

SUNRISE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2016

Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Oconomowoc
P.O. Box 462 Oconomowoc, WI 53066
Wednesday Morning 7:15 AM
Lake Terrace Clubhouse Restaurant
1380 West Wisconsin Avenue

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



President's Corner - Jim Fulmer

The New Year has come and gone, and also the 1.5 billion dollar lottery. We had great

speakers for January, thanks Tom Ginn. We held our first Aktion Club meeting on January 5th at the

Ixonnia Pub. There were seven at the meeting from Watertown Kiwanis, Oconomowoc Kiwanis, and

teachers from our community. Our club is in the process of a membership Drive, and the Chairman is

Jerry Schneider. Thanks Jerry, and I am asking our members to assist Jerry in helping to make this a successful

Drive.

This summer the two Intermediate schools Silver Lake and Nature Hill are in the

process of raising monies to send students from

both Intermediate Schools to the Dominican Republic this June for a global Learning trip. Our board approved \$500.00 to support

only if they have this trip. Also Jack Grothaus daughter Shelly had spoken to our group about this last fall.

Also Shelly had sent an email about a summer school program offering Service Opportunity, this will be June 20th through the 24th Offered to 7th and 8th grade students at both the Silver lake Intermediate and Nature Hill Intermediate Schools. They are asking for service club members to assist the

students with service projects. They are asking for time of 4.5 hours from members. If any questions please contact Jack Grothaus, as Jack asked to be the chairperson from our Club. Thanks Jack, sounds like a fun project.

Just a reminder to homeowners or renters; please make sure you have a working smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm

My wife and I experienced the carbon monoxide from our furnace on the night of January 13th when we came home at 7:00 p.m.

The alarm was going off downstairs. Level showed 48, which I then realized I needed to call the Oconomowoc Fire Department.

At first I thought it was faulty, but after a few minutes it kept sounding. When the Fire dept personnel arrived the level upstairs was 18.

We had to leave the house, and were checked for levels in the Ambulance. We were ok, but had to wait over 2 hrs to return to the house

As We Energies had to come. It was the furnace, it had to be replaced. We had it serviced in November. We were the 3rd call of the day

as others had the same situation.

Reminder of Midyear Conference February 27th West Bend Mutual in West Bend 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Pres. Jim



FEBRUARY 8TH

Jack's Jumpers

Jack Smid, Captain

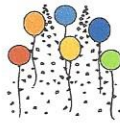
Carolyn Crom

Jane Fredrich

Andy Wagner(Jerry to sub)

Dave Lauber

Chet Seffrood



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack Smid 2-22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None

GREETER & INVOCATION

February 3 - Jerry Schneider

February 10 - Fred Schnell

February 17 - Chet Seffrood

February 24 - Jack Smid





WEB SITE

WWW.OCONOMOWOCKIWANIS.ORG

Thanks to Tom Ginn our web site is up to date . This is a continuing process to update and change content as needed. If you see something we should add or delete please let us know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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| Feb 2 | GroundHog Day |
| Feb 3 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Feb 3 | Blood Drive – Life Enrichment 1 to 5 |
| Feb 3 | FFA Speaking contest |
| Feb 7 | Super Bowl 50
(Go Pack – oops!) |
| Feb 10 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Feb 14 | Valentines Day |
| Feb 15 | Presidents Day |
| Feb 16 | Aktion Club Meeting
Ixonina Pub |
| Feb 17 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Feb 24 | Breakfast Meeting |



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thanks to Rebecca for the great article in the Focus (copy attached) about our membership drive. The Enterprise should also be putting in an article soon. Please give me names of any prospects you may have and we will send a letter and make a contact if you would prefer not to. Sue and I attended the winter market on Sunday to hand out Kiwanis info and talk with people. It was a very good day. We passed out about 30 packets of Kiwanis info. Also 6 people signed up to receive our newsletter and will consider coming to a breakfast to see what we are about. We may try this again in March. Corporate letters will be going out soon.

Thanks to Deb Bursinger and Tom Ginn For February Speakers

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| Feb 3 | Saori Tanaka
Exchange Student - Japan |
| Feb 10 | Nicky Lev
Exchange Student-Argentina |
| Feb 17 | Club Day |
| Feb 24 | John Bodden & Chris Wagner
Retirement Planning
Annex Wealth Management |



BY REBECCA SEYMOUR

Jan. 13, 2016

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International and the 35th anniversary since the Oconomowoc Kiwanis Breakfast Club has been in the Oconomowoc area.

The Kiwanis mission is to be "a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time." The Oconomowoc Kiwanis Club supports many area organizations through their time, talent and fundraisers.

Now the Oconomowoc service organization is seeking help from the very community it has supported for more than 35 years. Next week, the organization will kick off a membership drive during its weekly Wednesday meeting with the focus on growing club membership which is around 26 members, down from more than 50 members in years past.

The club was chartered in 1980, with the assistance of the Kiwanis Evening Club, which was disbanded due to declining membership. Jerry

Schneider has been an active member since the club's inception.

"Many of the area's service clubs are struggling with membership," Schneider said. "These clubs are an important part of our community. If we don't grow our membership, our ability to do so many wonderful things for this community will decrease, and none of us want that."

Members of the club will reach out to local business owners, banks, hospitals and leaders of nonprofit organizations to encourage and support associates and staff to consider joining the Kiwanis Club.

"When I joined Kiwanis 35 years ago, I was an employee of Oconomowoc Savings and Loan, and they encouraged and supported me to volunteer for my community," explained Schneider. "Volunteering made me a better employee and a better person.

