



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

May 19, 2010

Thanks to **Fran Black** for taking the notes for this newsletter!

Today's speaker was Tom Lonngberg, curator at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and



Science. In the 1870s, the Ladies Literary Club at Willard Library was responsible for starting a museum in the city. These ladies bought artifacts from various exhibitors at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis and brought them back to Evansville. The first museum, located at Sunset Park, opened in 1906 with these artifacts. In 1910 this building was demolished due to safety reasons and the museum was temporarily "on hold." It reopened in 1928 in a building on 2nd St. Two years later a fundraising campaign was started for construction of a new permanent facility. The first event in this campaign was a piano concert by Rosanna McGuinness (later Enlow). The campaign lasted 29 years, raising \$750,000 in small increments, with the largest donation from the Kresge Foundation of \$25,000. Finally, in 1959, the current facility was built. It had no elevator to the second floor for 10 years due to cost. In 1985 a gallery was added, funded by Old National Bank. In 1997 another new gallery was added, this one funded by Crescent Plastics. In 1999, EMTRAC (Evansville Museum



Transportation Center) opened nearby, funded by the Evansville Better Business Bureau. The museum has a major capital campaign underway entitled "Reaching for the Stars." Its public campaign aims to raise \$17.5 million; \$13 million has already been raised. Projects to be funded by this campaign include a new entrance facing the river, a 2½ story glass atrium lobby, a 360° immersive theater/planetarium, a new museum shop, a new history and science area, 2 new classrooms, and a Home Front Interpretative Center focusing on the years following 1920. An old gallery has been recently renovated—Charlotte Richardt Memorial Room. The museum has many wonderful displays, including :

- Great War (WWI) in Evansville (James Gresham was the first U.S. casualty)
- Greatest Generation (those born in 1920s)
- Shaping of a Generation—1930s, including the 1937 flood
- Greatest Generation Answers The Call (WWII efforts in Evansville)—this exhibit includes information on building fighter plans at Whirlpool, building wings and shells at Serval, the Hoosier Cardinal Corp., also in-

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volved in planes, Chrysler, where 98% of the .45 caliber bullets used in war were made; Chrysler also refurbished tanks, Anchor Industries' tents for military, the LST shipyard, where 19,000 workers labored, Women and Minorities like Rosie the Riveter, social services like the American Red Cross (1.6 million free meals served to soldiers), the USO facility at the old train station, rationing of food, nylons, scrap metals, etc., and local stories such as soldiers staying at Trinity United Methodist Church, the entertainment venues of Club Trocadero and Blue Bar, and housing like Fulton Square which was built by the government. Donations, both of time and money, are always welcome at the museum—call for more details about how you can contribute.



The Baseball/Softball Mental Attitude awards will be presented 5/26. Breakfast (starting at 7:00) will be catered by Black Buggy and is \$8/person.

The following slate of officers was presented and approved for 2010/2011:

- President – **Rocky Sheneman**
- President-elect – **John Worthington**
- Vice-President – **Hunter Slade**
- Secretary – **Amy Heacock**
- Treasurer – TBA

New members will be inducted on June 9, with orientation also held that day.

Jack Arney announced a Feed the Hungry project sponsored by Crossroads, July 7-10. Its purpose is to provide 1/2 million meals for Haitian children. The GRK board approved GRK participation on Saturday, July 10. We'll have 2 units of 20 people each work for 2 hours that day – and yes, points will be awarded (5 points for 2-hr shift). **Jack** will have sign-up sheet next week. Anyone who cannot work that day or prefers another time can sign up individually for other days – sign up online at www.ccregistration.com. **Jack** will sign up the 40 people who volunteer for the Saturday shifts. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.**



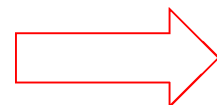
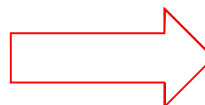
Jack Arney (one busy guy!!) is also going on a mission trip to Kenya and has Board permission to have a milk jug for donations to send African kids to Young Life camps this summer (in Africa). **Chuck Young** announced that 2 GRKiwanians have offered a \$500 challenge – they will match with \$500 if the club raises \$500 (total of \$500).



Reminder for those who have provided names for the upcoming golf outing at Cambridge (to benefit Riley's research on juvenile diabetes) to please call them as a follow up to the letter sent recently.



BUG program
Thursday, 5/27
Lodge
9a.m.



Randy Conner reminded members to sign up to help with the blitz (June 7-10) for building a new club in the Weinbach-Washington-Hwy. 41 area. There are currently 6 elementary schools in that area that are not being served by Kiwanis clubs.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Wayne Parke:**

Politicians are like diapers – they should be changed often and for the same reason!

