



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

# KIWANOGRAM

**Guests:** None.

**Program:** Genetic Research by a Layman was presented by Ed Harris. But first he described his experience establishing Persoft in 1982 and other organizations developing and marketing software.

In 1985, Ed experienced some symptoms related what was believed to be Raynaud disease. These symptoms were cold sensations and numbness in hands and feet. In 1989 a determination was made that he was experiencing systemic scleroderma, a very rare autoimmune disease, 240 cases per million people. This disease tends to be more prevalent among middle aged women and attacks internal organs and skin. Some external symptoms are deformed hands and red spots on the skin.

Conventional treatments were ineffective. In 1992 Ed's disease was progressing rapidly. After seeing a movie, Lorenzo's Oil, Ed was inspired to seek information on his own. As result of this information from publications and medical experts, Ed found out scleroderma was caused by the clumping of red blood cells. As a result, a process was developed where the plasma in the blood is replaced with a synthetic plasma. This process is done annually at a cost of \$20,000. Ed now plays tennis twice a day.

In 2014, Ed launched a scleroderma education project web site where he provides information on the disease.



Jack Padgham and Ed Harris

## March 17, 2017

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| Presiding:    | Millard Johnson             |
| Greeter:      | Brian Rodeck                |
| Opening word: | Fred Ross                   |
| Music:        | Boomer and Mary             |
| Checkpoint:   | Marv Beatty, Virgil Jurrens |
| Drawing:      | Tom McCrill                 |
|               | Adaptive Ski Program        |

## Announcements:

**Reminder:** Arlin Brannstrom reported the applications for the 2017 Community and Youth Grants applications have been posted to our web site. The application deadline is April 1. Arlin is responsible for the youth grants and Bonnie Hansen is responsible for the community grants. Members are encouraged to seek applications.

Bonnie and Arlin circulated sign ups for volunteers to evaluate the grant applications. Six volunteers are needed for each youth and community grants.

## Important Dates

| Date     | Event  |
|----------|--|
| March 17 | Foundation Meeting<br>Covenant                                     |
| March 20 | Fennimore Pancake Breakfast,<br>American Legion                    |
| March 25 | Mid Winter Conference, Kiwanis<br>Elkhorn, WI                      |
| April 1  | Community and Youth Grant<br>Applications are due.                 |
| April 5  | Board of Directors Meeting<br>HyVee Whitney Way                    |
| April 12 | Meet with Madison East Kiwanis<br>Great Dane, 876 Jupiter, Madison |
| April 21 | Foundation Meeting<br>Covenant                                     |
| April 22 | Kiwanis Vilas Zoo Cleanup<br>Madison Area Kiwanis Clubs            |

## Upcoming Programs:

| Date     | Program   | Greeter     | Opening Word |
|----------|---|-------------|--------------|
| March 24 | Today's Modern Library<br>Tana Elias              | Randy Grobe | TBA          |
| March 31 | Madison College (MATC)<br>Jack Daniels, President | TBA         | Scott Kramer |

## Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI

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## Announcements:

**Bonnie Hansen** reported **Bruce Dewey, Ed Reid** and **Bonnie** participated in Midvale lunch buddies on March 15. Future Lunch Buddies are scheduled for April 5 and 19. Three volunteers are needed for each day. Contact Bonnie if interested (838-8456).

**Bonnie Hansen** reported volunteers are needed set up for the Midvale School Rhythm and Books (book fair) on April 5.

1. Setup is scheduled for Friday, March 31, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, six volunteers needed.

2. Volunteers are needed as line helper, cashier, etc. during the Book Fair on Wednesday, April 5, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, 11 volunteers needed.

3. Takedown is scheduled for Friday, April 7, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, six volunteers needed.

All times are approximate. A signup was circulated. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested in volunteering (838-8456). Members can sign up on line through the member pass word protected web site.

Five or six volunteers are needed for a field trip of kindergartners to Vilas Zoo on March 30. You can meet at the school at 9:00 am or at the zoo (back entrance) at 9:30 am. Each volunteer will be assigned three to four kindergartners. The visit at the zoo will finish at 11:20 am. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** at 838-8456. A sign up was circulated.

Another volunteer opportunity at Midvale involves meeting with small groups of students in a literary center. Volunteers meet in Jen Voit's room (104) on Mondays (11:45 am) and on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (12:45 am). Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested.

## 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  |



Sign in Midvale School Cafeteria recognizing Madison West Kiwanis support –photo of sign provided by **Bonnie Hansen**

**Dave Wendricks** reported a successful interclub with the Stoughton Kiwanis Club at their pancake breakfast on March 11. West Kiwanians attending were **Bruce Hoehne, Ken Saville, Ron Schuler** and **Dave**.

**Harold Green** announced he was planning to attend the Fennimore Kiwanis Club Pancake Day March 20 at the American Legion. He will be leaving at 4:10 pm and has space available. If interested call Harold at 831-6126.

Kiwanis cleanup day at Vilas Zoo is scheduled for April 22. The primary focus will be raking and removing last year's vegetation. Madison area Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Clubs are invited to participate. More details will follow.

