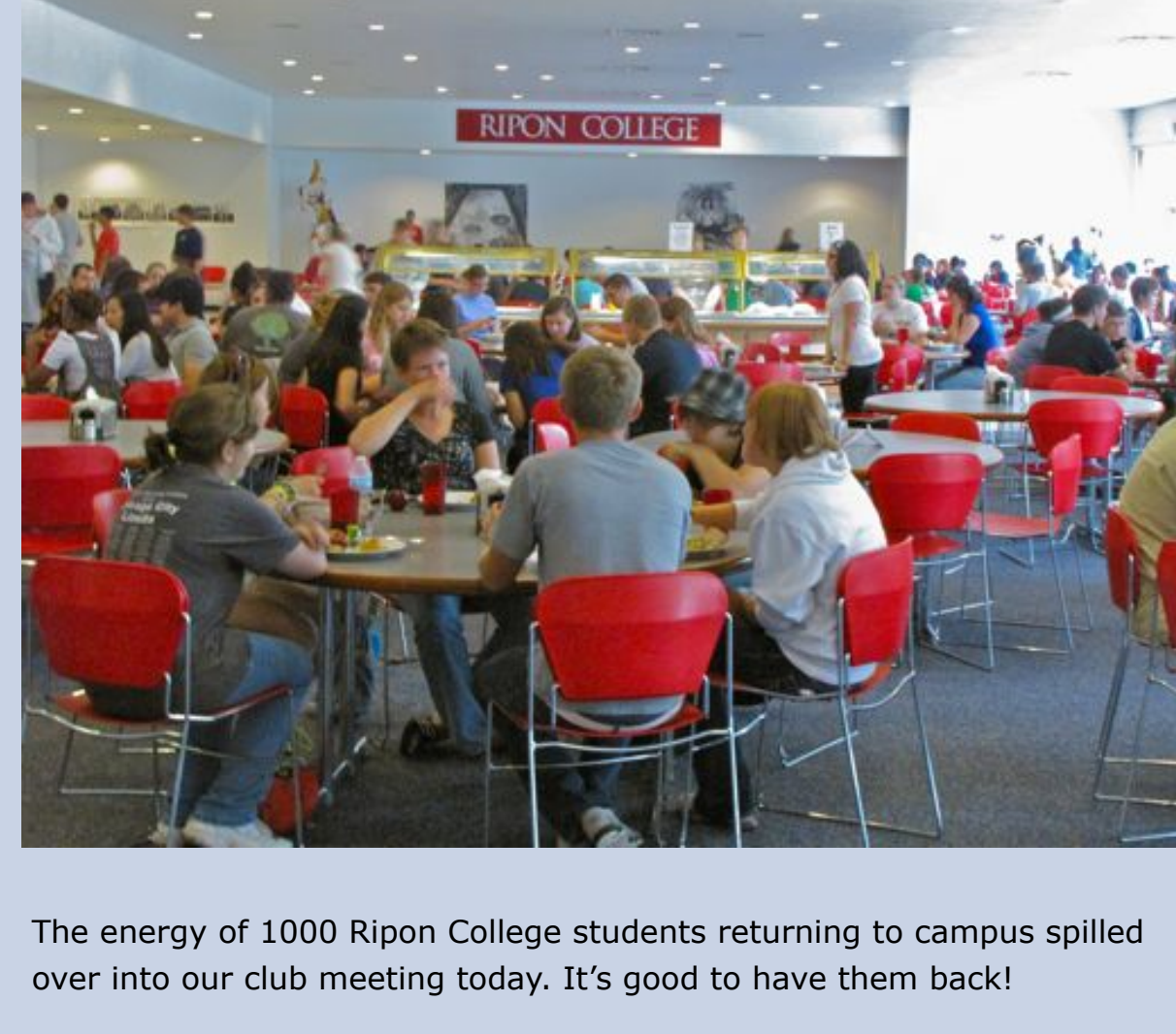
Community Services
Herm Leitz

Young Child Priority One
Ian Stepleton

Club Meetings
Mellisa Wipijewski

Membership Growth and Education
Tonya Alling

College campus comes back to life



The energy of 1000 Ripon College students returning to campus spilled over into our club meeting today. It's good to have them back!

