



MADISON WEST KIWANIS

BRIGHT PAST. BRILLIANT FUTURE.

HISTORY-50 YEARS (1959-2009)

FOREWORD

THE HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS that follow represent an effort by several people to record the history of the Kiwanis Club of Madison West. Special recognition must be given to Bob Spencer, our "unofficial" club historian. Bob became a member of the club in 1970 and maintains a large collection of club newsletters, pictures, board meeting minutes, and press clippings. For a quarter of a century he served as our Treasurer, and he frequently "lends" us the use of the clubhouse at Saukdale where he resides.

Dwayne Rohweder also deserves a lot of credit for the work he's done to make not only this brief history, but also the West Kiwanis 50th anniversary celebration, possible. With "whip" in hand, Dwayne has kept the Anniversary committee hard at work for almost two years. It is his dedication to the project that brings you some great tidbits from our Charter Members. Dwayne interviewed each of the living Charter Members to learn something of their early memories of West Kiwanis. The results of those interviews are found elsewhere in this booklet.

Like Bob Spencer, Dwayne has served Kiwanis for many years. A member since 1964, he was West Kiwanis President in 1976-77, served as Lieutenant Governor of the Division in 1983, and is the Chair of the West Kiwanis 50th Anniversary Committee.

Dave Dickson, Editor for this 50th Anniversary West Kiwanis History, volunteered to accept this responsibility and has found it fascinating as well as challenging. Dave has been a club member since 1977 and served as President in 1999-2000. Any mistakes, errors, or misspellings of members' names in this history are his and his alone.

As it says in the Preamble to the 40th Anniversary History from 1999, "the club was chartered at the end of the 1950's as the United States struggled to secure a peaceful future for the World's children. The United States and the Soviet Union faced each other in what was known as the *"Cold War."*

At the time the club was founded, the Kiwanis motto was *"We Build."* It's particularly interesting to note that International Kiwanis recently changed our emphasis to *"Serving the Children of the World."* Clearly, 50 years ago our founders were thinking far ahead of their time.

Dwayne and Bob have done an amazing job of tracing everyone who has ever been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Madison West. While many of our early members have joined some heavenly Kiwanis club, others have found employment elsewhere and/or moved from the west side of Madison.

Nearly 400 Madison business and professional people have been a part of the 50 year history of this Kiwanis club. Each of them, along with the almost 100 current members, have helped our club mature, grow and make significant contributions to service in our community. We sincerely hope some of you have joined us at our Celebration dinner and that others will have an opportunity to read through this brief history of our club.

Your 50th Anniversary Committee is pleased to provide you with this brief history of West Kiwanis. We hope it becomes a keepsake reminding you of the "good old days" and that it contains ideas from years past that might well be considered again. Someone much wiser than us once said, "those who refuse to learn from history's mistakes are destined to repeat the mistakes of the past."

The Kiwanis Club of Madison West is extremely proud of its 50 years of excellence and service to our community. We look forward to an even stronger commitment to service in the decades ahead. As the cover of this booklet says:

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Dave Dickson, Editor

IN THE BEGINNING...

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MADISON WEST began when the Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club was approached by a nucleus of "west-siders" interested in forming a service club. One of the first Kiwanis clubs organized in Wisconsin, the Downtown Club traces its history to 1919 when it became the third Kiwanis club in Wisconsin, preceded by Milwaukee (1916) and Racine (1916).

On March 20, 1959, the Kiwanis Club of Madison West (that will be referred to as "West Kiwanis" from this point) was born at an organizational meeting hosted by Downtown Kiwanis. Officers were elected at their first official meeting on April 15th, and a large, enthusiastic group gathered at the West Side Businessmen's Club to celebrate the West Kiwanis Charter Night on May 20, 1959.

Forty-one men from west Madison became the charter members of West Kiwanis that night. Only Al Anderson, Conley Montgomery and Art Peterson remain as active members today. Ernie Rothe and Dick Pierce still reside in Madison. Henry Ahlgren was elected charter president of the club and continued to attend weekly meetings until just a few weeks before his death at the age of 94.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Henry Ahlgren (Pres)	E. A. King	Lloyd Rader
Al Anderson (Sec)	Emil Korenic	Doral Robb
Orville Arnold	Robert Kraft	Ernie Rothe
James Atkins (Treas)	Knute Knutson	Robert Schmitz
James Crowley	Anthony Mack	George Steiner
Albert Gay	George Martin	Clark Stewart
Charles Gill	Wilbur McDaniels	Karl Sumner
Loren Griswold	A.H. Miller	Robert Thayer
Clifford Hawley	Conley Montgomery	Robert Torkelson
Robert Hull	Kenneth Nester	Bob Towner (VP)
Daniel Imhoff	Arthur Peterson	John Turgeson
J. R. Jacobs	Richard Pierce	John Villhaver
Boris Josheff	G. O. Pond	Jack Kammer

FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT BORN YET (or too young to remember) television favorites of 1959 were "Rawhide," "Bonanza," and "The Twilight Zone." Movies everyone was seeing were "Some Like It Hot," "Ben Hur," and "North by Northwest." Alaska and Hawaii were admitted to the union, little girls fell in love with Barbie Dolls made by Mattel, and Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba.

The average cost of a new house was \$12,400, the average salary was \$5,010, and gas was 25¢ a gallon. A new car cost about \$2,000, a loaf of bread was 20¢, and you could go to the movies for a buck.

EARLY DEVELOPMENTS in the history of West Kiwanis show our club becoming the 21st service club in Madison to join the city's Service Club Council in 1960. Club meetings were held at the CUBA Club restaurant on University Avenue until 1988.

The club also purchased a beef steer at a regional junior livestock auction in 1960 and "resold" it to members after it was butchered and packaged. This became an enjoyable fundraiser among club members as our own "Colonel" Jim Crowley auctioned steaks and hamburger to the highest bidders from 1960 to 1971.

