



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: None

Program: Rich Morris, an electrical engineer described his efforts to develop and market the Broodminder, a device to sense temperature and humidity in bee hives.

Colony collapse disorder has caused major failures in bee hives. The number of hives in the United States has decreased from 6 million in 1950 to 2.5 million today. On the average 20 to 25 percent of the hives fail each year following the winter season. Last year, sixty percent of the hives failed in northern states from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania.

In the past hive viability in late winter was determined by knocking on the side of the hive and listening for bee activity. By recording temperature, the impending failure of a hive may be predictable.

Rich developed the broodminder which has a temperature sensor and wireless transmitter capable of communicating with a phone. Bee keepers would be able to monitor numerous hives remotely.



Rich Morris of Broodminder

November 6, 2015

Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Tom McCrill
Opening word:	Ken Saville
Music:	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart, Virg Jurrens
Drawing:	Ned Schmitt
	ASA Ski program

Announcements:

President **Mary Mennes** thanked members for the efforts in making our Pancake Day a success. Edgewood and West Key Clubs and Edgewood Circle K chairs are encouraged to thank the members of these organizations for their volunteering at this event.

President Mennes announced **Randy Grobe** will serve as chair of the fundraising committee. Other members will be asked to serve on this committee. She is looking for someone to chair the membership committee.

During the November 4 board meeting leaves of absence were approved for Jillian Meissner: October 1 – December 31, Ed Ornes: November 1 –April 5 and Leo Walsh: November 1 – April 30.

Important Dates

Date	Event
November 6	Foundation Trustee Meeting Covenant
November 27	No Meeting – Thanksgiving
December 2	Board of Directors, HyVee Fitchburg
December 4	ASA Ski Applications are due
December 6	Christmas Pageant State Capitol
December 25	No Meeting

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
November 13	Retirement Bob Bradley	Bill Gabel	Karyn Schairer
November 20	Kiwanis Club of Madison West Foundation Bruce Hoehne	Jim Bly	TBA

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI

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www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Club Officers (2014-2015)

President:	Mary Mennes
Vice President	Millard Johnson
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Carrol Spencer

Board of Directors

Bill Battista	Tom McCrill
Bonnie Hansen	Travis Wirth
Arlin Brannstrom	Brian Martin

Announcements:

Vern Forest presented the club with a \$1,057 check for club members volunteering at Eplegarden weighing pumpkins, greeting visitors and working in the snack bar. These club members were **Bonnie Bruce, Bob Cropp, Jim Danner, Bill Grabel, Harold Green, Marv Heiser, Tom McCrill, Jillian Meissner, Mary Mennes, George Meyer, Ed Reid, Karyn Schairer, Ron Schuler, and Carrol Spencer.** Vern, thanks for your support of Kiwanis.

Chuck Stumpf reports October birthday contributions of \$122 from **Brian Martin** and **Sharon Brantmeier.** The birthday contributions for 2015 are \$1,997.00.

Chuck Stumpf reported **Bonnie Hansen** is well onto recovery after knee surgery with rehab at Attic Angels.

November birthdays recognized today were **Ron Fiedler, Millard Johnson, Virgil Jurrens, Scott Kramer, George Meyer, and Ken Niemeyer**

Bruce Hoehne, Div 3 Lt. Gov, announced future pancake breakfasts: Middleton Kiwanis in February and Stoughton Kiwanis in March.

Bruce Hoehne, president of our Foundation Trustees, announced a trustees meeting following today's meeting, 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Harold Green announced a potential interclub with Madison East Kiwanis on November 11, noon at the Hometown Buffet on East Washington Avenue. They will have their officer installation being conducted by **Bruce Hoehne.** Contact Harold if interested.

Ed Reisch discussed the 92nd Christmas Pageant scheduled for December 6 in the State Capitol. He encouraged members to contribute to fund this event. Flyers were available for members promoting the pageant through churches, community centers and other highly visible areas.

The next Midvale Lunch Buddies is scheduled for November 10, at noon. **Ed Reisch** is looking for at least two volunteers.

The former members of the Golden K have planned lunch for December 1, 11:30 am at the Long Horn. This group of former Kiwanians is no longer a club satellite. Members are welcome.

Fritz Lutze will provide the leadership for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. This year, our club is scheduled for December 5 and 14. A signup will be circulated during future meetings.

Jim Danner reported our Pancake Day was successful. Preliminary data indicate our income was \$300 less than last year. Any outstanding payments or bills should be turned into Randy Grobe as soon as possible. More photos can be found on our Facebook.



Pancake grill in action



Key Club member receiving assignments