This Week's Meeting

Attendance

Fourteen members: **Tonya Alling, Mark Edinger, Ken Folberg, Pat Himebaugh, Tom Keuler, Herm Leitz, Norm Loomer, Tim Lubinsky, Bill Neill, Paul Nulton, Danelle Phillips, Jolene Rueden, Henrik Schatzinger, and Steve Sorenson.**

Two guests: Our speaker, **Bill Woolley**, came with his wife and Powerpoint assistant, **Jean**.

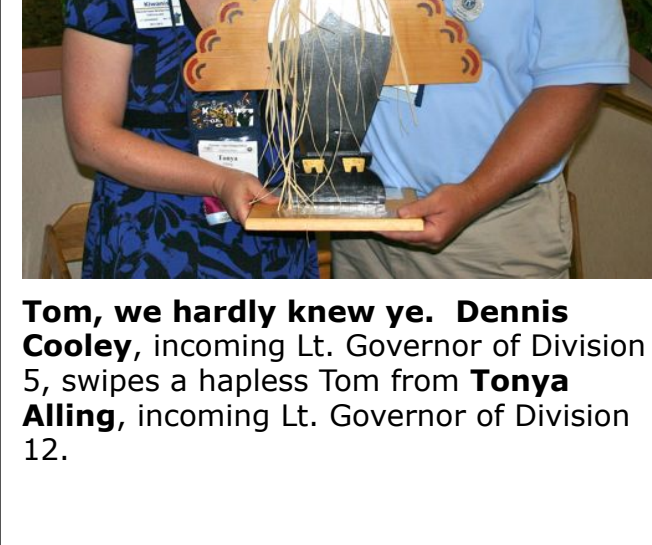
What happened at District Convention?

Past-president and future Division Lt. Governor **Tonya Alling** reported on doings at last weekend's Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Convention in Brookfield.

Project Eliminate

One of the things we will be hearing about from Division Lt. Governor **Gary Miller** at our September 13 meeting is the maternal neo-natal tetanus initiative, which is called Project Eliminate. It is a five-year campaign being launched by Kiwanis International. They need to raise \$40 million to eliminate maternal neo-natal tetanus in third-world countries. "When a baby contracts tetanus in the womb," Tonya said, "they die within three days, and it's an excruciating death. The mothers contract the tetanus from the soil during pregnancy. A series of three shots will eliminate the tetanus."

Travelin' Tom has flown the coop



Tom, we hardly knew ye. Dennis Cooley, incoming Lt. Governor of Division 5, swipes a hapless Tom from **Tonya Alling**, incoming Lt. Governor of Division 12.

Tonya wiped a tear from her eye as she announced the departure of Travelin' Tom, our beloved Interclub traveling trophy. He was given life by our club a little over two years ago and has been making the circuit of clubs in our division.

Tonya took him to District Convention and displayed him on the registration table. "Division 5 in Dodgeville thought that it was such a cool idea that they were taking pictures of him and looking at the instructions and were all excited." And then Tom disappeared.

Well, the real story is that she gave Tom to Division 5. He will tour their division and will return to District Convention next year, to be given to another division in our district.

Our division is No. 1!

Every year the District Governor chooses the division in the district that excelled above and beyond all the other divisions. Our division, Division 12, received the Governor's Cup this year. Hooray for us!

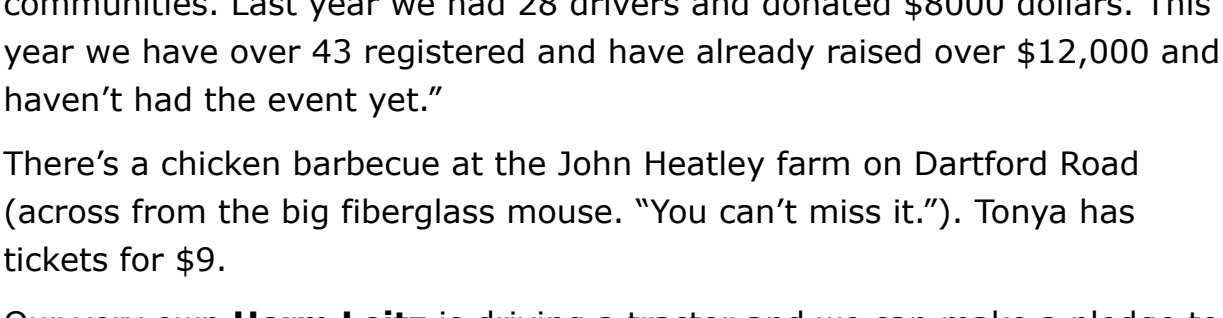
Installation banquet at Alibi's this year

