



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

# KIWANOGRAM

**Program:** Karl Crave presented the program, Cowpower – From Manure to Kilowatts, where manure is converted to methane gas which is the fuel for an engine which drives an electric generator. The electricity is sold to the electric power companies. The methane gas must be processed (removal of water and hydrogen sulfide) before going into engine.

The methane gas accumulates at the top of a large tank called the digester. Inputs into the digester can be other biomaterials besides manure. These include cheese plant wastes, potato peels from chipping, and cooking pit grease.

The remaining solids and liquid can be applied to crop land as fertilizer. On some systems the solids are separated and composted which is marketed to homeowners for lawn and garden application. This permits an opportunity to export phosphorus from the farm which has been an issue on farms north of Madison where additional phosphorus is not needed.

Currently Wisconsin has thirty some digesters on farms. Based on current economics, digesters are feasible on farms with 1000 or more dairy cows.



Karl Crave

## Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
May 13	Middle School Awards Sharon Brantmeier	Carrol Spencer	Ken Saville
May 20	What's Happening with Revenue Rick Chandler	Virgil Jurrens	Ed Reisch

## May 6, 2016

Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Fred Ross
Opening word:	Ken Saville
Music:	Boomer and Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart and Virgil Jurrens
Drawing:	Ken Saville Christmas Pageant

## Announcements:

A Board of Directors meeting was held on May 4. Highlights:

1. A brief Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, immediately following our regular meeting to discuss Youth and Community grants.
2. **Fred Ross** provided a oral report of the Membership Steering Committee. A suggested and potential theme for our member recruiting effort is 'YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE'. A final report is expected at the June meeting of our Board of Directors.
3. The program committee is planning a survey to gain information regarding member interests in the meeting programs.

## Important Dates

Date	Event
May 12	Cultural Fair at Midvale School
May 14	Madison East Kiwanis, 60 year Anniversary, Lake Edge Church
May 19	Monroe Kiwanis 95 <sup>th</sup> year Anniversary, Turner Hall
June 9	Kiwanis Day. Madison East Mallards Baseball Game
June 22-25	Kiwanis International Convention Toronto
August 12-14	WIUM District Convention Oconomowoc

## Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
326 South Segoe Road  
Madison, WI  
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## Announcements:

**Chuck Stumpf** reported receiving April birthday contributions of \$117 from Fritz Lutze and Bob Luening. The total birthday contribution for 2016 is \$639.

**Fred Ross** has scheduled a Madison West Kiwanis Membership Steering Committee on Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm, in the Lussier Center on Gammon Road.

The Midvale Elementary School has scheduled their Annual Cultural Fair on May 12, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The parents are invited to participate with a booth representing their country or culture. If interested contact **Bonnie Hansen** at 838-8456 or email [2bonniejeanne@charter.net](mailto:2bonniejeanne@charter.net).

Another volunteer opportunity at Midvale School is the Planting Date on May 7, Saturday. Volunteers are needed between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested.

Volunteers are needed for field trips of Midvale School students to Olbrich Gardens on Tues, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11. If interested and need more details contact Bonnie Hansen..

**Marv Heiser** announced for **Carrol Spencer** a work day is scheduled at Eplegaarden to cut and bundle firewood, May 14, 8:00 am to noon. If interested in volunteering contact Carrol at 274-7121 or [ncspencer@sbcglobal.com](mailto:ncspencer@sbcglobal.com).

## Other Division 3 Kiwanis Clubs

**Reminder:** Madison East Kiwanis has scheduled the 60-year anniversary May 14, 6pm social and 6:30 dinner, at the Lakeview Church, United Church of Christ located at 9200 Buckeye Road. Their dinner will be \$20. Deadline for replies was April 29.

## 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

**Reminder:** 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. Contact Mike Morgan, 3001 Dunmore St. Fitchburg, WI 53711.

**Bruce Hoehne** announced the Platteville Kiwanis Club has scheduled a Chicken BBQ on June 1, Wednesday. An opportunity to have an Interclub.

**Bruce Hoehne** announced the Monroe Kiwanis Club is celebrating their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 19, 6:00 pm, in Turner Hall.

## Midvale School Students Receive iPads

Recently, Madison West Kiwanis purchased two iPads for two students at Midvale Elementary School. The iPads are extremely beneficial for students who have autism. The students receiving the iPads have much improved learning ability. The iPads are available to the students at school and at home. Angel Cruz was one of the students. Angel's parents expressed a deep appreciation for receiving the iPad.



Angel Cruz, shown with parents, Isabel and Juan, received an iPad