



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

February 24, 2010

Today's guests were Michael Bell, Dan Kelley, and Jacob Pendleton.

Our speaker this morning was Chris-Michael Morrison, Chief Development Officer for the Evansville Rescue Mission. He's been on the job since July 2009, but this represents a return to his



home turf. The ERM was started in 1917 by "Pappy" Reveal, originally as the Evansville Christian Center. Its mission statement says, "We exist to glorify God by helping to meet the basic needs of those we serve, and by lovingly sharing with them the life-changing message that, "Jesus Saves!" It has a 132 bed capacity, with an average of 100 guests nightly. Guests are men over the age of 18 (average age is 45-60, but the 18-30 age group is growing) who are homeless for a variety of reasons—loss of job, chronic illness, addiction, mental illness, etc. Many lack money management skills and have no safety network. There are some 400 homeless people in Evansville, with 1/3 of these under the age of 18. Approximately 60 are families. The fastest growing segment of the homeless population is single mothers. A survey by the school corporation in 2008 identified 503 homeless students. Unfortunately, Evansville lacks shelters for women or children (other than those who are trying to escape an abusive situation). ERM guests have a sense of

family at the facility. Most have high school educations or GEDs. 26% are veterans. ERM is not a storehouse—there is a 60 day stay limit. Through the discipleship program men learn life skills, and about 1/2 of the guests are enrolled in this program. Clothing vouchers are available to use in the clothing bank. A Youth Care Center,



funded by the Vanderburgh County courts, provides secure and non-secure

areas for delinquent boys and girls. Camp Reveal is the ERM's hidden gem, started in 1927. It holds a summer camp for income-qualified youth, day camp, and can be rented for many occasions. Its rope course can be used for leadership development activities. There is a chapel that can be used for weddings. The retreat center can handle 150. Camp Reveal is located on 107 acres at 1040 East Boonville New Harmony Road. Chris-Michael lives on the prop-



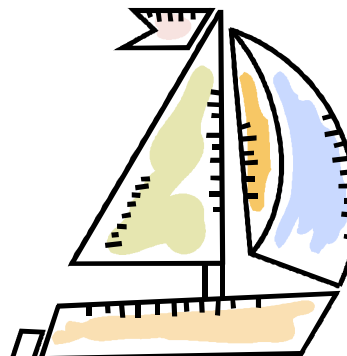
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erty. ERM will soon be giving Easter food baskets to its guests and friends, and GRK is challenged to contribute cans of cake icing for these.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Jim Byers**:

You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sail.



This morning GRK celebrated its history by honoring 2 long-time members, who between them have 102 years as Kiwanians! GRK was chartered in 1966, with Paul Kinney as the first president. Today many past presidents and other officers were in attendance: Margo Borre, **Skip Borre**, **Thornton Patberg**, **Terry White**, Kevin Martin, **Dick Connolly**, **Don Johnson**, **Beth Baker**, **Penne Gammbrall**, **Jack Arney**, **Steve Theising**, **Jeff Stoll**, **Randy Conner**, **Steve Page**, and **Jim Byers**. We thank our honorees for all that they have contributed to GRK and Kiwanis over the years!

