



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Gurdip Brar, past district governor, Middleton Kiwanian, and candidate for the Kiwanis International Board of Directors.

Program: Chris James, director of the Dane County Parks, described the park system, endowment and future challenges for the park system. The Dane County Parks is separate from the city of Madison Parks and the DNR parks.

The Dane County Park System is 80 years old with the first park being Stewart Lake County Park, located near Mount Horeb on County JG. Today Dane County Park System more than 30 parks with a wide range of activities for visitors. Examples of little know activities are fishing, hunting, and foraging (morels, berries, apples).

The parks system has numerous volunteer opportunities. More than 40,000 hours of volunteer time was used to maintain parks and seeding 150 acres each year.

A major complaint Chris reported was dogs off leach especially in some of the more remote parks. Dane County has three dog exercise parks which are fenced and dogs can be off leach.

The park system has an excellent web site which provides information on the features of each park, fees, campsite and shelter reservations. www.countyofdane/lwrp/parks



Ray Groehler, Chris James, Marv Beatty

Up coming Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>
March 27	Latest in Travel Scott Mast, Burkhalter	Ron Schuler	Ken Groehler
April 1	Madison Mallards Baseball Tyler Isham, Chief Exec	N/A	N/A
April 3	No Meeting		

March 20, 2015

Presiding: Carrol Spencer
 Greeter: Bruce Dewey
 Opening word: Wayne Kussow
 Music: Boomer and Mary
 Checkpoint: Stewart and Vilstrup
 Drawing: Ned Schmitt
 Eliminate-Maternal Neonatal Tetanus

Announcements:

Reminder: No meeting is scheduled for April 3, Good Friday. Our weekly meeting will be April 1, Wednesday, noon, with Madison East Kiwanis at Home Town Buffet on East Washington Avenue.

Bruce Hoehne announced a meeting of the Foundation Trustees is scheduled for March 24, 7:00 pm, at the Lussier Center near Jefferson middle school. Members are welcome.

Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 23	Pancake Dinner, Fennimore Kiwanis
March 24	Foundation Trustees, Lussier Center
March 25	Satellite Club Meeting, HyVee Westgate
April 1	Board Meeting, HyVee Fitchburg
April 1	Satellite Club Meeting HyVee Odana Road
April 1	Meet with Madison East Kiwanis Home Town Buffet
April 3	No meeting
April 3	Grant Applications due
April 25	Mid-Year Area Conference Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI
Web site: madisonwestkiwanis.com
Email: Admin@madisonwestkiwanis.com
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Announcements:

Reminder: **Bill Grabel** has requested volunteers to fill the slate of officers and board members for 2015-16 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016). **Ed Reisch** and **Al Wearing** are going off the board, effective September 30. Continuing board members are **Bill Battista** and **Tom McCrill** (2013-16) and **Bonnie Hansen** and **Travis Wirth** (2014-17). Two board volunteers are needed for the board with terms, 2015-18. In addition **a volunteer is needed to serve club vice-president for 2015-16.** Please contact Bill if interested. Vice-president **Mary Mennes** will serve as 2015-16 president.

Dave Wendricks announced members attending the Stoughton Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast on March 14 were **Ron Schuler** and Dave.

The Fennimore Kiwanis Club has scheduled a Pancake Supper on March 23, Monday, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Fennimore American Legion Annex. All you can eat.

Reminder: **Carrol Spencer** announced the Mid Year Kiwanis Conference is scheduled for April 25 at the Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld. Contact Carrol if interested. A signup was circulated with registration forms. The registration deadline is April 11.

Dave Wendricks requested volunteers for the Music Awards to be presented April 17, during our Friday meeting. The volunteers are needed to host the students and their parents. Barbara Cheatham, superintendent of the Madison Schools will be attending to present awards and provide a short presentation.

Club Officers (2014-2015)

President:	Carrol Spencer
Vice President	Mary Mennes
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Bill Grabel

Board of Directors

Ed Reisch	Al Wearing
Bill Battista	Tom McCrill
Bonnie Hansen	Travis Wirth

The next meeting of the Satellite Club will be March 25, 9:00 am, at the HyVee Store on Odana Road.

Reminder: The application deadline for the 2015 Youth and Community grants is April 3. The 2015 application forms are available on our web sit and at the checkpoint table. If you have questions about the Community Grants please contact Bonnie Hansen and for questions about Youth Grants contact Arlin Brannstrom. Reminder, each application requires a Madison West Kiwanian as a sponsor.

Bonnie Hansen participated in the Midvale Lunch Buddies on March 18. The next Lunch buddies is scheduled for April 1, 11:00 am. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed at the Midvale school Book Sale scheduled for April 29. Sale setup will be April 22, 3:15 -6:00 pm (3 volunteers needed and sale takedown will be May 1, 4:00 to 6:00pm (3 volunteers needed). Twelve volunteers are needed for the sale on April 29. A signup sheet will be circulated during future meetings. You can also signup on the web site which provides additional detail. Direct questions to **Bonnie Hansen**.

The February/March 2015 issue of Kiwanews, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District newsletter, has been posted on the district web site. Each member should have received a email with the address to read and down load this issue. Ten copies were mailed to secretary and are available at the checkpoint table. Two articles interest are the Midvale School project and Art Peterson, a charter member who passed away recently.