



Kiwaniis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Mark, Heidi, Katie, Becca Lucarelli guest of Benjamin Lucarelli, Ahlgren Scholarship recipient.

Program: Improving Wisconsin Tax Climate and Economy was our program today, presented by Richard Chandler, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The vision of the department is to make taxpaying less taxing.

A primary goal of the department is implement good tax policy with an emphasis on job creation. Other goals include provide excellent customer service, maintain a high level of efficiency and create a excellent work environment.

An increase in e-filing of state taxes has been dramatic, reaching 85 percent last year. Free online service is available and taxpayers can check their refund progress. Other initiatives were shorter audits, address big issues in audits, reduced individual tax and holding lines on property tax.



Richard Chandler, Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

May 20, 2016

Presiding:	Mary Mennes
Greeter:	Virg Jurrens
Opening word:	Ed Reisch
Music:	Mary
Checkpoint:	Terry Stewart and Marv Beatty
Drawing:	Leo Walsh
	Camp Wawbeek

Announcements:

Carrol Spencer informed the members of the passing of former member Laverne Forest on May 18, Wednesday. Vern operated Eplegaarden farm and provided many fundraising opportunities for Kiwanis. A celebration of life will be on Sunday, May 22, 3:00-6:00 pm, at the Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road and Monday, May 23, 10:00 am with funeral services at 11:00 am at Bethel Lutheran Church at 312 Wisconsin Avenue. A lunch will follow.

Division 3 Lt. Governor **Bruce Hoehne** reported the volunteer positions for the 2016 Bratfest are filled. Members can register for the 2017 Bratfest. Next year planning will begin earlier to allow for more members to volunteer.

Important Dates

Date	Event
June 1	Board of Directors HyVee Fitchburg
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:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
May 27	Drones (UAV's) in Agriculture Brian Luck	Ned Schmitt	Dwayne Rohweder
June 3	Treasures and Legends-UW Geology Museum Richard Slaughter	Tom McCrill	Ken Saville

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:

Mary Mennes presented Harold Green and Dave Wendricks, our interclub chairs, with a Kiwanis District Round Robin award/patch for our banner. A Round Robin award is presented to a club that has interclubs at least ten times during the Kiwanis administrative year and each must visit their sponsored youth clubs at least once.

The West Madison Little is kicking off the season on May 27 with our Madison West Kiwanis team playing at 7:40 pm on the Senior Field. **Millard Johnson** will be throwing out the first pitch.

We have an opportunity to volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Pantry on May 31, 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Contact **Bonnie Hansen** if interested in volunteering.

Bonnie Hansen reported **Bonnie Bruce, Ken Saville** and **Bonnie Hansen** volunteered at the Midvale School Cultural Fair on May 12.

Bill Battista announced June 28 will be Little League at the Milwaukee Brewer Baseball game with the Dodgers. A Badger Bus is available for transportation to the game.

Catt Piotrowski announced she is participating in the Race for the Cure and was requesting support.

Bruce Hoehne announced a Foundation trustees meeting is scheduled after today's meeting.

On May 14, Madison East Kiwanis celebrated their 60-year anniversary. Jim Burmeister, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis Governor, reported the division has nearly reached the goal of his project, a six passenger golf cart for Camp Wawbeek, a governor club challenge for membership growth has been issued, and a potential division may be the I-Pad for children project. Madison West Kiwanians attending the celebration were **Harold** and Bev **Green**, **Bruce** and Nancy **Hoehne**, **Tom** and LaVonne **McCrill**, **Mary Mennes**, **Ed** and Mary Lou **Reisch**, **Ron Schuler**, **Chuck** and Diane **Stumpf**, h

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

On May 19, **Harold Green, Bruce Hoehne, Mary Mennes, Ken Saville** and **Chuck Stumpf** attended the 95th Anniversary celebration of the Monroe Kiwanis Club.

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.

Ahlgren Scholarship

Benjamin Lucarelli, a graduating senior at Edgewood High School was recognized as the recipient of the 2016 Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship. Ben had an outstanding record of scholarship, extracurricular activities and community service. He has a grade point of 3.99/4.00. He was a member of the Edgewood Key Club and had 500 hours of service. His honors included Eagle Scout, Black Belt, Academic Excellence Award, High Honors Roll and National Honors Society. Ben plans to attend Marquette University with a Mechanical Engineering major.

Thanks to Sharon Brantmeier, Bobette Heller and Virg Jurens for evaluating the 2016 applicants.



Ben with his family, parents (Mark and Heidi) and two sisters, Katie and Becca