



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Mary Lou Reisch and Mary Ann Fitzsimmons guests of Ed **Reisch**; Sandra Stark guest of Charlie and Harley Skjerven former member and guest of **Arlin Brannstrom**.

Program: Fiddling Around at Christmas was our program with Carlyce Skjerven and Karen Rebholz providing Norwegian musical entertainment while playing their Hardanger fiddles. These fiddles are similar to violins but have eight or nine strings, four upper level and four or five lower, or under, level strings. With the added strings more time is required to properly tune these instruments. The fiddles are decorated with bones, pearls and ink. Karen performed with a fiddle she made.

Historically, these fiddles were frequently used for wedding celebration but were not allowed in the church because of a belief the fiddles had something to do with the devil. The fiddles were used to escort the bride from her home to the church. The fiddlers performed following the church wedding ceremony. Carlyce and Karen performed numerous musical pieces having Norwegian history. Several related to weddings and one written by a Norwegian returning to Norway, Farewell to America.



Karen Rebholz and Carlyce Skjerven

Upcoming Programs:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>
December 23	No Meeting		
December 30	Fast Plants – Biology Education Paul Williams	Carrol Spencer	TBA

December 16, 2016

Presiding:	Millard Johnson
Greeter:	Arlin Brannstrom
Opening word:	Ken Saville
Music	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Virgil Jurrens, Marv Beatty
Drawing:	Denis Vogel Foundation

Announcements:

Applications for the Ahlgren Humanitarian and Golden K Scholarships are due February 1. These scholarships are available to high school seniors planning to enter college in the Fall of 2017. The Ahlgren Scholarship (\$2,000) is available to students at Madison East, West, Memorial and LaFollette, Edgewood and McFarland High Schools. The Golden K Scholarships (2 at \$500 each) will be available to seniors at Madison West High School. Selection criteria include scholarship, extracurricular activities, community service, leadership and a short paragraph on their career goals. One of the Golden K scholarships will be based on financial need as well.

Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 23	No Meeting
January 6	2017 ASA Ski Program Application Evaluation
January 11	Board of Directors HyVee Whitney Way
February 1	Ahlgren Scholarship Applications are due
February 1	Golden K Scholarship Applications are due
February 4	Downtown Kiwanis Centennial Monona Terrace

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI

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Announcements:

Our Foundation Trustees had a meeting, immediately following our meeting today. Members were welcome.

Dwayne Rohweder recognized members with December birthdays who were **Bill Johnson, Dave Wendricks, Chuck Stumpf, Randy Grobe, Bill Lawrence, Denis Vogel, Ron Schuler** and **Bob Richardson**.

Ed Reisch announced members scheduled for Midvale School Lunch Buddies on December 21 are **Fred Ross, Ed Reid** and **Ed Reisch**. Additional Lunch Buddies are scheduled for January 4 and 18 and February 1 and 15. If interested contact Ed at 274-4371.

Randy Hansen circulated a signup for classroom volunteering with specific teachers and topics such as math and tying shoes. Available opportunities are:

1. Small group literacy centers, 11:45, Monday, Dec 19 and 12:45, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21.
2. Teach students to tie shoes, 1:45, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21.
3. One on one reading or math work with students in Spanish, 12:30, any day.

If interested, contact Bonnie Hansen at 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

Fritz Lutze reports **Jim Danner, Randy Grobe, Ed Reid, Ed Reisch, Bill Battista, Fred Ross, Scott Kramer, George Meyer** and **Millard Johnson** volunteered for Salvation Army bell ringing on December 10 and 17.

Fred Ross reported today was the deadline for application to the 11th season of the Adaptive Ski Association (ASA) program. Eight applications have been received. Copies of these applications will be sent to the Durango ski hill staff for their evaluation. Fred will have several club members evaluate the applications on January 6. He is looking for volunteers.

Reminder: Fred Ross reminds members of our goal of one new member each month through December, 2017. Four new members joined since this program was started in June, 2016. Today we had two guests who were potential members: Mary Ann Fitzsimmons and Harley Skjerven. Fred encourages members to invite potential guests to our meetings.

The Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club is celebrating their centennial on February 4 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Mark your calendars.

We do not have a meeting on December 23. A Merry Christmas to all!