The first all-city high school **Hockey Banquet** was held in 1964 at the East Side Businessmen's Club with 180 attending. This club activity is now in its 46th year.

West Kiwanis undertook a major project as sponsor for the **Kiwanis Club of Middleton** in 1964. We also sponsored the Kiwanis clubs of **Monona-Madison** in 1974, **Golden K** in 1982, **Belleville** in 1983 and **Fitchburg** in 1988. A highly successful club-building project is our sponsorship of the **Kiwanis Key Club of Edgewood** in 1994.

The first of a long line of successful **Pancake Breakfast** fundraisers was held in 1965 at the West Side Businessmen's Club. Still the club's major source of income, what began as "Aunt Jemima Pancake Day" has thrived during moves to the Dane County fairgrounds and to its current location at Edgewood High School. This year's Pancake Breakfast set an all-time record with net income approaching \$14,000. In 1969 the club purchased its own pancake grill for \$639. Almost forty years later, it continues to serve the club's needs well -- with occasional repairs to keep it in excellent working condition.

The first list of West Kiwanis **Club Projects** was recorded in 1965, and it becomes obvious the club had dived "head first" into the community service it was established to perform. Here are some items from that list:

- established a **Teacher of the Year for Emotionally Disturbed Children** Award that was adopted as a district project,
- led all Madison Service Clubs in the sale of **American Flags**,
- supported a **Kiwanis Conference Room** at **Upham Woods** camp and was the first club in the District to complete payment of its voluntary pledge,
- supported **Kim Orphanage** Thomas Won-Bug-San, **Korea** with Care Packages and clothing until 1968,
- assisted with **Central Colony** volleyball
- cooperated with Madison Downtown to sponsor **UW Circle K**,
- provided Madison area teachers with **Trees for Tomorrow Scholarships** from 1965 to 1996,
- planted trees with **West Madison 4-H** clubs in Hill Farm Park,
- traveled to Monroe Kiwanis Club each year to share a program presented by **Alice in Dairyland** (continued until the early 2000's),
- sponsored a **Christmas Tree** project on land owned by Dairyland Insurance just behind the Hilldale Shopping Center; the project continued until 1973 when 30 of the trees were donated to churches and nursing homes for the Holiday Season; 29 more trees were sold.

Under the guidance and direction of Boris Josheff, 1968 saw the birth of the West Kiwanis **High School Music Banquet** for instrumental musicians. More than 40 years later the Music Banquet remains a major club project and

\$2,000 in scholarships are presented to Madison area high school musicians in honor of Boris and his long-standing dedication to this project.

The club's **International Program** began in 1966 and continued until 1989. The primary objective of this project was to recognize international students at the University of Wisconsin and to provide them with a copy of the Manchester Guardian for the International Student Library. Charter member Al Anderson has a long-standing affiliation with the **Shorewood School** system. This brought him into daily contact with international children whose parents were in graduate school at the UW. West Kiwanis provided assistance with the English as a Second Language program at Shorewood.

In 1966, President Bill Johnson announced that he was appointing Ed Parmenter to organize and lead a club barbershop quartet. It took a number of years for the quartet to practice and feel comfortable performing in front of audiences, but they quickly became a club favorite. Their impromptu performances at club meetings were eagerly anticipated and greatly appreciated.

The **West Kiwanis Barbershop Quartet** brought many hours of enjoyment to our members, but also to groups around the city and the state. Their final performance was perhaps as recently as 2000, but Gene Prine (baritone) discontinued his club membership and recently we lost Ed Parminter (lead) and Miles Barker (bass). Fritz Lutze (tenor) remains actively involved in West Kiwanis.

A weekly newsletter kept members informed about upcoming club activities and programs. The club secretary presented a suggestion to the board from Art Peterson in 1966. At the time, Art was on a leave of absence in Cairo, Egypt, as a representative of the UW Soil Science Department. With time to ponder all the problems of the world, Art came up with the name "**KIWAN-O-GRAM.**" While we've changed the paper color and the format of the newsletter a few times, it still reads KIWAN-O-GRAM at the masthead.

IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE remembering 1969, that was the year Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon. Vietnam War protests spread throughout the nation with UW Madison students leading the move to force US troop withdrawal. Woodstock drew more than 400,000 "pot-smoking hippies" to a farm in upstate New York. Avid fans applauded the efforts of the Who, Jimi Hendrix, Crosby Stills Nash and Young -- and many others.

Fashion trends reflected the anti-war sentiment with military jackets adorned with peace signs seen everywhere. Long, unkempt, wild hair and headbands were some of the signs of the anti-establishment, anti-war protests of the "beat" generation.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 800 in 1969, the average cost of a new house was \$15,550, and annual income averaged \$8,500. You could buy a new car for a little more than \$3,000, monthly rent was about \$135, and gas was 35¢ per gallon.

THE SECOND DECADE saw even more activities added to the list of community services provided by West Kiwanis. A note from 1970 indicates the club's approval of the establishment of a **West Kiwanis Foundation**. While the Foundation grew slowly and required a Madison "emergency" to really prosper, the members who proposed this were clearly "ahead of their time." We'll cover the Foundation growth and activities in much more detail later.

Named for one of our charter members and UW wrestling coach, the **George Martin Wrestling Award** for Leadership was initiated in 1971. West Kiwanis continued presenting the award until 1985.

The annual Madison Area Service Club Olympics is an event organized to provide service club members a chance to compete and interact with their colleagues. **George Martin** was selected by the Olympics committee in 1970 to be **Olympian of the Year**. This was only the first West Kiwanian who would be presented this honor. Learn more about our "Olympics" successes a little later.

Scholarships were provided for **Disadvantaged Youth from Dane County at Camp Webb** in 1972. This opportunity for young people with limited resources received overwhelming support from Madison organizations. More than 1,100 young people received scholarships.

