



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Mary Johnson and Jan Froelich guests Millard Johnson and **John Schwab**, currently on leave.

Program: Ruth Oppedahl described her eighteen day experience kayaking on the Wisconsin River. Ruth started in Lac Vieux Desert at the Wisconsin-Michigan state line to Wyalusing Park near Prairie du Chen. Her kayak was foldable making it easy to transport.

Although her trip took eighteen days, she was alone for only three days. Since her trip progress was available on the web many people along the trip were aware of her location. River angels along the trip spent time canoeing with Ruth and assisting with over highways especially when facing a culvert.

Ruth was able to observe many efforts that were made by various volunteer groups to improve the environmental quality of the land adjacent to the river.



Ruth Oppedahl finishing her 430 mile kayak trip on the Wisconsin River at Wyalusing State Park – Prairie du Chen

March 18, 2016

Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Jim Danner
Opening word:	Carrol Spencer
Music:	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Marv Beatty, Virg Jurrens
Drawing:	John Schwab ASA Ski Program

Announcements:

Next week, March 21-25, our meeting on Friday is canceled, but our official meeting for the week will be March 23 with the Madison East Kiwanis. They will be meeting at The Journey, 4325 Lien Road which is a new meeting location which is near the Target Store near East Towne Mall. Our **Millard Johnson** will provide program on Antarctica.

Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 23	Interclub with Madison East
March 25	No meeting
April 1	Youth and Community Grant Applications due
April 9	WI-UM Regional Midyear Conf. at UW-Richland Center Campus
April 16	Vilas Zoo Spring cleanup Madison Area Kiwanis Clubs
June 9	Kiwanis Day. Madison East Mallards Baseball Game
June 22-25	Kiwanis International Convention Toronto
August 12-14	WIUM District Convention Oconomowoc

Upcoming Programs:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>
March 23	Antarctic Antics (Meeting with Madison East) Millard Johnson	*****	****
March 25	No Meeting		
April 1	Camp Wawbeek and Easter Seals Carissa Miller	Ed Reid	Brian Martin

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI

Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.com

Email: Admin@madisonwestkiwanis.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Announcements:

For a medical update:

Terry Stewart is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Lavern Forest had surgery on Thursday related to his pancreatic and liver cancer.

The Dane County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days has grant available focused on promoting agriculture among youth in Dane County. **Arlin Brannstrom, Bob Cropp, Bruce Dewey, Ron Schuler** and **Carrol Spencer** agreed to serve on a committee pursuing an grant application.

To continue our revitalization activity, **Fred Ross** has scheduled a meeting of task force leaders and other club members to further develop the plan and to prepare for our weekly April 8 meeting when the program will be Reinvigorating Madison West Kiwanis. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Ashman Library Conference Room (the library is located on the northeast corner of Old Sauk and High Point Roads intersection). Other members are welcome.

Members planning to attend are **Bruce Hoehne, Millard Johnson, Mary Mennes, Fred Ross, Ken Saville, Ron Schuler** and **Carrol Spencer**. Several workshops are scheduled and our club will provide a gift basket for a raffle to raise funds for the district foundation.

Reminder: Arlin Brannstrom encouraged members to contact non profit organizations as potential applicants for our Community and Youth Grants. The application deadline is April 1, 2016. Only two weeks remain until the dead line. Arlin has only received two applications so far. The applications can be found on our public web site www.madisonwestkiwanis.com.

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	Jim Danner
Arlin Brannstrom	Brian Martin

Ken Saville reported **Jim Danner, Bonnie Hansen, Tom McCrill and Ken Saville** volunteered (3.5 hours) at Second Harvest Food Bank on March 15. They prepared sixty meals per hour.



Jim Danner, Tom McCrill and Ken Saville(l-r) at Second Harvest. Photographer is **Bonnie Hansen**

Participating in a partial interclub at the Stoughton Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on March 12 were **Ron Schuler, Carrol Spencer** and **Dave Wendricks**.

The Midvale Elementary School has scheduled their Annual Cultural Fair on May 12, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The parents are invited participate with a booth representing their country or culture. More info later regarding volunteer opportunities.

On April 16, 9:30 am to noon, Kiwanians in the Madison area will be doing spring cleanup in the Kiwanis area of the Vilas Zoo.

Madison East Kiwanis has scheduled the Annual Kiwanis Day at the Madison Mallards Baseball game on June 9 at Warner Park. The game starts at 6:35 with supper from 5:00 to 6:30. Tickets are \$16.00.

