



# 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

June 2, 2010

Today's guests were Susan Selby and Dennis Dahm.

This morning's speaker was Candace Perry, executive director of the Albion Fellows Bacon



Center. Incorporated in 1981, the center began in a dilapidated old house on Grand Ave., but quickly outgrew that facility. In 1990 it moved into a new facility specifically built to house domestic and sexual violence victims. Its mission is "to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our communities through advocacy, education, support services and collaborative partnerships." Its name honors Albion Fellows Bacon (1865-1933), an Evansville woman from an affluent family who saw people living in tents and poverty and sickness and felt moved to reform. She worked to draft legislation (this at a time when women couldn't even vote!) and also worked through the YWCA. Her sister, Annie Fellows Bacon, is the author of the Little Colonel series. From the AFBC website: "Domestic violence has become the leading cause of major injury among women in the United States. Every 9 seconds a woman is battered, and every hour 23 women are raped. Fifty percent of all homeless women and children in this country are fleeing domestic violence. These are stag-

gering statistics which go on and on. It is essential that community groups, law enforcement and citizens work together to stop the violence. Domestic violence isn't just a women's issue—it's a major health problem which affects all of us." AFBC has two 24-hour crisis hotlines. It serves victims in 11 counties, although any victim is welcome there. It pays for transportation to the center if needed. Residents receive hospitality bags (as do any children) containing daily toiletries. Food, clothing, etc. is also provided when necessary—many victims leave with absolutely nothing, often on a moment's notice. Caseworkers, legal advocates, and child advocates are available to work with a victim and accompany her every step of the way. AFBC will meet victims elsewhere (not at home, but at a neutral location) and help them connect with local resources. Because it's not unusual for women to return to an abusive relationship 8-10 times on average, children are taught how to survive and stay safe. AFBC also serves as first responders to the emergency room when a victim arrives there (they also will go to Holly's House if called); regular staff members go during normal working hours, but the after hours responders are all

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volunteers. A victim can stay at AFBC for 45 days, but the average stay is 3 weeks. Some statistics from their 2009 annual report:

“6,995 nights of safe shelter were provided to 359 women and 206 children (319 unduplicated).

The Outreach Program assisted 493 adults and 12 children throughout our eleven-county service area.

The Legal Advocacy Program provided services to 447 residents of Vanderburgh County.

Sexual assault services were rendered to 568 primary and secondary victims of sexual abuse.

The Peer Advocacy Program reached 467 individuals in Vanderburgh County.

Calls to our two 24-hour crisis lines totaled 4,365; requests for shelter totaled 821.

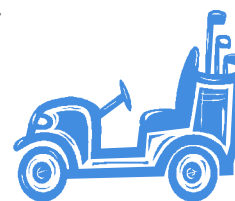
13,866 students received valuable information on dating, domestic and sexual violence.

5,540 individuals received community education concerning services provided by our Center and domestic/sexual violence overview.”



Riley Hospital is one of 13 in the country doing juvenile diabetes research. It gets about 100 new juvenile diabetes patients each year. As hard as it can be for adults to control their diabetes, just imagine how much more difficult it is for children. Many GRKiwanians have been touched by diabetes, for which there is no cure. GRK’s 1st annual golf outing for Riley Children’s Foundation diabetes research will take place on Friday, June 11 at Cam-

bridge Golf Club. Registration starts at 10:30, followed by lunch at 11:00 and a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$80/



player, or \$320 for a four-some. You can sponsor a hole for \$125; a corporate sponsorship runs \$600. For more information, or to recommend someone to receive an invitation, contact **Rob Kerney** at 812-909-2155, **Bill Brackett** at 812-477-1907, or **Ken Shoup** at shouper2@insightbb.com. **Please do all you can to recruit teams ASAP—they need at least 18 teams to not have to cancel, and there are only 8 signed up. This is a very worthy cause, and it would be a shame for it not to go forward.**



Last BUG program of the year  
Lincoln  
June 9  
1:00

**Jack Arney** reminded us about the Feed My Starving Children 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](http://www.ccregistration.com). **Jack** will sign up the 40 people who volunteer for the Saturday shifts. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.**



Orientation for new GRKiwanians will be held next week, June 9.

**Randy Conner** announced that the blitz 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.) **has been postponed until June 14-17. If you signed up, you will automatically be moved back to a week later—if this does not work for you, please contact Randy.**

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**Gene VanStone** wanted me to make this announcement: some 10-12 volunteers are needed to help out with the Dream Center's Family Fun Night on June 11, from 5-8 p.m. You will NOT need to prepare a meal, but you may be involved in helping to serve hot dogs, etc. and to help with games. Give him a call if you can help.

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Thoughts (???) of the week, courtesy of **Thornton Patberg**:

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

Why are hemorrhoids called hemorrhoids instead of asteroids?



A June full of *hot* speakers, courtesy of **Kathy Schroeder**:

6/9: Suzanne Draper/CASA

6/16: **Jim Brenneman** and Larry Kaplan/Purdue Extension

6/23: Rich Smith/SCORE

6/30: Dr. Drew Somerville, ophthalmologist and inventor of a new surgical procedure

