



# 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 9, 2010

Today's guest was Gail Riecken.

Our speaker this morning was our own **Suzanne Draper**, executive director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA is a non-profit agency that recruits and trains volunteers to be voices for children in court, to advocate for the best interests of the child exclusively. CASA was begun by a Seattle juvenile court judge in 1977 with less than 100 volunteers. There currently are 69,000 CASA volunteers across the country, with 119 in Vanderburgh County. The need is growing—it's 80% higher this year so far. Last year there were 490 total filings; this year there were 100 new filings in April alone. Some 90% of the cases are substance-abuse related. New volunteers are always needed—there are 420 kids on the waiting list! CASA aims to keep kids with their parents IF they are going to be safe. Parenting skills are taught, and they also focus on education. If at all possible, it's best to keep a child in his/her home school. They recently signed up some 50 kids for the 21st Century Scholars program. A child prom-



ises to remain drug and alcohol free and out of juvenile delinquency, and in return a college education is provided. In addition to some state funding, CASA operates on donations and grants and is a United Way agency.

Thanks to all those who pitched in at the last minute, it looks like this Friday's golf outing to benefit juvenile diabetes research at Riley Children's Hospital will be successful. Last week at this time there were only 8 players, and now they have 80!



The next GRK-out-to-eat-and-greet will be June 24 at 6:00 at Firefly Southern Grill, 6636 Logan Drive, Evansville, IN 47715

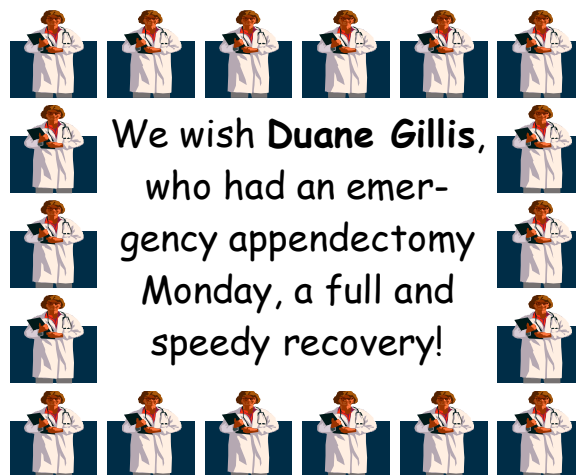


We received a thank you from the Evansville Fire Department for our donation of \$500 to purchase medical equipment.

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**Jack Arney** reminded us of the Feed My Starving Children project sponsored by Crossroads, July 7-10. Its purpose is to provide ½ 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). 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.** The 9:00 shift on Saturday is full, but volunteers are still needed for the 2:00 shift that day.



We wish **Duane Gillis**, who had an emergency appendectomy Monday, a full and speedy recovery!

**Jack Arney** is also collecting donations for sending African children to Young Life Camp. It only costs \$30/week to send a child! **Jack** is soon headed off to Kenya and Tanzania, and to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro.



**Randy Conner** reminded us 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.) is next week, June 14-17.

A warm GRK welcome goes to our newest members, **Gene Vanstone**, **Cheryl Musgrave**, and **Marcia Stearns**.

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 **Gene Vanstone** a call if you can help.



Team point standings, as of the end of April: **Bockelman** (901), **Fisher** (768), **Inman** (629), **Jochum** (540), **Schroeder** (755), **Slade/Byers** (639), **Worthington** (983), **Ziemer/Oates** (710).

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Mona Meyer**:

Success depends upon your backbone, not your wishbone.

