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Students of the Month:

Allie Eckert, from Craig, John Terrill – from Craig, Aaron Santas from Parker.

Guests:

Dorthy Blum, Community Service Associate from Old Country Buffet attended as President Dave's guest. "The Buffet" may assist our club by offering meal deals to our Terrific Kid recipients.

Announcements:

There will be a Capital Region Election Day being held in Reedsburg, WI on Saturday, March 31st from 9-3

Chris Isackson – Bloodmobile @ Bethel Baptist, April 2 - 4

Aktion Club treasurer, Judi Luepnitz announced their first club project—collecting items for military personnel in the Middle East. There are four collection sites around the city for drop-off. Packages will be wrapped on April 7 for shipment soon thereafter. There was a media splash about this new club and their first service project in Sunday's Janesville Gazette. Some Kiwanians to help the Aktion club members wrap the packages would be appreciated.

Lisa Zimmerman, K-Kids advisor at Van Buren School, requested assistance by adult helpers for student members to sell 25 cent raffle tickets from 2:30 to 3:15 on April 20th at the school. First prize is to "shadow" Principal Nevins on April 24th.

Jim Damrow reported on the success of last weekend's 52nd Annual Pancake Breakfast. We served approximately 1,600 people, which is down almost 400 from previous years. Nearly 1,000 of those were "walk-up" sales. As a result, even though the total gate was down, the net proceeds are expected to be about average and will meet budget expectations.

Jack Damrow missed his only second time in all those 52 years! Get better Jack.

Pres. Dave – April 26th – Charter Meeting for Aktion Club. WI-UM Governor Mike Fitzpatrick will be attending. It would be nice to have a good turnout of our members to honor our newest sponsored club.

Ace of Hearts Drawing:

Jim Holmstrom won the drawing, and gave the Club a start—drawing an ACE, of Spades!

Happy Dollars:

Kevin O'Leary was glad we didn't have to sing any more "Harry Belafonte Type Songs" as we

Thanks to Ben Coopman for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.

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break into the March Madness Season of NCAA college basketball tournaments. (We sang "On Wisconsin")

Don Chapin was happy our "well-oiled machine" provided another successful pancake breakfast, in spite of his miserably received green pancakes. Hey Don, you tried to have some fun too.

Dave Fleig was apologetic that he missed the Pancake Day, but was pleased to learn that he'd been more than adequately replaced by two, nine year olds! His replacements later learned the "fine art" of pancake sculpture as well.

Program:

Harvey Miller introduced Andrew Cohn and Ms. Ryann Petit-Frere of the Wisconsin Edge Initiative, sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF).



The initiative is focused on developing biotechnology and human embryonic stem cell research. The advantages of the project are 1. It has a huge potential to improve the human condition; 2. It will be a major factor in the global economy and 3. It will be major in assuring Wisconsin's economic wellbeing. WARF started in 1925, as Dr. Harry Steenbock invented a substance to combat a very prevalent malady of the time, Ricketts. As a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin, he could have patented the substance and pocketed the proceeds. Instead, he chose to create a foundation which has developed thousands of products thereafter. Since that time, the Foundation has raised \$850 million dollars for the University, without any other state tax funding.

WiCell was founded in 1999 and is home to the National Stem Cell Bank. The Bank has over 21 strains of stem cells in storage. They can be accessed by any valid researcher in the world. Dr. James Thompson, on the faculty at UW, isolated stem cells in embryos and started the whole research phenomena in the world. Over 400,000 embryos are in storage at the Bank. The vast majority of these cells come by donation from people with an interest in the field. The Bank trains researchers from around the world.

Embryonic Stem Cells are preferable to Adult Stem Cells because they are not differentiated and can become any type of tissue in the body. Adult Stem Cells are predominately used with bone marrow to fight forms of cancer. Embryonic cells can be developed to find treatment drug targets, do toxicity testing, permit cell transplantation, study cell differentiation and for the prevention and treatment of birth defects.