Vice-president-in-waiting **Danelle Phillips** announced that this year's Installation Banquet will be moved to Alibi's in order to make it more affordable. The date is September 27, and the time is 5:30 for social time and 6:15 for dinner.

We have programs... lots of programs

Vice-president **Mellisa Wipijewski** has lined up programs through October 4. See the side bar on the left for the list.

Ripon-Green Lake Benefit Tractor Cruise Saturday



Tonya Alling made a plug for the third annual Ripon-Green Lake Benefit Tractor Cruise, coming up Saturday. The event raises funds for the food pantries and schools special needs funds to cover students' financial needs. "The first year we had 14 drivers and donated \$4,000 back to the communities. Last year we had 28 drivers and donated \$8000 dollars. This year we have over 43 registered and have already raised over \$12,000 and haven't had the event yet."

There's a chicken barbecue at the John Heatley farm on Dartford Road (across from the big fiberglass mouse. "You can't miss it."). Tonya has tickets for \$9.

Our very own **Herm Leitz** is driving a tractor and we can make a pledge to him.

There's lots more information at www.ripongreenlaketractorcruise.com. The routes are described at www.ripongreenlaketractorcruise.com/route.html.

NEXT WEEK Where are we going?

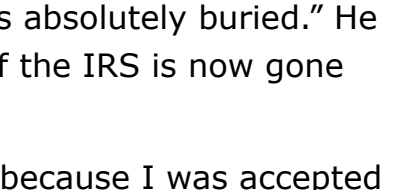
The answer to that question is that **YOU** will decide. President-elect **Richard Zimman** will continue our discussions on club strategic planning at next week's meeting.

Queen of Spades 50-50 raffle

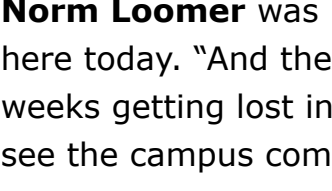


We were oh, so sorry that **Tom Keuler** drew a losing card, but that's good news for the rest of us, because he left \$171 in the pot and five winners among the remaining 31 cards.

The odds are now almost 1 in 6 of drawing a winner, and that could be you!



Happy Bucks!



Ken Folberg was happy to be back from California where he attended an IRS conference. "I did learn that their auditing is up 60% with no additional staff. That means that their face is absolutely buried." He warned, "The friendly face of the IRS is now gone forever."

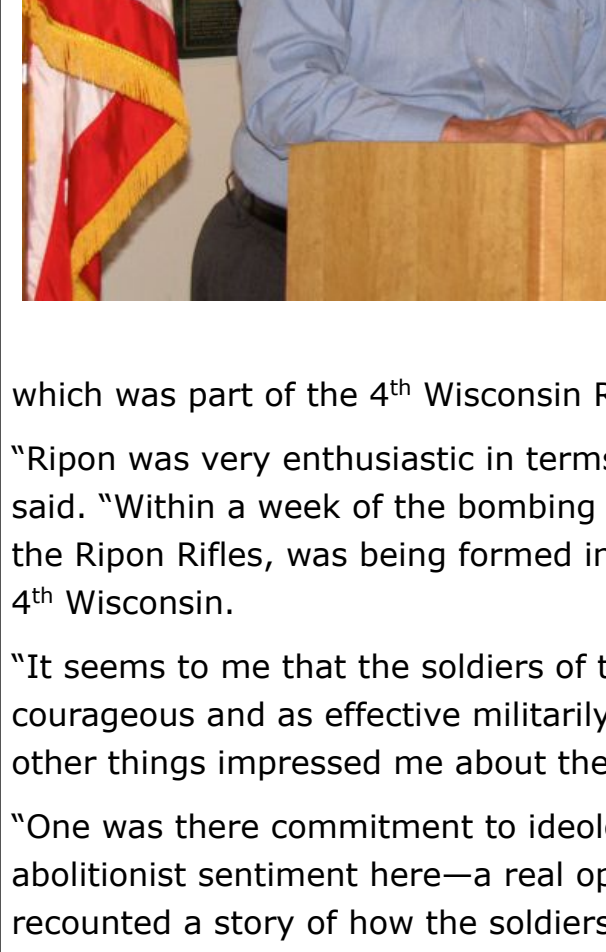
Danelle Phillips was happy. "I wore purple today because I was accepted at Northwestern for their masters program." She will start in January and hopes to finish before 3-year-old son Lawson goes to school.

