



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: Mary Lou Reisch, Jack Mitchell and Ryan Seib, guests of Ed Reisch; Lennie Saffian, Dick Pantalcone, and Eunice Hardy, guests of Bonnie Hansen; Bob Luening and Gale Vandenberg, former club members and Brian Rodeck, new member applicant.

Program: David McDonald, professor in the UW-Madison History Department, has expertise in Contemporary Russia and shared the many changes that have occurred in Russia and the previous country, USSR.

Some observations:

1. Russia seems calm compared to remainder of the world,
2. Putin regime changes defied expectations,
3. Surging discontent in Russia due the loss in value of the ruble, one half in three years,
4. All transactions are negotiable,
5. The drop in oil prices from \$100 to \$50 has had a tremendous impact and
6. Russian is the second language in some large cities outside Russia such as London.

One major change occurred In the 1980's when privatization was implemented which led to more corruption. Many Russian citizens were given a hectare (2.47 acres) to grow agricultural crops. Within a few short years, one percent of the agricultural land produced the majority of the crops. The large collective farms which controlled the remaining agricultural land were very inefficient.



Professor David McDonald

June 24, 2016

Presiding: Mary Mennes
 Greeter: Marv Beatty
 Opening word: Fred Ross
 Music: Boomer and Mary
 Checkpoint: Terry Stewart, Virg Jurens
 Drawing: None

Announcements:

President **Mary Mennes** announced:

1. We will not have a meeting on July 1. Our next weekly meeting will be July 8 at Covenant.
2. A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 6, (7:30 am) Wednesday, at the HyVee in Fitchburg. Members are welcome.

Fred Ross announced:

1. Our reinvigoration program has begun with one member application and a goal of 20 new members by December, 2017
2. Members are invited to participate in Monday morning bike ride. Contact Fred for details.
3. Two special membership meetings coming up: July 22 on Homelessness in Madison and August 12 on UW Distance Education
4. A special breakfast meeting, instead of a noon meeting, is being planned for Sept. 2 at the Lussier Center.

Important Dates

Date	Event
June 22-25	Kiwanis International Convention Toronto
July 1	No Meeting
July 6	Board of Directors Meeting HyVee Fitchburg
July 23	Opera in the Park
August 12-14	WIUM District Convention Oconomowoc

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
July 1	NO MEETING		
July 8	Electric cars – How Soon Robert Lorenz	Carrol Spencer	TBD

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
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www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

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

Announcements:

Ed Reisch announced:

1. He has one game ticket available and a bus ticket for the Little League at the Brewer game on June 28. Bus leaves Little League field at 3:00 pm.
2. Olbrich Gardens has a concert every Tuesday evening (5:30 to 7:00 pm) during the summer. Madison East Kiwanis members sell brats etc from their trailer with assistance from Aktion Club members.
3. As our social chair, **Ed**, is planning a Kiwanis evening at Opera in the Park in Garner Park on July 23. Details later.

Recently Madison West Kiwanis received 'Thank You' notes from:

1. Second Harvest Food Bank, grant and
2. Aldo Leopold Nature Center—grant.

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Reinvigoration Program

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