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FOX VALLEY CHAPTER OF WECA

18TH ANNUAL SUPER SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 - KIMBERLY MUNICIPAL CENTER

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# 2019 SUPER SATURDAY CONFERENCE

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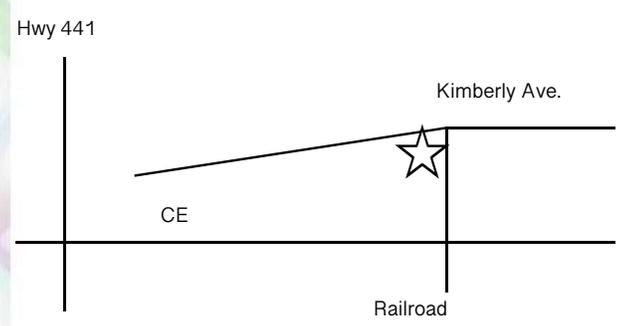
### STANDARD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 7:45-8:00 Check-In
- 8:00-9:00 Keynote Presentation
- 9:00-9:15 Break
- 9:15-10:30 Breakout Sessions
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Breakout Session
- 12:00 Standard Conference Ends

### EXTENDED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 12:00-12:45 Lunch & Roundtables
- 12:45-2:00 Nature Make & Take
- 2:00 Extended Conference Ends

### LOCATION



Conference Location:  
**Kimberly Municipal Complex**  
**Entrance 3A**  
**515 W. Kimberly Ave**  
**Kimberly, WI 54136**

### THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Presenters who willingly donate their time and talents.

Thank you to the officers and members of Fox Valley Chapter and WECA for continued support.

Thank you to this year's Conference Committee members & helpers, without whom this conference would not be possible: Amy Nogar, Michelle Brown, Gina Heling, Lora Meverdan, & Joan Roy.

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## About the Fox Valley Chapter of WECA

The Fox Valley Chapter of WECA (FVCW) is a local chapter of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA), a state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our goal is to promote higher standards of quality in childhood care and education programs through professional development opportunities and mutual support. Membership is available through NAEYC/WECA, and provides many benefits including a reduced rate at the Super Saturday Conference. If you're not a member please consider joining; we'd love to get to know you!

## Breaks

We understand that most early childhood professionals aren't accustomed to sitting for long periods of time. Feel free to get up and stretch your legs, get a drink, use the bathroom, or take a call as needed. Out of respect for the presenter and other participants please avoid causing a distraction when doing so.

## Children at the Conference

While we all love children, most conference participants look forward to spending this time with other adults. Children are not allowed at the conference, with the exception of nursing infants.

## Evaluations

We really appreciate your feedback! Please be sure to complete individual workshop evaluations after each session you attend, and the overall Conference Evaluation before you leave. All comments are taken into consideration and help us improve the conference each year.

## Photograph Disclaimer

By registering for the Fox Valley Chapter Super Saturday Conference you are agreeing that FVCW may take photos during the conference and use them, with or without your name, for any lawful purpose, including the FVCW website, Facebook page, newsletter, etc.

## Registration Table

Pick up your registration folder and name tag at the Registration table when you arrive. Your name tag lists your workshop and lunch choices; due to room size please attend the sessions listed on your name tag. Throughout the day the Registration table will be available for Lost and Found items, extra Registry certificates, and to turn in Evaluations.

## Registry Certificate

Continuing education credit is given for the keynote, all workshops, and the lunchtime roundtable discussion. Attendance will be entered into the Registry for you, and you will receive a certificate of attendance for your personal records. If you misplace or don't receive a certificate you can get one from a Conference Committee member at the Registration table.