Norm Loomer was happy to have good friends **Bill** and **Jean Woolley** here today. "And they are still good friends, even though we spent three weeks getting lost in the car with them in France." And he was happy to see the campus come alive at the beginning of a new school year.

Steve Sorenson was happy that classes are back but sad that because of his work schedule at his new job in Oshkosh he won't be attending Noon Kiwanis.

Jolene Rueden had a "bittersweet" announcement. Next Friday is her last official day working in the Ripon College Admission Office. But she is excited for what's ahead. She'll be attending graduate school at UW-Oshkosh to get a degree in professional counseling. She was also offered an assistantship for a class that meets three days a week—but not Tuesday—so she can continue to attendance Noon meetings.

PROGRAM Ripon in the Civil War



This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. **Bill Woolley**, who was a long-time History professor at Ripon College and is president of the Ripon Historical Society, said, "We thought that we should do something to remember that, not necessarily that wars are something to be celebrated, but because an understanding of what we did in the war and what we did in response to the war, tells us something about our town."

He decided to do research in the Historical Society archives on the Ripon soldiers in the Civil War. They served in Company B from Ripon, which was part of the 4th Wisconsin Regiment.

"Ripon was very enthusiastic in terms of its participation in the war," he said. "Within a week of the bombing of Fort Sumpter, the first company, the Ripon Rifles, was being formed in Ripon." It became Company B of the 4th Wisconsin.

"It seems to me that the soldiers of the 4th were at least as brave and courageous and as effective militarily as any other regiment. But two other things impressed me about the regiment.

"One was their commitment—a real opposition. There was considerable abolitionist sentiment here—a real opposition to slavery itself." He recounted a story of how the soldiers of the 4th stood up for runaway slaves and were willing to accept the penalties that ensued. "I think that shows us a lot about our soldiers.

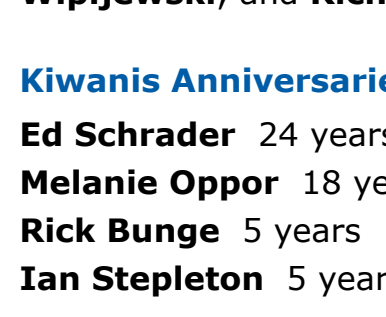
"The second thing that impressed me was their humanity." He told stories about the 4th giving the city of Granville a second chance and intervening to save Baton Rouge from destruction.

"The soldiers of the 4th didn't regard the Confederates as enemies. They regarded them as fellow human beings caught in the maelstrom of events they couldn't understand or control.

"What I got out of this was that our soldiers were pretty remarkable, they did a good job in the war, but they got through it without loss of either their values or their human instincts. They are people of which we should be proud."

[This brief report does not include several engaging stories about the activities of the 4th Regiment. You may hear them in a recording of Bill's talk at www.riponnoonkiwanis.org/recordings/BillWoolley-RiponInTheCivilWar.mp3].

We Celebrate!



Happy Birthday!
Steve Sorenson August 1
Richard Zimman August 6

Perfect Attendance in July
Tim Lubinsky, Paul Nulton, Kristy Sadlon, Rich Scamehorn, Mellisa Wipijewski, and Richard Zimman

Kiwanis Anniversaries in August

Ed Schradler 24 years
Melanie Oppor 18 years
Rick Bunge 5 years
Ian Stepleton 5 years