

Keillor entertains ...

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"We always thought that there was something creepy about a child who would want to dress up in something that represented goodness," Keillor said.

Keillor said he thought he'd figured out why clown costumes had never caught on in Lake Wobegon.

"I guess we felt clowns lacked dignity," Keillor said. "We were pretty much like that anyway. We saw no reason to exaggerate our own worse traits."

Keillor said Halloween pranks were much a part of tradition in his childhood.

"But, I know now that a person can come to re-examine their beliefs on capital punishment when removing wet toilet paper from a tall maple tree," Keillor said.

He shared tales of the "Detectives Club" that he belonged to as a youngster.

"Basically it was a bunch of 12 to 14-year-old boys who rode the bikes around town and spied on people," Keillor said.

Keillor said the Detective Club had discovered that some men who were civic leaders and the pillars of the community got together at a cluster of

fishing shacks and sang ribald songs and sometimes danced around a bonfire swilling liquor.

Keillor said the boys watched the men from up on a hill one night until they saw one of them going into an outdoor privy.

"We ran down through the weeds and we tipped it over on its door," Keillor said.

Before the evening was over, the boys had released the parking brakes on one of the men's cars which crashed down the hill towards the fishing shacks. Spooked by the previous shenanigans one man shot his own car.

At the conclusion of his performance Keillor introduced Clausing who brought her family out on stage.

Clausing said it was her connection with Menomonie personality, Dr. Dan Johnson, who is Keillor's cousin that helped make the fundraiser such a success.

Clausing said she refuses to take PAC money and that campaigning is very expensive.

At that point, Keillor pulled a checkbook from his pocket and gave Clausing a campaign donation. In return — she gave him her father's original Buttermilk Pancake recipe.