



# GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Milestones  
Child Development Center, 621 S. Cullen Ave., Evansville, IN  
Greenriverkiwanis.org

January 6, 2010

Today's guests were Jennifer Foucault and Larry Rycroft.

Our speaker this morning was Sister Jane McClure, Development Director for Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. We should be VERY



**Habitat for Humanity**  
of Evansville

proud of our local chapter—  
last year it was

23rd out of 1050 affiliates, right above the Denver chapter, in a city of 3 million! Habitat families do not get a handout. They must have a need for housing, have the ability to pay a 25 year, no interest mortgage, and contribute 300 hours of sweat equity in building their own home and those of others. Unfortunately, some 8 out of 10 of those who apply are refused for a poor credit history. With the completion of the New Haven subdivision (55 houses, 40 of which replace homes lost in the November 2005 tornado), Habitat's newest project is the Glenwood Community Development Initiative. Instead of building houses one at a time, this initiative seeks to affect an entire community. In an area bounded by Riverside, Veterans Memorial Parkway, and Kentucky Ave., there are some 600 houses, but 200 of these are abandoned. "Neighborhoods in decline may experience the same level of blight gradually, although it may not be as noticeable as when a disaster strikes. As such, community disinvestment over time has left many parts of the Glenwood neighborhood with dilapidated structures and

very few retail options. The Glenwood Community Development Initiative will stabilize this decline and bring vitality back into the neighborhood. ... If all plans come to fruition, the Glenwood neighborhood will have a market, an expanded community garden, enhanced educational opportunities and new mixed-income housing near the Glenwood Middle School." Habitat is working with lots of community partners in this initiative, and has \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor, along with city funding. "The Planning Team broke into six priority teams early in the planning process so that each could focus on specific areas of need – business and commerce, clean and green, education, health and well-being, housing and infrastructure and safety. ...The Business and Commerce Team is working to expand retail near the corner of Riverside and Governor streets. Team members want to include a market, a bank, a dry cleaning business and restaurants. ...The Clean and Green Team planted a community garden at the northwest corner of the Glenwood Middle School and recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation to expand it next year. Part of the funding will go to Glenwood science teachers who will de-

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velop curriculum that will engage students in the research and development of the expanded garden. ...The Education Team has been developing plans

to increase the graduation rate and GED attainment and to cultivate leadership and life skills. The team received a \$14,000 grant and is training teachers to incorporate service learning into their curriculum. Several mini-grants will be available for teachers to achieve their goals. The Health and Wellness Team hopes to increase health resources in the Glenwood neighborhood. Team members will do this by linking residents with existing services and providers and by creating new opportunities. ...The Housing and Infrastructure Team, of which Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is a member, is planning a mixed-income development on Shadewood Ave., adjacent to the Glenwood School. Habitat will partner with a private developer to build homes on the 23 lots it owns in that area. Construction is expected to begin in 2010. Habitat is also piloting a rehab program for existing Habitat homeowners. And the team wants to see improvements to sidewalks and streets in the area.” The 6th team will deal with safety and security issues. (all quotations from <http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/current/index.php>)

There will be a board meeting this Friday (1/8) at the Arby's on Green River Rd.—7:00 a.m.

We extend a warm welcome to these 3 newest GRKiwanians, inducted this morning:

- Matt Rice**
- Michael Erwin**
- Mark Redmond**

We look forward to getting to know these gentlemen and working with them on our projects.

**Rocky Sheneman** provided these updated team points totals, as of November:

<b>Bockelman</b>	112
<b>Fisher</b>	150
<b>Inman</b>	86
<b>Jochum</b>	124
<b>Slade/Byers</b>	186
<b>Schroeder</b>	141
<b>Worthington</b>	120
<b>Ziemer/Oates</b>	76

Upcoming BUG programs:



Lodge  
Jan. 8  
7:45

Delaware  
Jan. 8  
8:10



Fairlawn  
Jan. 15  
Time TBA

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Stan Henderson**:

In 1960, when asked why he, such a young man, wasn't satisfied with running for the Vice President, John F. Kennedy said, "Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens to you in life."