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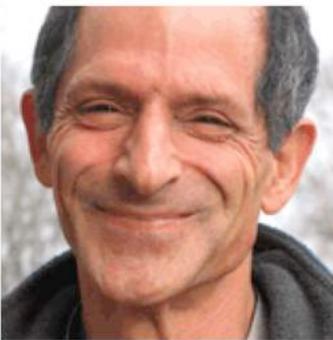
# KEYNOTE

## A. Using Humor with Children: Everyone's a Winner!

Dr. Bob Kann

Humor is a dynamic tool underutilized by early childhood educators. Humor can be used to build community, promote positive behaviors, cement relationships, reduce stress, defuse tensions, establish vibrant learning environments, and feel good. In this engaging presentation Dr. Bob Kann shares some of the techniques of humor and strategies for developing a healthy comic mind-set. Any twenty-year-old with thirty years of experience working in child care will benefit from this session.

## ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Bob Kann grew up in Skokie, Illinois, but it happened so long ago that he remembers nothing of the event.

As a child, he loved sports above all else and could perform a standing back flip by the age of nine. His mother worried that reading nothing but sports books would stunt Bob's intellectual growth, but his older brother assured her that he would eventually read books on other topics (he did). Little did any of them know that he also would write several books including a book about a baseball player and another

about an athlete who competed in several sports. Listening to his father's tales about growing up during the Depression, driving at the age of twelve to make deliveries for his father's store, and other stories of the south side of Chicago planted the seeds for Bob's later passion for storytelling.

Bob attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, became a teacher, received his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and later a Professor of Education at UW-Parkside and UW-Stevens Point. Shortly after becoming a professor, Bob realized that he liked making his students laugh more than he liked teaching them. He also recognized that what he wanted to next undertake was the challenge of simultaneously entertaining children and adults since this seemed limitlessly interesting and creative.

In 1982, Bob became a storyteller, juggler, and magician who began performing for children and families throughout the United States. In 1985, he realized that being a former teacher/professor turned entertainer, he had unique insights into the relationship between entertainment and education. Hence, he began teaching graduate classes and presenting keynotes and workshops for educators and nonprofit organizations on topics related to humor, storytelling, creativity, and motivation.

As a free-lancer for more than thirty years, Bob has developed many interests which have led him to produce storytelling tapes and write books for children, design curriculums for teachers, collect and write historical stories for nonprofit organizations, and apply his research skills as a consultant for social service agencies.

Bob believes it's easier to climb the ladder of success when it's lying flat on the ground. He usually can be found reading his favorite book on levitation. He simply can't put it down.

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# BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

## A. Great Teaching Ideas

*Dr. Bob Kann*

You can never have too many good teaching ideas and in this session, Dr. Bob Kann shares some of the best ideas he's gleaned from forty years of teaching, training teachers, and giving performances as a professional entertainer. Participants acquire techniques for addressing the most formidable challenges they face in the classroom, analyze their own energy levels and ways to become more energetic teachers, examine their classrooms and identify opportunities for making them more exciting learning environments, and develop strategies for using dynamic activities to energize their children. The techniques presented include creative problem-solving techniques, the power of "the element of surprise," magic, storytelling, and much more.

## B. WMELS and Our Natural World

*Angela Stoddard - Instructor, UW Milwaukee*

Children love to be outside. They love to play with sticks and rocks and boxes. How can teachers intentionally plan using natural materials to support each child's individual growth and development, even in an urban setting? Asphalt and gravel? No worries! Together we'll find ways to weave nature into your daily curriculum, both indoors and out. We'll link natural materials to support growth in each WMELS domain. Focus is primarily for teachers of older toddlers and preschool, and who are familiar with the 5 WMELS domains.

## C. Nutrition Habits in Children: Teachers as Role Models

*Renee Tangwall - Child Care & School Age Coordinator, Heart of the Valley YMCA*

How can early childhood professionals be positive role models for children in order to promote good nutrition and healthy food choices? This session provides information on ways to encourage good nutrition in children and to increase their consumption of healthy foods through interactions, activities and role modeling.