A Major Emphasis project that emphasized **Enriching Lives in the Greater Years** began in 1974 with activities at the Madison Convalescent Center and other care facilities. West Kiwanis involvement included conducting church and social services, transporting residents to band concerts, erecting a flagpole and more. These activities continued until 1986 along with a number of on-going youth projects.

Charter member **Art Peterson** brought great recognition and honor to West Kiwanis by being elected **Governor** of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District in 1974. He remains the only West Kiwanis member to reach this lofty leadership role. Art had previously served as Lieutenant Governor of all the Kiwanis clubs in the Madison area during 1963. He was the first of ten West Kiwanians who have served in this capacity during our 50-year history. **Rich Grooms** held the title of Lieutenant Governor in 2007-2008.

The club cooperated with the Madison Area Service Club Council to sponsor the **Inter-club Prayer Breakfast** in 1976. In 1977, West Kiwanians published and distributed a schedule of church services to Madison hotels and motels.

"One-upping" International Kiwanis by a decade, Kiwanis Key Clubs (our high school arm) voted to become co-educational in 1977.

Thanks to Ned Schmidt, a new fund-raising project was initiated in 1977. The West Kiwanis **Kilo-O-Korn** (popcorn) program flourished as Ned was able to purchase popcorn in bulk, join club members at his place of business filling bags with one kilo of popcorn, and then selling the KOK's to club members and to those attending club functions like the Pancake Day. A marketing suggestion to label the package "KKK" was short-lived.

A handful of West Kiwanians suffered heart attacks during this decade; some even needed open-heart surgery. As a result, a **Save-A-Life** project was initiated in 1977. A brief inventory of member spouses discovered four Registered Nurses available to do blood pressure screening. RN's Wilma Rohweder, Marjorie Campbell, Lyn Laurion, and Ruth Lutze attended many club meetings taking the blood pressure of anyone who looked even a little bit like a candidate for a heart attack. Red Cross Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation (CPR) training was also provided for club members.

On the social front, the club considered celebrating the **15th Anniversary** of West Kiwanis in 1974, however the party that was discussed never quite materialized. Bob Spencer and Don Mackie organized the West Kiwanis **Bridge Club** in 1975. Thirty-four years later the group still meets regularly, and three tables of players sit down for an evening of conviviality and competition.

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY of West Kiwanis was celebrated on May 25, 1979 at the Rennebohm Regency. A large crowd of members and guests arrived to enjoy a program chaired by President Dick Pierce. Fritz Lutze, accompanied by Dave Dickson on the piano, directed a group of West Kiwanis singers to entertain those in attendance. Members of the singing group were:

Miles Barker	Ed Parminter	Ned Schmidt
Roy Haase	Gene Prine	L. G. Sordin
John Kerwin	Dwayne Rohweder	Bob Tschudy
		John Watts

HISTORY WAS MADE IN 1979 when a woman, Margaret Thatcher, was elected Prime Minister in the UK. Sony released their first "Walkman." It was a worldwide success even though it cost \$200 -- a lot of money at the time. The first snowboard was invented in the US allowing lots of bad skiers to enjoy winter weather. The bombings by the IRA in England continued as Lord Mountbatten and three others were assassinated. Following the

return of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran became an Islamic Republic and 63 Americans were taken hostage in the American Embassy in Tehran on November 4th.

Annual inflation in 1979 was an almost unbelievable 11.2%, and year-end interest rates at the Federal Reserve were 15.25%. The Dow Jones closed that year at 838. Average cost of a new house was \$58,100 while the average annual income had risen to \$17,500. Rent averaged \$280 per month and gas cost 86¢ per gallon.

THE 1980'S WERE A DECADE OF CHANGE for West Kiwanis. We began a cooperative project to help special needs people enjoy a **RIDE/3GAITS PROGRAM**. Our role was to provide adults to walk alongside horses being ridden by young and old with special needs. Seeing the glow on the faces of the riders as the horses circled the riding arena made this project more than worthwhile for our membership.

KIWANIS GOLDEN K was chartered in 1982 with our club as the sponsor. Intended to attract retirees and those in their "Golden Years," the club continues to make significant contributions to youth and service to the community.

1982 was also the year West Kiwanis was asked to assume the responsibility for keeping Madison's **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** alive and well. While some sentiment exists to change the title to the Holiday Pageant, we'll continue calling it by its original name as long as we can. Madison's high schools had been sponsoring the pageant for some 60 years before "church-state" separatists began raising a clamor to remove religion from the classroom. West Kiwanis continues to sponsor the Pageant with excellent support from our members and many friends in the Madison community.

West Kiwanian Dwayne Rohweder, in his role as Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Division 2 W, was on hand with several of our other members as the **KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLEVILLE** was chartered in 1983. The Kiwanis Club of Monroe sponsored the new club.

That same year we also began what has grown to be a very close relationship with **CAMP WAWBEEK**. This camp located near Wisconsin Dells serves groups of young and old special needs "campers" each summer. West Kiwanis helped sponsor scholarships, build a special needs-friendly swimming pool and assisted with camp cleanup in their first year working with the camp.

In 1984, led by our President John Watts, West Kiwanis celebrated our **25TH ANNIVERSARY** at the Oakwood Lutheran Home. A large crowd turned out to celebrate the event and to enjoy Charter President Henry Ahlgren's address. Excerpts from those remarks, titled "25 Years in 25 Minutes," appear in a separate section of this booklet. They are just as true and appropriate today as they were a quarter of a century ago.

We were especially pleased to have our very own Richard "Matty" Mathison selected our second **OLYMPIAN OF THE YEAR** by the Madison Area Service Club Council in 1986. The award was presented at the Olympics banquet with nearly 70 Kiwanis friends and many members of his family on hand. Once again, we proudly raised the trophy as the winner of the Service Club Olympics.

