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OCTOBER 23, 2007 MEETING
Tami Woods, Presiding

Announcements: Kathy Olson reminded there will be a New Members Orientation Halloween Day at the daylight witching hour (noon), at the Radisson. Gib reported on Peanut Days that we still have 80 cases of 50 count boxes left to sell. We have sold over \$8200 and netted over \$5000 so far.

Raffle: Cedric was the lucky winner today with \$13's.

Recognition: Birthdays were Dan Smith. Kiwanis Anniversary were Mary Jo Werner. Dick Mial had an article in the La Crosse Tribune, Dan Wettstein was listed in the program for Take an Eagle to lunch, which he was a silver eagle himself. Bill Newburg's family store was in the remembrance's section of the Tribune from 1937. Hy Kaplan, Howard Thiel, Mike Gates, & Mary Jo Werner were all listed in recognition at Voter University. Brian Harris caught his 1st musky, 30 inches long. Joan Pickett thanked Jack Bohlig and Ken Gaustad for their contribution of pop tabs. Tim Jacobson's dollar was for being in the paper for a land purchase in Grant County. Kathy Olson was glad to be back from vacation (program coming later), new member Mike Gates, Symphony Coupons. Jim Ruppert's family grew by 3 more new members. His son has married and he is adopting her sons, so that means that the Ruppert's will need 4 tables for Santa, with 15 grand kids now instead of 13. Mary Jo Werner is on the UW-L website as a delegation for the inauguration of Chancellor Joe Dow. Mike Gate's son was in the paper for the football team, his grand kids, and being an new member. Jeanne Van Galder only had fifty cents for the great time she had at the symphony and Mary Jo gave her another fifty cents for talking about her RV trips. Howard Thiel had several dollars for his wife being home from China and his granddaughter getting 2 silver medals for her races, and a sad dollar for his son, who is close to the recent fire outbreak. He could see it from his office window. Bill Newburg's dad went back to Florida and everything is good down there. Tami Woods had a happy email from Dan Wettstein, that made her laugh out loud, even if it was at her expense. Jeanne Van Galder inducted new members Ryan Olson and Mike Gates. Let's make them feel welcome.

Program: Dan Smith introduced Kevin Johnston, Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse area. Kevin grew up in La Crosse and has come back home. The Boys and Girls club have seven sites in the coulee region, opening a new outreach center in Holmen. Their goals are to provide a positive place for kids, and helping raise our future leaders of tomorrow. We've been invited to visit the clubs after school to see what they're doing for the kids of the area. They had about 420 kids out for tackle football for grades 3-6. They have the kids do several different activities on a daily basis, not just letting the kids run around. The club is attempting to getting back out in the community with tutors, teachers and creating new partnerships within the communities. Viterbo and The Boys and Girls clubs are working closer together with the new Mathy center.

OCTOBER 30, 2007 MEETING

Tami Woods, Presiding

The meeting began with a memorial song for Sharon Green played by Abbie Gerzema as the members had a moment of personal prayer. Sharon had not been feeling well for a couple of days and was scheduled to see the doctor. She fell in her kitchen, striking her head. She was rushed to the hospital but did not respond to treatment. Tami will keep members informed about arrangements,

Guest: Nancy Olson introduced Chad Miller from Kelly Services.

New Member: Chuck Gustafson submitted a membership application for Dr. Neil Brown.

Announcements: The club received a thank you from the La Crosse Tribune for sponsoring the Newspapers In Education series about bullying. Jim Ruppert updated the club on the Library chair project. They are in La Crosse and should be delivered within the week. Our Peanut sale has netted about \$6,000 so far. There are still a few boxes left so keep selling. Zach Brown is working on a Public Service Announcement about Kiwanis to be broadcast on WXOW-TV.

Raffle Winner: Our trusty ticket seller, Walt Leifeld, sold the winner to himself today.

Recognition: Deb Mirasola was the only member to get any older this week. Kiwanis anniversaries were celebrated for Dave Curtis, 32 years and Jeanne Van Galder, 13 years. Abbie Gerzema paid a dollar for her mention in the Tribune article about her mom. Deb Mirasola had to get up again for the record of her son's football statistics in the Tribune. Kent Johnson had a couple bucks for his daughter selling lemonade for a fundraiser, doing a presentation at Viterbo and converting from a Viking/Bronco fan to a Brett Farve fan. Tim Jacobson will be at Viterbo with Kent for the presentation about their trip to Israel. The Community Theater program mentioned Bill Newburg and Abbie as donors. Abbie continued giving, \$10.00 for the La Crosse Symphony program with numerous mentions and one dollar for her daughter, Camille, being picked for a select choir. Geva Thole was listed in the Girls Scout Newsletter. Dan Wettstein's parents are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Chuck Gustafson is glad to be back after a week in New York City. Mike Temp is happy for the Packer victory. Joan Pickett is still excited by the dramatic finish to last night's game. Rochelle Nicks husband has a new job at Dahl Ford and she will be working part time to spend more time with her son, Oliver. Mike Gates found out that everyone at their lunch table was connected. Tami Woods had a sad dollar as she went to bed early last night and missed the big finish of the game.

Program: Dan Smith introduced the club's own Geva Thole. Geva is the District Field Executive for the Riverland Girl Scouts. She is responsible for recruiting girls and volunteers for the Council. She does the training of volunteers as well. Girl Scouts is now about creating leaders for our community. Leadership skills are built through setting and meeting goals. The girls undertake projects to help their communities. They ultimate award is the Gold Award, equal to Eagle Scout. The Riverland Council has about 3,000 girls from 75 communities. They run programs that are open to all girls to learn about careers and hobbies. They have scholarships available so no girl is turned away. Some ways to help the Girl Scouts are to buy cookies, for ones self or to be sent to troops overseas, serve as a volunteer as troop leader or other capacity and contributions are always welcome. The Girl Scouts are reorganizing on a national level and La Crosse will probably become part of the Madison area with a reduction in local staffing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Oct. 30	Geva Thole, Riverland Girl Scout Council
Nov. 6	Jack Haase, La Crosse Dive Rescue Team
Nov. 13	Tami Woods, Club Day
Nov. 20	WXOW-TV, speaker to be announced, Talking about HDTV

The Kiwanis defining statement is: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."