



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 23, 2010

Today's speakers were **Rich Smith** and Tom Koetting with SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business.



The non-profit SCORE started 45 years ago, is a resource partner with the Small Business Administration, and relies solely on volunteers. There are 364 chapters nationwide, with 12,400 counselors. Small businesses create jobs and fuel growth. There are some 30 million small jobs nationwide, and 99.7% of employers are small businesses. Two out of every three jobs come from small businesses. Each year, some 625,000 new small businesses are begun. The definition of "small" varies according to industry, but is based on the number of workers and the amount of revenue. Unfortunately, 70% of small businesses fail within the first 5 years, usually due to a lack of adequate planning and sound advice. Interestingly, 40% of these failures are actually profitable, but the owners don't know how to handle cash flow. Small businesses are 5 times more likely to succeed if they take advantage of good advice from a source like SCORE.

SCORE's website, www.score.org, is a great resource for online help. It will also help you get in touch with a local office, like the one here in Evansville, which has its own website, www.scoreevansville.com. Our local chapter chartered in June 1972 and has 24 volunteers from a diverse group of professional/



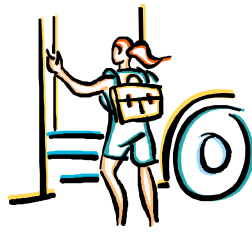
occupational disciplines. This past year it served 133 new clients with 275 counseling sessions, 380 client contact hours/1500 SCORE volunteers hours (many times more than one counselor is utilized), and presented 27 workshops. One of these workshops was for Whirlpool employees, and another for ITT students. There is no cost for SCORE services, and all consultations are confidential. SCORE counselors are not permitted to benefit financially from the advice they provide. SCORE is always looking for new clients, volunteers, and financial sponsors. It receives very little money from SBA. The local affiliate is located at 318 Main St. (Innovation Pointe), Suite 223, and can be reached either via the website given earlier, or at 812-426-6144.



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Sylvia Devault says that it's already time to think about the Back to School party for Central UMC's Power Group. The date will be July 27, from 4-6 pm at Central UMC.



Sylvia will announce the shopping date soon, and already has the backpacks. The Lady Aces will be in attendance to help with the games. For new GRKiwanians, Central United Methodist Church is located on Mary St., near Deaconess Hospital, a somewhat economically challenged neighborhood. The Power Group provides tutoring and other activities for area kids. GRK helps by providing back to school supplies and also has a Santa breakfast, complete with personally selected, wrapped gifts. Shopping for schools supplies is a VERY quick and efficient experience—supplies are purchased and distributed in the individual backpacks in usually about an hour!

Distributing this newsletter via e-mail is the most efficient way to get it to you. Please check to see that we have the most current one on file for you, and if you have made a change, please let **Fran Black** and/or **Chuck Young** know. They will pass these along to publisher **Bob Naas**.



Several months ago we had a speaker from Soldiers' Angels, a non-profit group with the goal, "May No Soldier Go Unloved." Military personnel are supported via letters, packages, etc. There was a lot of interest from GRK, and **Don Johnson** was asked to look into this. Since volunteers are asked to make a commitment to individual soldiers, this is not something we can really do as a group or even as teams. **Don**, however, has signed up and sent his first letter to his soldier. He asked to be told what sorts of things the soldiers and his fellow fighters



need, so we can work through **Don** to contribute in this fashion.

A warm GRK welcome goes to **Dennis Daum**, our newest GRKiwanian!



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

Those who do things that count never stop to count them.