Perhaps the biggest change to occur during the 1980's came about when International Kiwanis admitted women into our membership in 1987. While there was some "wailing and gnashing of teeth" within the membership of West Kiwanis, common sense prevailed and our **FIRST WOMAN MEMBER WAS INDUCTED INTO OUR CLUB IN 1989**. While she didn't remain a member for long because of a career move, Wendy Tingley, Regional Director for the FFA, became the first woman member of Madison West Kiwanis.

One of our new club projects began in 1989. The Madison "Paint-a-thon" was organized to enable the elderly and the needy to get some help painting their houses. Local paint dealers provided the brushes, paints, caps and tee shirts while service organizations provided the "people power." We painted our first house that year and enjoyed the project immensely. We have continued to be involved in this project (in a bit of a hit-and-miss fashion) through the past 20 years.

WEST KIWANIS FUNDRAISING took on a new look under the leadership of Bill Battista and Tom Jordan. Expanded efforts to work in concession stands at football games, special events and Kohl Center activities increased the club's income substantially. This allowed support of far more community projects and additional youth programs. Whereas income from our concession stand was about \$850 before 1989, it suddenly increased more than tenfold.

Under President Fritz Lutze's leadership, West Kiwanis celebrated its **30TH ANNIVERSARY** in 1989 at the Great Hall of the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union. Again, a large group attended the event and enjoyed the program that included a performance by our very own West Kiwanis Barbershop Quartet -- Fritz Lutze, Ed Parmenter, Gene Prine and Miles Barker.

WE'RE SURE YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER 1989, but just in case you don't, that's the year Intel released the 486 series of microprocessor opening the way for the next generation of much more powerful PC's. Microsoft released its Office Suite including Spreadsheet, Word Processor, Database and Presentation Software -- much of which is still very relevant today. Massive protests against the Berlin Wall brought about the collapse of the Wall along with the East German Government. In China, pro-democracy protestors clashed with Chinese Security Forces in Tiananmen Square, and the pictures of a man single-handedly taking on a tank flashed on TV news reports across the world.

The Dow Jones closed the year at 2753 -- up 1900 points over the past ten years. Interest rates from the Federal Reserve only dropped to 10.50%. Average income rose to \$27,450, but on the average a new car cost \$15,350 and a new house \$120,000. The price of a postage stamp was 25¢ and you could buy a gallon of gas for 97¢.

WEST KIWANIS IN THE 1990'S saw an expansion of programs thanks to the increase in fundraising during the previous decade. International Kiwanis elected to focus on a worldwide project to help children. The title of the program was **YOUNG CHILDREN - PRIORITY 1**.

West Kiwanians quickly moved to adopt two special programs for children. **FOCUS ON FOURS**, an effort to reach underprivileged pre-kindergarten youngsters, was conducted at John Muir School by our club. Barbara Grooms served as liaison teacher. Club members pitched in with presentations relating to their work or their hobbies. Example lessons ranged from elementary dental care to reading stories to bringing a Jersey calf from the campus herd highlighting a session on animal care. Parents of the children were urged to attend and a light meal was served following each week's program.

In 1992, our club partnered with the UW-Cooperative Extension Service and several health care organizations to offer a **PARENTING - FIRST YEAR** newsletter program. Initially, our club assisted in preparing mailings at Meriter Hospital to parents with newborn children. Later, we took the leadership role in extending the program to St. Mary's Medical Center. All the Kiwanis clubs in Division 4, except the Monroe club, took part in the effort. Our sister club in Monroe led an effort to bring this program to St. Clare's Hospital in their home town. St. Mary's provided financial support from the beginning by paying all the printing and mailing costs for the project. In 1998, **PARENTING - SECOND AND THIRD YEARS** was offered and Kiwanians found themselves preparing about 3,000 newsletters for mailing each month. The last mailing of the newsletter occurred in 2005. Rosemary Stare and Mary Mennes deserve the credit for leading our club in this project.

Prior to 1992, District Governor Norman Everson -- retired Extension Youth Specialist -- encouraged all Kiwanis clubs in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District to join us in offering this program. As a result, "Parenting -- First Year" has been conducted through 70 of Wisconsin's 72 county Extension offices, by 165 of the 220 Kiwanis clubs in the region, 77 hospital and medical centers, and with 70 other co-sponsors. Funds expended by clubs in the district have totaled \$200,000 ranging from only stuffing envelopes to paying the total cost of the program. At least 50,000 newsletters were mailed to families with newborn children in 1997. This was a remarkably effective project.

In touch with the country's emphasis on the environment, West Kiwanians helped clear brush and debris from Madison's E-Way. Work on this area located just outside the beltline began in 1992 and continued under the direction of Marv Beatty until 2008. The club also participated in park improvement projects.

A major accomplishment of the 1990's was the establishment of a **KIWANIS KEY CLUB AT EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**. Under the sponsorship of West Kiwanis and the support and leadership of our members -- especially Dave Wendricks -- the Edgewood Key Club became a very active group. Their membership remains relatively constant at about 40 members. The music department at Edgewood provides an advisor for the Key Club.

Kiwanis International adopted **ELIMINATION OF IODINE DEFICIENCY DISEASE** in 1995 as its priority program. Between 1995 and 1998, our club donated \$11,000 to this worthy project.

Arthur E. Peterson was selected by the Madison Area Service Club Council to be our club's third **OLYMPIAN OF THE YEAR**. The award was presented at the annual Service Club Olympics banquet where Art was recognized for his long-time dedication to Little League baseball. He was instrumental in creating the baseball field complex beneath the Channel 15 television tower.