## D. Infant/Toddler Track - Relationships: More than Attachment

*Lora Meverdan - Internal Pyramid Model Coach & Infant/Toddler Teacher*

Join us as we explore the web of interrelated relationships that build a foundation for infants and toddlers. These relationships are key to establishing confident, curious learners. This workshop is geared toward those who work with infants & toddlers, but all are welcome.

## E. Infant/Toddler Track - Book Bonanza

*Jennifer Zachek - Early Childhood Specialist, Appleton Area School District*

This dynamic workshop will help you learn how to utilize board books to foster language and vocabulary! Discover engaging finger plays and props to use along with the books, and learn how to create your own Big Book version of your favorite story or write your own! This workshop is geared toward those who work with infants & toddlers, but all are welcome.



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# EXTENDED CONFERENCE

## LUNCH & ROUNDTABLE SESSION

Extended Session attendees are invited to join us for a light lunch catered by Honeybaked Ham, included in the Extended Session cost!

Choose from three delicious sandwich options: Ham on Croissant, Turkey on Baker's Roll, or Mediterranean Veggie on Multigrain Bread, each complete with pickle, chips and cookie. Or enjoy a Chef Salad with cookie. Beverages will be available throughout the conference.

During lunch, engage in Roundtable Discussions focused on using everyday objects to promote play with children of all ages, and how childhood social emotional experiences affect our lives as adults. Enjoy delicious food, casual conversation, an exchange of ideas, and receive 30 minutes of continuing education too!

If you prefer, feel free to bring your own lunch and participate in the Roundtable Discussions, or explore the various dining options Kimberly provides. Please be sure to mark your choice on the Registration Form so we can plan accordingly.

# EXTENDED SESSION

## **Make & Take: From Playscape to Naturescape: Helping Transform Your Center Into A World of Science Discovery**

*Andrea Bierbrauer – Naturalist/Early Childhood Specialist, Heckrodt Wetland Preserve*  
This hands-on workshop will empower teachers with the background knowledge needed to introduce environmental education into their classrooms/programs. Together we'll explore sensory and science experiences, processed-based art, and simple outdoor activities that can be adapted for children of varying ages. Participants will have a chance to create correlating make and take activities that can be used in their programs. Through this workshop, we hope to make environmental education more exciting and accessible to all learning centers! All materials will be provided. Due to space constraints the number of participants in this workshop will be limited.

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Advance registrations only, **no** registrations will be accepted after **October 25**.

**Mail to:** Fox Valley Chapter of WECA, 1013 W. Oklahoma St., Appleton, WI, 54914

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First time attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Registry# \_\_\_\_\_ AND Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ & Last 5 Digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Registration confirmation will be sent via MailChimp.

## Conference Fees

Non Members	Before October 18	October 18 - October 25
Standard Conference	\$35.00	\$45.00
Extended Session	\$15.00	\$20.00
Checks payable to: <b>Fox Valley Chapter of WECA</b> Sorry, absolutely <u>no</u> refunds	Total \$ _____ Check # _____	Total \$ _____ Check # _____

WECA/FVCW Members*	Before October 18	October 18 - October 25
Standard Conference	\$25.00	\$35.00
Extended Session	\$15.00	\$20.00
Checks payable to: <b>Fox Valley Chapter of WECA</b> Sorry, absolutely <u>no</u> refunds	Total \$ _____ Check # _____	Total \$ _____ Check # _____

\*Member discount is valid if membership is current as of **October 1**. Attendees with expired membership will be asked to pay the additional amount at check in.

## Conference Workshops

<b>Standard Conference Breakout Sessions</b> Rank 1-5 in order of preference	#___ A Teaching Ideas	Infant/Toddler Track:
	#___ B Natural World	#___ D Relationships
	#___ C Nutrition Habits	#___ E Book Bonanza
<b>Extended Conference Lunch</b> Choose one option	___ Ham      ___ Veggie ___ Turkey    ___ Salad	___ I will bring my own lunch

If you have any questions, please email Amy Nogar: [AmyKidsCo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:AmyKidsCo@sbcglobal.net).

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