"And it's fun. It's about fellowship, friendship and being a vital part of this community. It's not as demanding as people think. We understand it's a busy world and our club is very flexible."

Intergenerational club

One of the biggest challenges the Oconomowoc Kiwanis Breakfast Club faces is breaking the

stereotype that club membership is geared toward older and retired folks.

Deb Bursinger has children in college and at Silver Lake Intermediate School and has been a member of the service organization for about three years.

"Being a member of Kiwanis has been so interesting, and it's been great to get to know a new group of people," Bursinger said. "It is becoming an intergenerational service club. We are all working together with the same purpose to give back to our community.

"I hope people can discover all the wonderful things this club does for our community and want to be a part of that effort."

Community impact

The Oconomowoc Kiwanis Breakfast Club has been very active in the community supporting the Oconomowoc Area Food Pantry, Lake Area Free Clinic, AngelsGrace Hospice, OHS Hall of Fame, Salvation Army bell ringing, Oconomowoc Robotics Clubs, OHS FFA, K-Kids at Park Lawn Elementary, Key Club at Kettle Moraine High School and AFS Intercultural Programs.

The club organizes blood drives and the annual Oconomowoc

Christmas Parade. They helped fund the Tri-Club Plaza at the Oconomowoc Arts Center, along with the Oconomowoc Rotary and Lions Clubs and they sponsor the Kids from Wisconsin to perform and present free workshops for area students at the OAC for the last several summers.

To help fund their efforts, the club facilitates several events throughout the year, including selling pine trees in the spring, hosting a food booth at the Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts and the shrimp dinner in November.

Laurie Vertz has been a volunteer and mentor for OHS Robotics Team for 16 years. OHS students involved in the robotics club and FFA help the members of the Kiwanis Club during its annual shrimp dinner fundraiser.

"The relationship between OHS Robotics and Kiwanis is wonderful," said Vertz. "They help us with funding and we help them with their shrimp dinner fundraiser. It is important for the students to appreciate the support they get from the community and to give back. The Kiwanis have also been a dependable financial supporter of quality education in our schools,"

Check them out

The Oconomowoc Kiwanis
Breakfast Club gathers for weekly
meetings at 7:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, at Lake Terrace,
1380 W. Wisconsin Ave. on the
Shorehaven campus. The meeting
includes a shared breakfast,
business discussion and a special
guest speaker.

For more information , email Jerry
Schneider at
schneider726@wi.rr.com, call club
President Jim Fulmer at (262) 490-
1127 or visit the website,
www.oconomowockiwanis.org.



Key Club News

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THIS IS A GREAT STORY. I WILL BE SHARING THIS WITH THE KETTLE MORaine KEY CLUB.

: A KEY CLUBBER'S STORY

Monday, January 25, 2016

By: Elaine Le

Elaine is a junior at Fountain Valley High School in California, which is part of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District.



I remember the day I joined Key Club. I didn't think much of it and just saw it as an opportunity to obtain service hours for my college application. I was a ninth-grader overwhelmed by the amount of clubs and booths set up around the school. I didn't know which club to sign up for. There were so many people throwing their flyers at me, urging me to join. I ended up joining a club that my brother was

previously in because he really enjoyed the events.

But that was just the beginning.

When I went to Key Club's first meeting of the year, I didn't know what to expect. I wasn't aware of the fact that I soon would make friends who really loved what I loved. I didn't know I was going to fall in love with the club. I stood with the massive group of students, watching a group of older-looking students joking and smiling as they waited for the last of the crowd to pile in. When they started the meeting, I found out that they were our board members. Just by looking at them, I could tell they all got along well and loved working together. I immediately knew that was what I wanted.

Event after event and meeting after meeting, I still had never been happier. I actually felt like I was making an impact on the community, which I didn't know I was capable of doing. I was actually helping people, communities and organizations. I fell in love with service along with the club and the people in it.

When the time came for new board members to be elected in March, I wanted to be even more involved with the tightly knit group of friends who truly had inspired me. So I signed up for the position of, class representative, and within the next few days I received an email with my interview time and questions to expect. As I looked at the list of times and people being interviewed, my stomach dropped. I never realized how competitive the process was going to be, and how hard it was going to be to stand out from 10 other kids.

The interview flew by in a few minutes and I was relieved it was over. When I walked out that door, I was so confident I was going to get the position—but I didn't.

In the next few months, it became hard for me to volunteer. Losing my chance of being a part of something bigger made me lose all motivation. I stopped going to events, I started showing up to fewer meetings, and before I knew it, summer came and I hadn't volunteered.

Now that I look back, losing that position wasn't that big of a deal. I had multiple chances to try again, but at the time, that position was more than just a position. To me, it was an opportunity to begin my journey to a board position and work my way up. I wanted to prove to myself that I could become someone my younger classmates could look up to.

I shook myself out of it by the time school started. During sophomore year I was so determined to start fresh. I knew I wanted to get back into my groove and start being active in Key Club again. Months went by and March came once again. This time I tried for Spirit Chair and when I least expected it, I got the position.

If it hadn't been for Key Club, I wouldn't be the person I am today. My journey from the bottom to where I am now has taught me so much. I learned how to be a leader, how far hard work and dedication takes you, and how important it is to keep trying.

Don't let rejection and obstacles get in your way. Of course, not getting the class representative position hit me hard, but I eventually got up and hit back even harder. I didn't want my past to affect my future negatively, and you shouldn't let it affect yours either. Regardless of the past, you should always keep going. I promise you, when you reflect and see how far you've come from the bottom, it will be the best feeling in the world.