



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Lucille and Jim Horung, grandparents and Mary Beth and Karl Kuecker, parents of Julianna Kuecker, 2017 Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship recipient. Chris Hildebrand, an applicant for club membership and guest of Bill Johnson.

Program: Professor Bill Tracy, Professor and Chair of the UW-Madison Agronomy Department described the plant breeding program at the UW-Madison. The recent acquisition of the Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center, donated by Monsanto and located in Middleton, provides a resource to greatly enhance the UW-Madison research. The facility has 30,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse and 20,000 sq. ft. of fully equipped laboratories.

The focus of plant breeding has changed over the years. The first efforts were to increase crop yields by developing new varieties. This was followed by the development of new varieties that are resistant to diseases and are more effective in competing with weed infestations. With Bill's research on sweet corn, he has now gotten Madison area chefs involved in sweet corn development with improved tastes and the physical feel of the corn kernels.



Bill Tracy, professor and sweet corn breeder.

April 28, 2017

Presiding:	Millard Johnson
Greeter:	Harold Green
Opening word:	Virg Jurrens
Music:	Dwayne Rohweder
Checkpoint:	Marv Beatty, Virgil Jurrens
Drawing:	Tom McCrill
	Adaptive Ski

Announcements:

Fred Ross reported **Ron Fiedler** has returned to Madison after experiencing a stroke while in Colorado. Ron is receiving rehabilitation therapy at a hospital and is not prepared to receive visitors.

Millard Johnson announced our Board of Directors will be meeting on May 3 (7:30 am) at the HyVee Store on Whitney Way location. Members are welcome.

Arlin Brannstrom invited members to suggest programs for future meetings.

Sharon Brantmeier is looking for volunteers to serve as hosts for the students and their parents and teachers for the May 5 Middle Schools awards. If interested contact Sharon at 839-4832.

Important Dates

Date	Event
May 1	Downtown Kiwanis Auction Madison Club
May 3	Board of Directors Meeting HyVee, Whitney Way
May 18	Monroe Kiwanis Club Anniversary
June 15	Kiwanis at Madison Mallards Game
June 20	Milwaukee Brewer Game
September 18	Downtown Madison Golf Outing Oaks Golf Course

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
May 5	Middle School Awards Sharon Brantmeier	Tom McCrill	Ken Saville
May 12	Boys and Girls Club Michael Johnson	Carrol Spencer	TBD

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:

Kiwanis Day at the Milwaukee Brewers game is scheduled for June 20. The cost is \$50 which includes bus ride to the game. Details later.

On April 19 **George Shook**, **Ed Reisch** and **Ed Reid** volunteered for Lunch Buddies at Midvale School. Our next Lunch Buddies is scheduled for May 3 and 17. Three volunteers are needed. On May 3, Kindergartners will meet at 11:30 am. Contact **Ed Reisch** if interested (274-4371).

Participating in Earth Day at Vilas Zoo on April 22 were **Ed Reisch** and **Ken Saville**.

Madison East Kiwanis has scheduled Kiwanis at the Duck Pond during the Madison Mallards game on June 15. All you can eat supper from 5:30 to 7:00 and the game at 7:05. The deadline for reservations and ticket payment of \$18.00 is due May 26. Contact Mike Morgan (271-8805).

Monroe Kiwanis will be celebrating their 96th anniversary on May 18, 5:30 pm – Social 6:00 pm - Dinner in the Turner Hall Ratskeller. The cost for the buffet dinner is \$20.00. Deadline for reservation is May 2. An interclub is being planned. Contact **Harold Green** (831-6126).

The 12th Annual Circle of Friends Celebration scheduled Tuesday, May 23 (12:00 noon to 1:30 pm) at the Alliant Energy Center. This event provides funds for the Madison Public Schools and a minimum contribution of \$100 (\$85 is tax deductible) is requested for a ticket. **Ed Reisch** encourages members to participate to obtain a table of eight for Madison West Kiwanis. Currently, five commitments have been received. Contact **Ed** if interested, 274-4371.

Bonnie Hansen reported we received a thank you from Ann Taillon, Midvale School Librarian, for volunteering at the Book Fair. She received comments from parents who indicated the volunteers were very friendly and helpful.

Bonnie also received a thank you from Daniel Stein, CEO/President of Second Harvest, for volunteering 9.5 hours on March 29. The value of this time is 641 meals for neighbors in need.

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

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison invites other Kiwanis clubs in our district to attend their annual fun fundraising auction, to be held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at the Madison Club.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Dane County are sponsoring a Golf outing in support of the I-Pads for Autism Project--the current WIUM District Signature Project. This event is to be held on September 18, 2017 at the Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. We encourage your club to seek foursomes and hole sponsors for the event. A flyer providing more details regarding the event was available at check-in today. Inquiries can be addressed to the Golf Committee Chair--Kevin Niemi, kjniemi@wisc.edu.

2017 Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship

Julianna Kuecker, a Edgewood High School senior, is the recipient of the 2017 Henry Ahlgren Scholarship. Julianna's activities outside of school include youth works mission to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to do house repair and to tutor in math and reading and St. James Eager Readers to assist with reading and community development. She competed in high school swimming, where she won several awards. Julianna had an outstanding high school grades and plans to attend UW-Madison in Fall. Space does not allow listing all of her many additional activities in and outside of school. Activities related to Kiwanis, Julianna was a member of Edgewood Key Club and performed in the Capitol Christmas Pageant from 2013-2016.



Julianna Kuecker with her parents, Karl and Mary Beth Kuecker and grandparents, Lucille and Jim Horung.