



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Kate Richardson, guest of **Bob**; Lauren Deakman, guest of **Mary Mennes**; Harley Skjervem, guest of **Arlin Brannstrom** and applicant for membership; Deb Patterson and Ron Gatti, guests of **Sharon Brantmeier**; Tim and Penny Parsons, Kate Toews and Mary Lou Reisch, guests of **Ed Reisch**.

Program: Vouchers and Public Education was discussed by Julie Underwood, former Dean of the UW-Madison School of Education. Recently she stepped down as Dean, she teaches a number of courses in school administrations and school law. She also has an appointment in the Law School.

Wisconsin has much to be proud of with regard to grade and high school education. Wisconsin has the top graduation rate nationally. Math scores have been increasing since 1992. The Wisconsin teachers are highly qualified with 52 percent having Master's degrees.

Since 2011, state budget cuts for public schools have been cut dramatically. Since 75 percent of the voucher funds go to private school and come from education budget, funding for public schools has reduced even more. It appears our Wisconsin governor is considering increased education support in his next budget.



Arlin Brannstrom, Speaker Julie Underwood

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
February 10	Fact Checking the News Lucas Grave	Marv Heiser	Fred Ross
February 17	The Reynolds Transfer Story Ben Reynolds	Marv Beatty	Ken Saville

February 3, 2017

Presiding:	Fred Ross
Greeter:	Brian Rodeck
Opening word:	Virg Jurens
Music	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart, Marv Beatty
Drawing:	Mary Lou Reisch ASA Ski Adaptive Program

Announcements:

Fred Ross reported, on February 17, the five 2017 skiers with disabilities will be attending our meeting and will be receiving an orientation for their trip to Durango in March. These skiers are supported by funds from our Foundation's Ethel Allen Fund.

Fred Ross announced March 3 will be a special membership day when we will discuss club membership development and review our guest list for the past eight months and past members who may be encouraged to rejoin the club. Since October 1, 2016, we have added six members and lost two.

Important Dates

Date	Event
February 4	Downtown Kiwanis Centennial Monona Terrace
February 18	Middleton Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Middleton Sport Bowl
February 19	Belleville Kiwanis Chili Dinner/ Taco Bar, Belleville High School
March 3	Bethany Methodist Church – Meeting Location
March 6	David Dickson Dane County 4-H Leadership Scholarship Applications are due
April 12	Meet with Madison East Kiwanis

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI

Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.com

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Announcements:

Chuck Stumpf reports January birthday contributions to our foundation were received from **Rich Donkle, Leo Walsh** and **Carrol Spencer** for a total of \$261.00.

Boomer recognized February birthdays for **Jim Danner, Bruce Dewey** and **Bonnie Hansen**.

Scholarship Deadline: Scholarship application deadline for the David Dickson Dane County 4-H Leadership Scholarships is March 6.

Reminder: On March 3, our Covenant meeting room is not available due to a garage type sale that weekend. We will be meeting at Bethany Methodist Church on Mineral Point Rd.

Reminder, we will not have a meeting on April 14, Good Friday. Instead we will meet with Madison East Kiwanis on April 12 at the Great Dane on the East side of Madison.

Bonnie Hansen: Participating in the lunch buddies with Midvale Elementary School on Wednesday, February 1 were **Ed Reid** and **Jim Bly**. Scheduled for the next lunch buddies on February 15 are **Ed Reid, Bonnie Bruce** and **Rich Donkle** and for March 1 are **Ed Reid** and **Bruce Dewey**. The next date March 15. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested in March 1 (one more needed) and March 15. Bonnie's phone number is 838-8456.

Club Officers (2016-2017)

President:	Millard Johnson
Vice President	Arlin Brannstrom
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Mary Mennes

Board of Directors

Bonnie Hansen	Jim Danner
Ken Saville	Brian Martin
Scott Kramer	Tom McCrill

Twelve Madison West Kiwanians/guests will be attending the Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club celebration of their centennial on February 4, 2017 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

Downtown Kiwanis is planning Madison Area Kiwanis Golf Event on September 18 at the Oaks Golf Course to benefit the Autism/IPAD program. Area clubs are encouraged to have foursomes. **Randy Grobe** has been appointed our team coach. **Arlin Brannstrom** and **Jim Danner** have signed on. One more golfer is needed to make a foursome. Or five more golfers are needed to make two foursomes.

Reminder: Belleville Kiwanis Club has their Annual Chili Dinner/Taco Bar dinner scheduled for February 19, Sunday, (11:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Belleville High School cafeteria. This year, it is a joint event with the Boy Scouts providing the taco bar. The all-you-can-eat cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 6 to 10 year olds and free for 5 and under. This year their free travel show will be 'Amsterdam to Paris', which will be presented at 1:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. This an opportunity for an interclub.

Reminder: The Middleton Kiwanis Club has their Annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, January 18 (7:00 AM to 11:00 AM) at the Middletown Sport Bowl. Tickets are \$6.00, while free for kids 5 and under free. Another opportunity for an interclub.