Under the leadership of Denis and Laura Vogel, West Kiwanis dived "head first" into a big, new project in 1996. As new sponsor of the **MADISON SOAP BOX DERBY**, our club returned this sixty-year old event to our city. This event, now run on the steep hill on Rosa Road just north of Mineral Point Road, attracts about 30 soapbox enthusiasts each year. The highlight of the club's involvement in the Derby came in 2007 when one of their racers won the National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

Mary Mennes became the first woman president of the Kiwanis Club of Madison West in 1998. During the decade of the 1990's membership in the club grew to more than 100 members.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY of the club was a gala event held at the posh Monona Terrace Convention Center. A large crowd enjoyed emcee John Busby, a club chorus led by Dwayne Rohweder, historic exhibits prepared by Bob Spencer, and special piano entertainment by Dave Dickson.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN 1999? The world's population exceeded six billion. The Wars in the Balkans continued to cause suffering in the region, but both sides finally met and peace was declared. Around the world, millennium parties were planned. Computer experts worried that a major system failure would result when the clocks struck midnight, 2000. Increasing use of the internet and mobile phones opened new opportunities for successful entrepreneurs.

The Dow Jones closed the year at 11,497 -- up by a factor of four from 1989. Interest rates from the Federal Reserve were 8.50%. The average cost of a new house was \$131,750 and average income was \$40,810. Gas cost \$1.22 per gallon and a new car was \$21,050. A stamp cost 33¢, a loaf of bread \$1.49, you could buy a dozen eggs for 89¢, and a pound of coffee set you back \$3.41.

THE FINAL DECADE OF OUR 50-YEAR HISTORY had many ups and downs. Several of our long-time members reached the end of their lives and/or their involvement in Kiwanis.

Boris Josheff died in 2000 while attending a Kiwanis Convention in Milwaukee. Other old-timers we miss include John Watts who passed away in 2002, Bobby Tschudy who we lost in 2003, and Our Charter President Henry Ahlgren (who still attended meetings until he was 94). We lost Al Francour in 2006, Bill Endle passed away in 2007, Marty Fliegel in 2008, Harris "Bub" Keel in 2009, and we lost half our famous barbershop quartet when Ed Parminter (2007) and Miles Barker (2008) died.

The "Phantom Greeter" program began in 2000. An unidentified Kiwanian is designated the "Phantom Greeter" and asked to keep track of those who shake his hand. The seventh person to do so receives \$2. The object is to be sure we all take time to greet one another and to get to know our new members.

In 2001, Mary Mennes was unanimously elected Lt. Governor of Division 4 of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis. Mary won the Kiwanis Governor's Award in 2003 for Outstanding Service while she served as Lt. Governor.

2001 found the West Kiwanis Foundation, under the chairmanship of Dave Dickson, planning a social event and auction to raise funds for the Foundation. The first **KIWANIS FUN AUCTION** was held at the West Side Club with more than 60 members and spouses on hand. An auction of items donated by members and friends raised nearly \$3,000. Peggy Ahlgren, daughter of our Charter President, donated many pieces of her unique and beautiful pottery.

The second Kiwanis Fun Auction in 2003 was just as much fun as the first. The Foundation determined that sponsoring the event on an every-other-year basis would maintain interest better than trying to make it an annual event. The auction raised just over \$3,000.

A highlight of 2004 was the West Kiwanis bowling team winning the **LEAGUE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP**. Team members included Rich Grooms and his son Richard, Marv Heiser, Chuck Stumpf (who converted the 3-7-10 split), and Dave Dickson. This was the first championship for the Kiwanis keglers in recent history (as long as anyone could remember).

After 45 years as a loyal West Kiwanian, Charter President Henry Ahlgren died in 2004. He was still able to attend meetings until just a few weeks before his death. His health care assistant related that Henry always looked forward to Fridays and "his" Kiwanis meetings.

West Kiwanis in conjunction with the club's Foundation decided to establish a scholarship in honor of Henry. The fund drive got underway in 2005 with excellent member support. Today, just four years after the kickoff, the **HENRY AHLGREN HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP** fund has met its goal of \$50,000 and the third recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship was just selected. More than 70% of West Kiwanis members have made contributions to the fund.

Jim Burke, president of Trek bicycles, and a speaker in 2005 donated a toddler's tricycle and a *Sport's Illustrated* signed by Lance Armstrong to our Fun Auction. They helped make the third Fun Auction tremendously successful as it earned nearly \$4,000. Once again, Peggy Ahlgren's pottery brought top prices at the auction. Proceeds of this year's event went to the Ahlgren Scholarship fund.

In the middle part of the decade, Kiwanian Vern Forest and his wife Betty offered our club another opportunity to add to our fund raising efforts. **EPLAGAARDEN**, Vern's apple orchard in Fitchburg, needed help picking up limbs and branches from the apple trees. West Kiwanis work crews have picked up, bundled, and sold this as firewood with profits going to the club.

Eplegaarden also entertains a wide range of activities each fall weekend. Vern uses Kiwanis volunteers to help take tickets for a "Harry Potterson" Halloween Haunted House, give tours of the apple orchard, sell pumpkins and apples, and generally provide assistance during Vern's busiest time of year. Each year after the season ends, Vern and Betty make a substantial donation to West Kiwanis for all the help provided by our volunteers.

In about 2005, a committee appointed by the Board of Directors, began looking at a more equitable method of distributing the funds raised by the club. Led by Fred Ross and Scott Kramer, a system to award grants to worthy applicants was developed. Proposals are now accepted from the Madison community in the areas of Youth Services and Community Services. Committees are appointed from club membership to review the grants and to determine the amount of funding each proposal deserves. The total amount of the grants awarded by West Kiwanis and the Foundation have exceeded \$25,000 in each year the grant system has been in effect.

A NEW KIWANIS CLUB IN TOWN

Dwayne A. Rohweder

INTERVIEWS WITH THE REMAINING active Charter Members have revealed an auspicious beginning for the Kiwanis Club of Madison West. The idea for a new club was planted at a U.W. Faculty bowling league session in 1958 by Jim Woodburn, Professor of Engineering and President of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, backed up by Professors Emil Truog (Soils Department) and George Briggs (Agronomy Department), members of Downtown. Easy-going Professor Woodburn was the key to starting Madison West.

