

## **Junior Achievement Needs Classroom Volunteers**

Our speaker on November 30<sup>th</sup> was Beth Tomscak, a Program Coordinator for Junior Achievement—a nationwide nonprofit focused on financial and workforce readiness skills development for youth. JA is in need of adult volunteers to visit local classrooms in the Greater Madison area.

JA has specific curriculum plans for volunteers, and volunteers are provided workbooks, presentation materials and other resources to present 5 to 7 45-minute lessons to school-aged kids from elementary through high school. Our fellow member, Superintendent Don Johnson, has made a commitment to make Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District a leader in connecting with the business community through JA.

Ms. Tomscak provides a short training session at a convenient place and time, and makes arrangements to pair you up with a classroom of your choosing among the various participating area teachers. The time commitment is only 5 to 7 45-minute sessions, which you schedule according to your schedule in consultation with your assigned classroom teacher, and you can renew your commitment annually, or even more frequently, or not at all. The most important facet of the program is bringing successful adults into classrooms to share their experiences of transitioning from being students to building careers and managing their own households and financial affairs.

A spreadsheet of available classes and an overview of the program are \_\_\_\_\_ . You can also contact Beth Tomscak, of Junior Achievement, directly, at the following email address: [btomscak@jawis.org](mailto:btomscak@jawis.org). Additional information about Junior Achievement is available on its website: <http://www.ja.org/>.