



Kiwaniis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests:

Dave Schultz, guest of Ron Schuler and a classmate of our speaker, Bob Cropp, at UW-Platteville.

Program:

Bob Cropp, UW professor emeritus-retired extension dairy economist, described the complex 2014 Farm bill. A new farm bill is approved every five years but recently the deadline passed so a continuing resolution takes place. When developing a new farm bill, frequently the discussion focusses on support of the commodity programs for field crops and milk while a major portion of the budget in the farm bill is for the food programs for low income people. Another issue is the change in the number of farms and farm size. In 1965, Wisconsin had 82,231 dairy farms which has decreased to 10,860 dairy farms in 2013. The dairy herd size in Wisconsin has increased from 25 cows in 1965 to 115 cows in 2013.



Bob Cropp, our program speaker, and Bob Richardson

Up coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
April 4	ASA Skiers Fred Ross	Jim Danner	Fred Ross
April 11	UW Athletic Communication Brian Lucas	Brian Martin	Ed Reisch

March 28, 2014

Presiding: Bill Grabel
 Checkpoint: Marv Beatty and Dick Vilstrup
 Opening word: Dwayne Rohweder
 Greeter: Bruce Roberts
 Music: Boomer and Mary
 Raffle Winner: Jack Padgham
 Music Awards

Announcements:

Bill Grabel announced the Madison West Kiwanis board of directors will be meeting on April 2, 7:30 am, at the Hy-Vee store in Fitchburg. They have a meeting room and restaurant. Members are welcome.

Bruce Hoehne reminded members to provide suggestions for new major fundraising campaign opportunities being considered by our Foundation trustees. Last week members were provided a form to complete. Members can still provide suggestions to Bruce by email, b.hoehne@yahoo.com or by phone 798-1904.

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Important Dates

Date	Event
March 29	Midvale School Rummage Sale
April 2	Board Meeting at Hy-Vee Store in Fitchburg
April 2	Lunch Buddies, Midvale
April 2	Midvale School Rhythm and Books Fair
April 9	Interclub-Prairie du Chen Kiwanis
April 12	District Mid Year Conference, Camp Wawbeek
April 16	Meeting with Madison East Kiwanis
May 3	Kiwanis International President Visit to Middleton

Meeting Time and Location

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

Announcements

Bonnie Hansen reminded members of the Youth and Community Services Grants applications are due **April 4**. Each application must have a sponsor who is a member of our club. More grant information and application forms can be found on our website: madisonwestkiwanis.com If you need additional information please contact **Bonnie Hansen** for the Community Service grants and **Arlin Brannstrom** for the Youth Service grants. Members are encouraged to identify organizations who may benefit from our grants.

Midvale School is having its annual rummage sale on Saturday, March 29. Tagging of the rummage sale items was scheduled immediately following today's meeting. Madison West Kiwanians volunteering were **Bill Grabel, Bonnie Hansen, Randy Hansen, John Roberts** and **Ron Schuler**.

Bonnie Hansen reported no Midvale Lunch Buddies on Wednesday, March 26. The next lunch buddies is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, with **Jim Bly, Bruce Dewey, Bill Grabel** and **Ed Reisch** volunteering.

Midvale's Rhythm and Books, a book fair scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, was setup on Thursday, March 27 for viewing by the teachers and students before the sale. Kiwanians who volunteered were **Bruce Hoehne, Randy Grobe, Bonnie Hansen, Randy Hansen** and **Ron Schuler**. Volunteers scheduled for the book sale on April 2, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, are **Bill Grabel, Tom McCrill, Fred Ross,** and **Ken Saville**. For book sale take down, **Bill Grabel and Tom McCrill** are scheduled on April 4, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Additional volunteer opportunities are available. Signup can be done through our web site or by contacting **Bonnie Hansen** at 838-8456 or 2bonniejeanne@charter.net

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



Randy Hansen, Bill Grabel and John Roberts viewing some of the books planned for the Rhythm and Books.

Members are invited to volunteer in the Midvale classroom for one hour. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested.

Harold Green reported a interclub is planned for April 9, noon, with the Prairie du Chen Kiwanis club in April 9. Another interclub is planned with the Monroe Kiwanis Club members who will be celebrating their 93rd anniversary on May 15 at the American Legion. If interested, please contact Harold by email harlgren@aol.com or by phone 831-6126.