Subsequently in 1959, Dean of Agriculture Glenn Pound and Don Wilkinson, President of Downtown Kiwanis, encouraged and recruited the 41 Charter Members to join and form Madison West Kiwanis, a younger, active Kiwanis Club on the West side of Madison that would be interested in community service. The Charter members represented a mix of business, education, professional, and university disciplines. Art Peterson credits Jim Woodburn for encouraging him to join. Ernie states that Reverend James Love from Downtown Kiwanis encouraged him to join. Al Anderson credits Kermit Frater, a fellow Madison School Principal and member of the Kiwanis East Club. Don Wilkinson asked Conley Montgomery "What are you doing for the Community?" and convinced him to help start the club and get to know more people. Art Peterson relates that both he and Robert Thayer, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Marketing Director, were instrumental in having the new club meet on Fridays to accommodate their Monday through Thursday travel schedules. Madison West was the only Kiwanis club in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District meeting on Friday.

The charter members all emphasized that Madison West Kiwanis members had a unanimity of spirit, all worked together and entered community service activities because all agreed. Richard Pierce stated that he received more from the club than he gave.

Henry Ahlgren, Director of Cooperative Extension and Charter President, arranged for and held Board meetings in the Memorial Union. Al Anderson, Charter Secretary, sent weekly newsletters on a three-cent postcard. Club meetings were held on Fridays in the Cuba Club on University Avenue. Members later discovered that the Cuba Club served the Kiwanis club the same menu as the Rotary Club had on Thursday. Julie Stewart, long-term waitress, knew who wanted Fish rather than meat on Friday and took care of the members in an excellent manner. Liquor could not be served at Kiwanis functions, but you could usually find Kiwanians at the bar before the meeting. Kiwanis West was a favorite place to make up meetings for Kiwanians from other clubs who were in Madison during the week.

CHARTER MEMBER COMMENTS ON HISTORY

from interviews with Dwayne Rohweder:

MEMBERS PAID FOR THEIR MEALS EVERY FRIDAY. Henry Ahlgren instituted the policy that members be allowed to pay quarterly and to obtain a credit for official make-up meetings with other Kiwanis clubs. Attendance was taken at meetings. Reverend Charles Melcher, our Club Poet Laureate, was an early attendance-taker and established Check Point Charlie. John Vilhauer took over from Charlie.

ANNUAL PICNICS WERE HELD for club members and their families. Quin Kolb organized the first picnic that was held in one of our State Parks. One or two later picnics were held on the Lampman farm until an injury occurred to the son of one of our members, Reverend Stan Klyve during a hayride.

For many years a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** was held at the Ivy Inn Motel for the children of club members.

SINGING WAS POPULAR at club meetings for many years. Song leader Ed Parminterner chose a patriotic song to open each meeting, and a second song was sung to emphasize the topic for the meeting's speaker, a club activity or holiday. Ed recruited a new member by the name of Dwayne Rohweder to take over the song leading duties in 1964, and "Boomer" has led us ever since.

AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION was an area of early emphasis in community projects that continued through the years.

Conifer trees were planted on land belonging to Dairyland Insurance between the company and Hilldale. When construction started in that area, 30 Christmas trees were donated to retirement and nursing homes and 28 were sold. The club worked with the Lucky Learners 4-H club, Wilma Rohweder co-leader, in planting trees in Rennebohm Park. For many years the club provided scholarships or grants to teachers in the Madison Schools for training at Trees for Tomorrow. Bill Lawrence was in charge of the training. Agriculture and conservation continue to receive club emphasis with volunteer efforts on the E-way led by Marvin Beatty and the many activities we enjoy each year at Vern Forrest's Fitchburg farm, Eplegaarden.

THE FIRST PANCAKE DAY was called "Aunt Jemima Day" because the company donated the pancake mix. The event was held at the Westside Business Men's Club and was a great success. Pancake Day later moved to the Dining Room of the Youth Building on the Dane County Fairgrounds. It was initially a two-day event running Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. The event was usually scheduled when there was a cat, dog, or horse show going on at the Fairgrounds. We rented the pancake grill from Janesville Kiwanis for the first few years and later purchased a grill of our own. Pancake Day later moved to Edgewood and only serves customers from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm the first Sunday in November.

A STEER WAS PURCHASED from the Southwest Wisconsin Youth Livestock Show for a number of years. Under the direction of member and Meat Science professor Quin Kolb, the steer was cut up, frozen and sold to West Kiwanis Club members. This project became a good fund-raiser and provided lots of fun with our own member, "Colonel" Jim Crowley, serving as auctioneer. Later fundraising projects included selling "Kiwanis Kilos of Korn," and farm coloring books for kids. These projects were led by Ned Schmidt and sold in conjunction with our Pancake Day.

CONCESSION STAND INCOME has allowed West Kiwanis to provide dollars to many needy organizations and groups in the Madison area. Jack Wise -- member, banker, and former UW athlete -- was instrumental in getting the club started with the concession stand project. Initially, refreshments were sold from tables in the southeast entryway to the stadium. Security was provided to prevent students from jumping over the tables for free admission. Moving our concession efforts to a trailer outside the stadium that was moved inside for halftime was a great improvement. Eventually, because of the reliability and long-time involvement of West Kiwanis, we began selling from permanent stands inside the stadium.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT held in the rotunda of the State Capitol was originally sponsored by the Madison school systems. Assistant Superintendent Myron Anderson and Frank Lindl, Director of Fine Arts met with Al Anderson stating that, because of criticism, they could not continue to support the pageant financially. Their only alternative appeared to be to bring this long-time event to an end. These gentlemen knew that Al Anderson was active in a service club and asked him for help in trying to find a service club to take over leadership of the pageant project. When Al approached the West Kiwanis Board of Directors, all were in agreement that the Christmas Pageant must continue -- and that our club was just the group to accept that responsibility. The club was offered a large financial gift to continue the pageant -- however, the donor wanted to be sure the gift was tax deductible. The current version of the West Kiwanis Foundation was quickly established and the pageant continues.

