



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

# KIWANOGRAM

**Guests:** Wayne Kussow, former member; Taylor Kilgore (student) Ben Reddersen (student), Betty and Don Kramer (parents of speaker) guests of our speaker..

**Program:** Jim Kramer described the Simpson Street Free Press, a newspaper and program to reduce the achievement gap in the Madison area schools. This intensive after school program provides the opportunity to improve the literacy of students through reading, writing and math.

They have a network of youth book clubs for students in grades three through nine. Middle school students write articles for the newspaper which is published in various platforms. High school students serve as writers and editors. The only paid employees are former program students who work as editors and book club coordinators. These former students are attending college.

This program has a curriculum that is constantly being improved. Volunteers who are retired teachers provide their time for the curriculum development. This program is being replicated several Madison area schools.



Jim Kramer holding an issue of the Simpson Street Free Press

December 18, 2015	
Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Jim Bly
Opening word:	Wayne Kussow
Music:	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart, Virg Jurrens
Drawing:	Scott Kramer Christmas Pageant

## Announcements:

**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.

Mary presented Pat and Eric from Gaylords Catering a Christmas gift to show our appreciation for serving our weekly meals. They do outstanding work. Pat and Eric shared a Christmas card with the club.

President Mary wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and safe travels.

Important Dates	
Date	Event
December 25	No Meeting
January 1	No Meeting
January 6	Board of Directors HyVee Fitchburg
January 22	Foundation Trustee Covenant Presbyterian
February 1	Scholarship Applications due Ahlgren and Golden K

## Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
December 25	No Meeting	-----	-----
January 1	No Meeting	-----	-----
January 8	To Be Announced	Carrol Spencer	Dwayne Rohweder
January 15	To Be Announced	Bill Gabel	Ken Saville

## Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
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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
Arln 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.

**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 is accepting additional contributions.**

**Fred Ross** reported five applications were received for the Ethel Allen Ski Scholarship. Applicants will be interviewed during the week of January 11-15.

**Ed Reid** and **Ed Reisch** participated in the Midvale Elementary School Lunch Buddies on December 16. The next Lunch Buddies is scheduled for some time in January.

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.

**Fritz Lutze** reported the following volunteered for Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 5 and/or 12: **Bill Battista, Marv Beatty, Bruce Dewey, Harold Green, Bill Grabel, Scott Kramer, Fritz Lutze, Tom McCrill, George Meyer, Ed Reid, Fred Ross, Ned Schmitt, and Carrol Spencer,**

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.



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