



# KIWANOGRAM

**Guests:** Stacy Newton, guest of Bonnie Hansen; Ron and Ruth Niendorf, guests of the speaker, Dr. Lubner.

**Program:** Today's program focused pancreatic cancer with presentations by Dr. Sam Lubner, an MD researching pancreatic cancer and Ron Niendorf, from the Pancreatic Cancer Task Force. Ron is a volunteer fundraiser for the task force which has mission and vision of creating a world class pancreatic research facility and to find an effective method for early detection of pancreatic cancer. Ron's son-in-law succumbed to this deadly disease at age 43. (Footnote: Ron received Wisconsin Hero award for volunteerism on October 28, 2013, one award per month.)

Dr. Lubner described the ongoing activities at the University of Wisconsin and some of the issues and concerns regarding pancreatic cancer. Currently the life expectancy once someone is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer is 8.7 years. This disease is so lethal because of inadequate screening test to diagnose this disease, minimal treatment options, and inadequate research funding. Often the disease is diagnosed when the patient is receiving medical care for some other reason such as physical injury such as from a car accident or abdominal pain. Very little is known about the causes or relationships of this disease, whether it be environment, heredity, or other medical history. For more information regarding this disease go [www.uwhealth.org/cancer](http://www.uwhealth.org/cancer).

## Up coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
December 27	Roundtable	Marv Beatty	TBA
	New web site discussion		
January 3	Cities of Germany	TBA	D. Rohweder
	Ron Schuler		
January 10	Wisconsin Microfinance	Jim Danner	TBA
	Conor Mullen		

## December 20, 2013

Presiding: Bill Grabel  
 Checkpoint: Marv Beatty, Dave Wendricks  
 Opening word: Fred Ross  
 Music: Boomer  
 Raffle Winner: Fred Ross  
 ASA Ski Program

## **Announcements:**

Based on the Foundation meeting Tuesday, **Bill Grabel** provided information regarding the Music Banquet/Awards. The Music Banquet will be discontinued, as voted by our Board of Directors on Dec 2 but the Music Awards/Scholarships will continue where one student at each high school will receive a \$500 scholarship and will be selected by the respective music staff at each high school. Our foundation trustees approved this funding

**Bruce Hoehne**, chair of the Foundation Trustees, reported the foundation currently has assets of liabilities of \$439, 795.92. The plan for 2013-14 support of scholarships, grants etc is estimated to be about \$22, 500. Foundation funds currently committed include \$10,000 -ASA ski scholarships, \$4,000 – Dickson scholarships, \$2,000 Ahlgren scholarship, \$2,500 - Music scholarships and \$500 – UW-College of Education (ASA related). More details will be reported during our Feb 21 meeting.

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## Important Dates

Date	Event
December 27	Roundtable Meeting
January 8	Board Meeting, Vitense
January 21	Foundation Meeting, Lussier

## Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
326 South Segoe Road  
Madison, WI  
Web site: madisonwestkiwanis.com

## Announcements

Our regular meeting December 27 will be a round table. Although we will not have a formal speaker, **Ron Schuler** will introduce the new web site planned for our club. The introduction will take about 20 minutes.

**Randy Hansen** reported the attendance at the Christmas Pageant was down, probably due to the weather. Some bills have not been received, so the financial situation is not known. Security personnel were much friendly this year.

**Fred Ross** reported the ASA (ski) program has seven excellent candidates who have been ranked and will now be evaluated by the Durango staff. On Tuesday during the foundation meeting, our foundation trustees approved the funding for five people to participate at \$2,000 per participant. The program was designed to support four participants per year. Some years the foundation supported fewer than four people, therefore there was justification for added support. The trustees also approved a \$500 contribution to the UW School of Education (Department of Kinesiology) for their support of the program for identifying and encouraging people to apply for our program. Tim Gattenby from Kinesiology has been the key person involved.

Several cans of popcorn remaining from our Pancake Breakfast were sold during the meeting.

## Club Officers (2012-2013)

President:	Bill Grabel
Vice President	Carrol Spencer
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Bruce Hoehne

## Board of Directors

Bonnie Hansen	Mary Mennes
Ed Reisch	Al Wearing
Bill Battista	Tom McCrill

**Ken Saville** announced he had one tin of the Christmas candy (chocolate covered macadamia nuts) from the Monroe Kiwanis Club remaining which he opened and made available at the dessert table.

**Bill Grabel** reminded members that fifty percent of the drawing funds will be going to the Eliminate Project, the Kiwanis International MNT (Maternal Neonatal Tetanus) and the other fifty percent will go to the drawing winners choice. These choices include: ASA Ski program, Christmas pageant, Ahlgren Scholarship, Dickson Scholarships, and Music scholarships.

As for the Eliminate Project, our club will have contributed nearly \$2,500 to the project by the end of 2013. As of November 16, 2013, Kiwanis Clubs around the world have raised more than \$42.1 million dollars in cash and pledges. Based on the immunization costs, they estimate more 23.3 million lives have been saved or protected and the Madison West Kiwanis's share would be nearly 1400 lives.

Madison East is looking for programs for the Aktion Club on January 23, April 10 and 24, and May 22. If interested contact Sibyl Morgan, [sammorgan@charter.com](mailto:sammorgan@charter.com).