



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

# KIWANOGRAM

**Guests:** Autumn Nugent, Betty Mertens, Catt Piontrowski (also a Madison West Kiwanian) and Kramer Endres, alumni of our adaptive ski program; Mary Ann Birkholtz and Hannah Gartner, aides to Richard Birkholtz and Shawn Behling, respectively; and Beverly Green, guest of Harold.

**Program:** Fred Ross introduced the five 2017 Ethel Allen Adaptive Skiers who described their experiences skiing for one week on Purgatory Hill near Durango, Co. Our 2017 skiers are: Sarah Aiken (Verona). Shawn Behling (Watertown), Richard Birkholtz (DeForest), Pam Sommers (Wisconsin Rapids), and Diane Squire (Waunakee).

All five skiers reported the staff at Durango were very resourceful and helpful in accommodating the adaptive skiers who had different disabilities. Apparently duct tape was an important element of the accommodations. The staff consisted of volunteers who had retired from outstanding professional careers.

Two or three of the skiers are planning to ski next year at Purgatory Hill

Support for the adaptive skiers came from the Ethel Allen Adaptive Ski funds in the Madison West Kiwanis Foundation.



Front row: Betty Mertens, Catt Piontrowski, Shawn Behling, Sarah Aken, Autumn Nugent. Back row: Kramer Endries, Dee Squires, Richard Birkholtz, Pam Somers, **Fred Ross**.

## Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
April 12	Life Behind the Bench Tom Tierney	Madison East	Madison East
April 21	Music Awards Dave Wendricks	George Shook	Ken Saville

## April 7, 2017

Presiding:	Ken Saville
Greeter:	Carrol Spencer
Opening word:	Fred Ross
Music	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Marv Beatty, Virg Jurens
Drawing:	Jim Bly ASA Adaptive Ski

## Announcements:

Our meeting next week be a joint meeting with Madison East Kiwanis on April 12, noon, at the Great Dane located 876 Jupiter, on the east side of Madison off Cottage Grove Road.

Highlights of the April 5 Board Meeting are:

1. Our current membership is 59.
2. Our annual meeting is scheduled for May 12 when we will hold elections for 2017-18.
3. Eight applications were received for community grants and twelve applications were received for youth grants.
4. A new Kiwanis Club is being organized to be named Kiwanis Club of Madison After Hours. Madison West will be a new club sponsor.
5. Members will be encouraged to bring potential members to any meeting.

## Important Dates

Date	Event
April 12	Meet with Madison East Kiwanis Great Dane, 876 Jupiter, Madison
April 14	No Meeting
April 21	Foundation Meeting Covenant
April 22	Kiwanis Vilas Zoo Cleanup Madison Area Kiwanis Clubs
May 18	Monroe Kiwanis Club Anniversary
June 15	Kiwanis at Madison Mallards Game

## Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
326 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI

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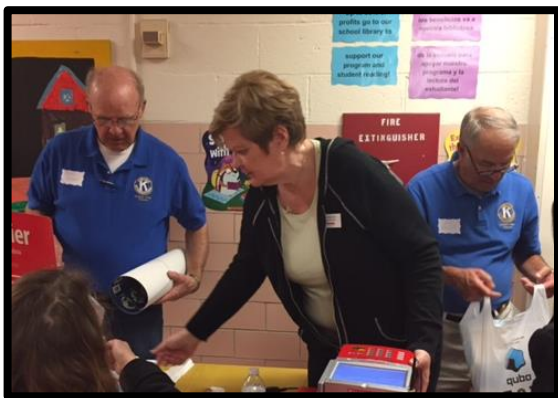
## Announcements:

**Millard Johnson** encouraged members to invite guests who potential members to our meeting. We have some very outstanding programs scheduled which will be of great interest.

**Chuck Stumpf** reports receiving \$255 in March birthday donations from **Bruce Dewey, Mary Mennes** and **Bob Cropp**. The total contributions to our foundation for 2017 are \$669.

Participating in Lunch Buddies at Midvale School on April 5 was **Ed Reisch**. Our next lunch buddies is scheduled for April 19. Three volunteers are needed. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested (838-8456).

**Bonnie Hansen** reports **Bonnie Bruce, Jim Danner, Randy and Bonnie Hansen, Tom McCrill, Ed Reisch** and **Karyn Schairer** volunteered for the Book Fair at the Midvale Elementary School on Wednesday, April 5. Volunteers were needed for the Book Fair take down on Friday, April 7, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested in volunteering (838-8456).



Volunteering at Midvale Book Fair are Jim Danner (l) and Ed Reisch (r). In the center is a representative of Scholastic, a Kiwanis International partner.

## 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

Volunteers are needed for a field trip of kindergartners to Vilas Zoo on April 13. You can meet at the school at 9:00 am or at the zoo (back entrance) at 9:30 am. **Harley Skjervem** has volunteered. 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.

Kiwanis cleanup day (also Earth 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.

Madison East Kiwanis has scheduled Kiwanis at the Duck Pond during the Madison Mallards game on June 15.

Monroe Kiwanis will be celebrating their anniversary on May 18. More details to follow. This is their 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club has scheduling a golf fundraising event on September 18. They are inviting people to golf, to provide sponsorships of holes, and participate in a dinner. The funds generated will be used for the Autism project, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Signature Project.

After the meeting today, **Ed Reisch** provided information on the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Circle of Friends Celebration scheduled Tuesday, May 23 (12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, registration 11:30 am) at the Alliant Energy Center. This event provides funds for the Madison Public Schools and a minimum contribution of \$100 is requested for a ticket. Ed encourages members to participate to obtain a table of eight. Contact Ed if interested, 274-4371.

