



KIWANOGRAM

Kiwanis Club of Madison West

Guests: Wayne Kussow, former member and Irwin Kilburner, guest of Ed Reisch.

Program: Kathryn Smith. General director of the Madison Opera, described the process of planning an opera and a few of the unexpected issues that may arise when producing an opera.

The steps in planning an opera are:

1. Select the opera (more than 1,000 available).
2. Select theatre (Overture Center requires 18 months)
3. Select the creative, artistic team
4. Select the physical production
5. Cast the show
6. Re-cast the show
7. Hire the chorus members
8. Engage the orchestra
9. Rehearse

Some interesting facts about operas:

1. They are not profitable without contributions from the community
2. Microphones are not used by singers or orchestra
3. Opera troupes (companies) do not exist-travelling from city to city.

The next Madison Opera production will be Little Women on February 5 and 7 at the Overture Center.



Karyn Schairer visiting with Kathryn Smith

December 11, 2015

Presiding: Mary Mennes
 Greeter: Jack Padgham
 Opening word: Ron Schuler
 Music: Boomer and Mary
 Checkpoint: Terry Stewart, Virg Jurrens
 Drawing: Karyn Schairer
 Christmas Pageant

Announcements:

Mary Mennes reported the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District provided \$2,500 for the playground at the West Madison Little League playground. This will be matched by our foundation. An application has been submitted to Kiwanis International for additional support. A dedication of the playground will be scheduled for spring, 2016. Appropriate signage will be placed at the playground to recognize the Kiwanis support.

Mary Mennes announced our Foundation Trustees will be meeting on December 18, 1:00 pm, immediately after our regularly scheduled meeting at Covenant in our meeting room. Members are welcome.

Date	Event
December 18	Foundation Trustees Meeting Covenant
December 25	No Meeting
January 1	No Meeting
January 6	Board of Directors HyVee Fitchburg
February 1	Scholarship Applications due

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
December 18	Simpson Street Free Press Using Writing and Literacy to Spark Student Achievement Jim Kramer	Virgil Jurrens	Wayne Kussow
December 25	No Meeting		
January 1	No Meeting		

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI

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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:

Mary Mennes reminded members we will not meet on December 25 and January 1. Our first meeting in 2016 will be January 8.

Our Board of Directors will be meeting January 6, 7:30 am, at the Fitchburg HyVee. Members are welcome.

Bill Grabel reported the setup and takedown of our new Christmas Pageant stage went well. The new stage is easier and safer to setup. The stage was taken down immediately after the second performance. Reynolds Storage picked up the stage and will store it until next year's pageant.

Bill thanked the following for stage setup on Friday, December 4: **Tom McCrill, George Meyer, Jim Danner, Randy Grobe, Carrol Spencer, Bruce Hoehne Bill Grabel and Ken Saville.** Members taking down the stage were **Jim Danner, Bill Grabel, Randy Grobe, Bruce Hoehne, Ken Saville, Ed Reisch, Fred Ross and Jim Wiederhoeft.** Ushering during the two performances were **Harold Green, Terry Stewart, Ken Saville, Ed Reisch and Carrol Spencer.** Special recognition goes to **Randy Grobe and Ed Ornes** for their leadership and creativity on this project.

Ed Reisch reported the funds raised for the pageant nearly cover the expenses which exceed \$3,000 primarily for capitol employees and gifts to key musical directors. Ed thanked Madison East for their contribution. Ed is accepting additional contributions.

Madison East Kiwanians still has Amish Candy available for purchase. For anyone who wants to purchase the candy contact Mike or Sibyl Morgan (phone 271-6605 or email sammbmorgan@charter.net).

Another Midvale Elementary School Lunch Buddies is scheduled for December 16, noon. **Ed Reid** and **Ed Reisch** are scheduled to participate.

The former members of the Golden K Kiwanis Club have planned a lunch for January 5, 11:30 am at the Long Horn. This group of former Kiwanians is no longer a club satellite. Members are welcome.

Mary Mennes circulated the signup for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Two volunteer positions were open for December 12, 1:00 to 2:00 pm and 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Harold Green reported we had an interclub with the Middleton Kiwanis Club on Thursday, December 9. Members participating were **Bruce Hoehne, Harold Green, Dwayne Rohweder and Ken Saville.** Future interclubs are planned depending our Division 3 Lt. Gov. (Bruce Hoehne) schedule.

The Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian and Golden K Scholarship applications are due February 1, 2016. High School Guidance Counselors were informed of these scholarships and deadline.

Kiwanis International Eliminate Project Update: as of November 16, Kiwanis has raised \$104 million. The goal is \$110 million. One woman and her future children are protected for \$1.80. The active portion of the campaign ends on December 31, 2015.

Omitted from last week's Kiwanogram was the board approval of **Ed Reisch's** leave of absence from January 22 through April 15.

