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Program: Diane Moller, Hoo's Woods – Raptor Rehabilitation

In the 12 plus years that this editor has been in the club, there have been some great programs over the years. Today's program was probably the finest. **Diane Moller** of Hoo's Woods spoke to us today. Hoo's Woods is her facility where she rehabilitates birds of prey, or raptors, such as falcons, vultures, eagles, and hawks who have been shot, electrocuted, caught in soccer nets, or are just plain sick. She is licensed by the federal government to rehabilitate birds and educate the public about birds of prey in the wild. She takes in about 100 birds a year, and is able to release 30 to 40 of them back into the wild. Some birds die, some have to be euthanized, and some can't be released due to their situations. We were fortunate to meet three of these birds today.



-Faith, a Red Tailed Hawk, was rescued from someone's garage where somebody was keeping her as a pet. She had "imprinted", meaning since she was taken so young she only knew humans and thinks she is one. This is why she can't be

released, she wouldn't survive.



-Maggie, a peregrine falcon. They are the worlds fastest animals. In the 1920's there were 10,000 pair, in the 1960's thanks to DDT, there were only 300 pair left. They have made somewhat of a comeback but DDT is still manufactured here and shipped to third world countries, so they continue to be endangered.

-PJ, a barn owl. There are no more nesting pair of barn owls in Wisconsin, the last pair lived in 1985. Their habitat is gone, they need more grassland to thrive on rodents, rabbits, etc. Diane's facility relies only on donations and money paid for her education programs. It costs about \$35,000 to run her place. She raises rats, mice and other rodents to keep the birds fed, it cost's about \$3 a day to feed one of her birds. She also has some prints for sale of her birds taken by Dr. Servantes, a local veterinarian who helps her with the birds. You can check out her web site by going to Hooswoods.org. She is a 501c3 non profit. Donations are gladly accepted.

Guests:

1. Major Trish Taube of the Salvation Army, who has submitted an application for membership!
2. Also back with us was Ben Coopman, a former Kiwanian in another town whom we would love to have sign up with us.
3. Betsy Diers from Parker and Matt Riley from Craig were with us today, as well as Cory McCool, Tommy Mills, Alicia Bocherdt, Rachael McCann, Stephen Sedwick, Carrlena Boldt and Nathan Burt of the Parker Key Club
4. Wife Lisa and Daughter Casey Goswick, guess of Zach Goswick
5. Nancy Verhoven brought her granddaughter



Ace of Hearts Drawing:

Dave Green drew the 9 of diamonds, so over the pot rolls over!! Pot now stands at \$490.00 with 30 cards left in the deck.

Announcements:

1. **MEALS ON WHEELS:** We need help during the week of January 31: we need one driver on Monday and Wednesday and two drivers on Friday Feb 4. Please call Dave Calverly or let him know at next weeks meeting if you can do any of these days for this all important fundraiser.

2. **Bloodmobile:** At St. John's Lutheran, Mon-Wed 1/24-26. Your blood is especially needed at this time of year.
3. **Truck on Ice Fundraiser:** for Golden K, if you could help sell tickets get some from Eric Scherdell, who is going to be kind of busy for the next few months.
4. **PANCAKE DAY:** Kickoff is next Thursday January 27. This is for our 50th annual Pancake Day, scheduled for April 16 at Craig High School. We need all of you to do your part for this great important fundraiser.



Happy Dollars:

1. Dave Wiman was happy to announce that we have sponsored a new club—the K-kids club of Roosevelt School. Dave has agreed to serve as the club advisor

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 1/27 – New Induction & Pancake Day Kickoff
- 2/3 – Julie Garvin, Catholic Schools
- 2/10 – Neil Mahan, Janesville Police Department
- 2/17 – Brian Heibing, Counterfiting
- 2/24 – Past Presidents Day
- 3/3 – Kate Baldwin, Prevention

Thank you to Jim Damrow for taking meeting notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.

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