



# Janesville Kiwanis Club

HOME CLUB – DIVISION 3 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, TOM WALLER July 12, 2007, Vol. XXV, No.41

## Beloit Snappers Baseball

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#### **HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES**

##### **DALE HALVERSON**

**Opening:** President Dave Wimann presided over the meeting. Opening song was My Country 'tis of Thee.

### **Invocation:**

By Chris Isackson.

### **Guests:** none

### **Students of the month:** none.

### **Key Club Attendees:** none.

### **Announcements:** none.

**Reports:** Last week's Round Table meeting on July 5 included five club members.

**50-50 Raffle:** Merlin Kanter won the drawing, and drew a queen of clubs. There is about \$475 in the pot.

**Happy Dollars:** George Mark was happy that meeting attendance today was 180% of last week's. Andy Frelich was happy how his travel to the Kiwanis International Convention went and how much he learned there. He did have his share of Homeland Security issues, but nothing that his travel agent, Dave Fleig, couldn't help out with.

**Program:** President Dave led us in a rendition of Take Me Out To The Ballpark, to set the stage for our presenter, Dennis Conerton, Board President of the Beloit Snappers.

Dennis reported that there are 32 games left in the team's season. The Snappers won the first half championship. He encouraged us to come out and see a game.

The team's bid to find a new stadium near interstate 39/90 was defeated in

December of 2006 as part of a package for a land swap by several area investors with Rock County. The team owners were quite disappointed.

William Watson, one of these investors is no longer involved in finding the Snappers a new home, but Ken Hendricks still is. The Beloit team is the last of the fourteen teams in the Midwest League left to update their existing or build a new stadium.

The Beloit franchise was started in 1981 when 24 investors bought the rights for \$2,000 each. The team is in the Class A (low) farm system of Major League Baseball. Initially, franchises cost \$5,000, but the last one sold went for \$6.2 million in 2006. "Minor League Baseball" is trademarked, and is a subsidiary of Major League Baseball.

The Snappers are affiliated with the Minnesota Twins. The Twins pay all the coach's and player's salaries and the franchise owners run the park. Snappie, the club mascot, is one of the most popular in the league, and generates much interest in branded merchandise in the fan store. Fifty-two percent of the Snapper game's attendees are from either Janesville or Beloit. The remainder of their fans are from elsewhere in the county or nearby.

Conerton shared information on the other thirteen teams in the league and their stadium renovations or construction projects. Most teams did extensive new construction projects. The fear is that if the Beloit franchise does not update, it will lose its affiliation with Major League Baseball and go out of existence.

**Closing:** President Dave rang the bell.

Thanks to Ben Coopman for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email [editor@janesvillekiwanis.org](mailto:editor@janesvillekiwanis.org).

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