EARLY DISTRICT ACTIVITIES had to be approved by Kiwanis International. Dave Parminter and Art Peterson arranged for 75 members of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony to open the International Kiwanis Meeting at Denver, Colorado, in 1974.

HELPING THE HANDICAPPED was an area of emphasis in the early years of West Kiwanis. Club members picked up handicapped young folks and gave them transportation and tickets to UW basketball games. Other projects involved our close ties with Camp Wawbeek at the Dells. At this camp for handicapped youth and adults, we helped sponsor a Kiwanis meeting room, a special swimming pool, and chairs for the camp dining room. Another great project the club undertook was helping handicapped youngsters enjoy the opportunity to ride horses at a west-side stable. "Three Gaits Ride" program was a club project for a number of years.

TWO MORE PROJECTS REMEMBERED by our Charter Members were a West Kiwanis "Bring Your Pastor Day" when members invited the ministers at their churches to attend a Kiwanis meeting, and a "Blood Pressure Check" day when nurse spouses volunteered to keep all Kiwanians aware of any high blood pressure concerns they might find.

25 YEARS OF KIWANIS WEST IN 25 MINUTES

Henry Ahlgren's Anniversary Message May 25, 1984

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF KIWANIS in 25 minutes. That's my assignment on this important milestone in the life of Kiwanis West. I am truly honored and challenged -- perhaps beyond my capacity to meet your expectations -- to have been chosen to have a part in this truly historic event. I am also deeply aware of the responsibility that goes with this assignment, which is to review and evaluate our club activities and services over the years, primarily as they relate to service to the community in which we work and live.

I want to begin by indicating how wonderfully stimulating, encouraging, and uplifting it has been to look forward to noon every Friday during the past 25 years -- 1,300 meetings in all where we could always count on and anticipate -- good natured kidding and banter -- fun -- fellowship -- a stimulating program -- usually a good luncheon -- and of course, and most of all, the real purpose for getting together -- which is to further the goals and objectives of Kiwanis.

Twenty-five years is a long time -- and yet it really seems like only yesterday, or if not that, the day before yesterday. Our charter night program was held the evening of May 21, 1959. We held our banquet and meeting in the West Side Business Men's Club House -- since destroyed by fire -- which was located near the intersection of Whitney Way and Odana Road. There were 41 members in our Charter Group. Donald Wilkinson, at that time President of our Downtown Kiwanis Club and sponsor of our Club, called the meeting to order. By the time we assembled for this meeting -- all 41 of us had looked each other over -- and had decided we liked what we saw. I am absolutely certain that each of us who were there that night has never regretted for a moment the decision he made at that time. We are truly grateful to our Downtown Club for getting us started. In addition to the Charter Members (*listed elsewhere in this document*), Bill Johnson, Dick Henry, Jack Wise, and Ed Parminter were added to the roster of our club during the first year.

Now, 25 years later -- 1,300 Club meetings, presided over by 25 Presidents -- served with distinction by three Lieutenant Governors selected from our own membership A.J. Hancock, Art Peterson and Dwayne Rohweder -- the work of innumerable committees -- and a total membership that approximates 85 we have grown and established ourselves -- and earned the distinction of being a truly valuable resource in our community. I will have more to say about this a little later.

But for now, I want to go back again to the beginning. What was the motivation that brought 41 of us together on our Charter night -- May 21, 1959? Why did we decide we wanted to become involved in another activity? Most of us were already busily occupied -- with many other assignments -- family, business, and community responsibilities. What was there about this particular service club that would make each of us want to be involved from the very beginning in its organization, development, and growth? Sure, there was always the likelihood that we would become involved with a group where good fellowship, fun, good natured banter, and kidding, interesting programs, meeting and becoming acquainted with people in other fields of interest, and associations that would result in new friendships. Yes, we all felt we could expect things like that to happen. But I also know that we all looked forward to much more than that. What truly motivated us was the realization that something much deeper -- much more significant -- was more important than any or all of the above would likely result. The poet has said it beautifully and much more effectively than I could by any words I could choose. Listen to the words of Harold C. Sandall:

*Love that is hoarded moulds at last until we know some day
The only things we ever have are what we give away.
And kindness that is never used but hidden all alone*

*Will slowly harden till it is as hard as any stone.
It is the things we always hold that we will lose some day.
The only things we ever keep are what we give away.*

or another favorite of mine:

*Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast?
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God will say?
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today."*

That was the primary motivation that night -- May 21, 1959 -- and it has continued to be the primary motivation of the members of this Kiwanis Club every day of every week of every year since then.

Yes, we operate under the banner -- "We Build" -- not roads -- not buildings -- not complicated machines or equipment -- no -- much more important than any of those -- "We Build People." Our objectives are clear and easy to understand. They are to provide leadership:

To Give	To Promote	To Provide
To Encourage	To Develop	To Cooperate

We achieve these objectives -- not, I can assure you, by assembling for a luncheon and program for an hour and a half every Friday noon at the Cuba Club -- but rather by the work of a number of important standing committees -- all of which function on a year around basis. Because the work of these committees is so tremendously important in achieving our goal and objectives, I want to list them for you at this time. They are:

Citizenship Services	Financing and Fund Raising
Agric-Conservation-Environment	Major Emphasis
International Relations	Member Growth and Educ.
Public and Business Affairs	Support of Spiritual Aims
Club Meetings	Youth Services

All of the programs and activities of our Kiwanis Club have their origins in the work of these committees. And I would submit to you that they have been very active and most effective. The record of their performance -- as filed away in our reports -- is impressive to say the very least -- and truly remarkable. It is a record in which we can all be justifiably proud. In fact, I am willing to say -- and I do so without any reservation whatsoever -- that we are the premier Service Club among all the service clubs that serve the Madison Community. In fact, I believe our contributions have been such -- that I would have no hesitancy in challenging any other service club in our community to prove they are better.

