



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Renee and Brian Rodeck, guests of **Randy and Bonnie Hanson**. Wilma Rohweder, guest of husband **Dwayne Rohweder**.

Program: "Remember that education is not what the media is interested in," Brian reminded. "Their business is to get us to watch them and make advertising dollars." That doesn't usually translate into information that helps the ordinary investor maintain a conservative, long-term perspective on their financial future.

Three major forces are operative in the current market picture: China, oil, and the Fed. Current volatility in the markets are not unique, with comparable drops having occurred in August 2014 and in 2011.

China's economy is basically at a point comparable to the US experience in 2007-2008. In the past few years when its economy was booming, millions of young, inexperienced investors got into the market. Their purchases were not always wise or conservative. The impact of the Chinese economic downtrend may not be as great on our outlook because the US market is not leveraged as much as it was in '07-'08.



Brian Martin

January 15, 2016

Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Bill Grabel
Opening word:	Ken Saville
Music:	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart, Virg Jurrens
Drawing:	Ed Reisch – Christmas Pageant

Program (cont.) Oil experts mixed effects on the market – worldwide demand is down (especially from China) and supply is up, so the price is down. But at the same time, less expensive oil and gas products push consumer activity upward.

The Fed change in interest causes smaller variations, but not drastic ones.

Martin suggests that this is a good time to recalibrate your ideas of risk as you look at the balance in your portfolio. Think about "good Europe", banks and financials

Important Dates

Date	Event
January 22	Foundation Trustee Covenant Presbyterian
February 1	Scholarship Applications due Ahlgren and Golden K
April 1	Youth and Community Grant Applications due
April 9	WI-UM Regional Midyear Conf. at UW-Richland Center Campus
June 22-25	Kiwanis International Conv. Toronto, Canada
August 12-14	WIUM District Convention Oconomowoc, WI

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
January 22	"UW's Student Internet of Things" Kathleen Bartzen Culver	Jim Bly	Karyn Schairer
January 29	To Be Announced	TBA	Tom McCrill

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI

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Club Officers (2014-2015)

President:	Mary Mennes
Vice President	Millard Johnson
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Carrol Spencer

Board of Directors

Bill Battista	Tom McCrill
Bonnie Hansen	Travis Wirth
Arlin Brannstrom	Brian Martin

Announcements:

Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 3, 7:30 am at the HyVee in Fitchburg. Members are welcome.

Arlin Brannstrom and **Bonnie Hansen** have updated the grant application forms for 2016. These application forms have been posted to our web site. To qualify, all applicants must have a Madison West Kiwanian as a sponsor. Members are encouraged to contact non profit organizations as potential applicants. The application deadline is April 1, 2016.

Ed Reisch said that most pledges in support of the Christmas Pageant have been received. He thinks we should just about break even on the event, and encourages everyone to think ahead of publicity efforts for next year.

Ken Saville is looking for 8 to 10 volunteers to stuff envelopes at the Easter Seals office, 101 Nob Hill Road, at 9 a.m. on January 27. This is a good service opportunity, and includes some tasty snacks.

Mary Mennes reported that she and **Ken Saville** met with Jamie Kinder, Midvale/Lincoln PTO member and chair of a committee that is raising funds to reconstruct the playground at Midvale School. They have raised \$45,000 so far, which puts them about halfway to their goal. The current playground equipment is from the 1970 and 1980's – no longer adequate nor safe for all children. Space and equipment suitable for recess groups of 150 children, and accessible for those with physical disabilities is needed. The PTO group is asking for our help in expanding their fundraising efforts to the community. We will continue to help them in this effort, and welcome any of you who would like to be involved. **Bonnie Hanson** and **Bill Battista** are already working with the group. More information to come on this project.

Mary Mennes thanked Ron for doing last week's newsletter and reminded everyone to check each issue for upcoming events. Check Facebook too, and "like" the posts.

Ed Reisch reported that he spoke to Gail Schomisch who sends greetings to all from Florida.

Chuck Stumpf visited with **John Schwab** this past week. John is off chemo at present and while he tires easily, does appreciate brief calls or visits

The Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian and Golden K Scholarship applications are due February 1, 2016. High School Guidance Counselors at Madison East, Madison West, Madison Memorial, Madison LaFollette, Edgewood and McFarland high schools. were informed of these scholarships and deadline. If any member knows of an outstanding high school senior planning to attend a Wisconsin College. Selection criteria include scholarship performance, extra curricular activities, community service, leadership and communication skills. Students from all of these schools are eligible for the \$2,000 Ahlgren scholarship. Based on the Madison Golden request, only Madison East High School students are eligible for the two Golden K \$500 scholarships in 2016. One of these scholarships will be financial need. If anyone knows of an outstanding high school student please encourage them see their high school guidance counselor and apply for one of these scholarships.