For a group that couldn't even "carry a tune" 25 years ago, we have come a long way and have done very well while doing so.

As the years have progressed, we have had the privilege of being directly involved in the establishment of new Kiwanis Clubs in Middleton and Monona and the Madison Golden K Kiwanis Club.

All of this -- and much more which I have not reported -- and I would remind you that we are still three days short of being only 25 years old.

I hesitate to single out any activity or project that has been more important or significant than any other. In fact, almost anything we do qualifies as being of equal status or equal importance compared to any other. Nonetheless,

it seems to me that there are some from which we may derive special or greater satisfaction than from others. In this context, I would suggest that the following seem to qualify for special consideration:

1. The Christmas Pageant at the State Capitol.
2. The hockey, music and wrestling programs.
3. The RIDE program.
4. Programs for children who are disadvantaged economically or who are physically or mentally handicapped.
5. Programs presented at the Madison Convalescence Center.

As we look back over the first 25 years, which are now rapidly drawing to a close, it is clear that it is from programs aimed at helping people that we derive our greatest and most lasting and most rewarding satisfactions. It is from these programs that we re-discover again and again and again that "when you give to the world the best you have, then the best will come back to you."

There is one member of our Club -- in fact he is one of our charter members -- who truly warrants special recognition. He has a distinction that no other member can match. He has a perfect record of attendance -- 1,300 meetings during the 25 years we have been in existence and is a true Kiwanian in every respect as well. He is known and admired by all of us. He is our own Bob Torkelson.

I will complete my remarks about this very special Kiwanis Club by saying that attending one of our meetings now is just as refreshing and stimulating to me as it was during those first weeks and months 25 years ago. However, unlike then, there is no question now about our place in this community. For me as I know you all know, it has been a privilege and an honor to have been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Madison West all these years. And so, as I bring this discussion to a close -- I salute each of you for what you are and what you mean to this club -- and I invite you to join with me and respond once again to that great Kiwanis song -- "When Kiwanis Calls."

MADISON WEST KIWANIS FOUNDATION

OFFICIALLY FOUNDED IN 1970 by a forward-looking Board of Directors, the MWK Foundation remained relatively dormant until 1982. Madison school officials organized and sponsored the annual **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** held in the Capitol Rotunda for almost 60 years. Under public pressure regarding the costs to the school system and the religious nature of the program, a plea was made to West Kiwanis to adopt this project. Al Anderson, Charter Member of West and Superintendent of Schools at Shorewood, played a major role in bringing the Pageant and Kiwanis together.

An anonymous donor offered to provide substantial funding to Kiwanis if they would agree to become the organizer and sponsor of the Christmas Pageant. There was one important obstacle facing West Kiwanians who had agreed this would be a terrific project for the club. The very generous donor asked if the club had a means by which this gift would be tax deductible.

Since papers had not been filed to make the MWK Foundation a 501.c.3 organization when it was formed in 1970, the club quickly submitted the necessary paperwork to make all gifts to the Foundation tax deductible to the full extent of tax laws. Subsequently the funds from the donor became the first major contribution to the Foundation, and the Pageant became the first major West Kiwanis project maintained entirely through gifts to the Foundation.

Production costs for the Pageant now exceed \$4,000 per year, and maintenance of costumes and staging add even more. Ed Reisch has been a tireless fundraiser for the Pageant for many years. Thanks to his efforts, annual donations to support the Pageant (from inside and outside West Kiwanis) almost always exceed the costs of producing the Pageant.

Chuck Stumpf, the Foundation Secretary when the paperwork was being done to accept the Pageant donation, felt it was important that West Kiwanis members support their Foundation with regular gifts. Chuck's ingenuity soon created what we now know as the Birthday Club. As each member's birthday comes around, Chuck personally sends a card indicating that he plans to give 50¢ for each year his birthday is celebrating. He challenges the

member to make a similar gift to the Foundation. When this project began, Chuck was suggesting 25¢ per year, now he's being urged to make it \$1.

This probably seems like a fairly minimal way to grow a foundation, but in the 27 years since Chuck began this project, the Foundation has received \$30,894 in birthday gifts. While not every member contributes every year, according to Chuck's records, almost 100% of the membership has contributed to the birthday fund at least once.

GROWING THE FOUNDATION continues to be a major objective of West Kiwanis. The Board of Trustees for the Foundation has made that a high priority for the last decade. The unexpected death of Boris Josheff, long-time Kiwanian and one of the organizers of the club's annual Music Banquet, resulted in several memorial donations to the Foundation. The Josheff family and Boris' wife, Pam, added some more funds so the Foundation would be able to award scholarships in Boris' name at the annual Music Banquet. For the past several years, \$1,000 is made available annually for **BORIS JOSHEFF SCHOLARSHIPS** given to outstanding music students in the five Madison high schools.

Another project that has helped increase the Foundation's base is an every-other year **KIWANIS FUN AUCTION**. Items donated by members and/or businesses are sold to the highest bidder in an evening of fun with our own Dave Dickson, the auctioneer. Each of the auctions held thus far has added between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to the Foundation.

We lost a long-time member and former West Kiwanis President when John Watts passed away in 2002. An enthusiastic golfer, John led his Kiwanis team to victory in the Service Club Olympics on several occasions. The Foundation thought it would be appropriate to hold a golf outing in John's memory on Memorial Day weekend. Dave Dickson agreed to organize the event and the **JOHN WATTS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING** was born. This year will mark the eighth consecutive Watts event where all golfers are asked to make a contribution to our Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of his widow Shirley and her second husband Bill McNier, his sons Rob and John with their families, and his golfing Kiwanis friends, more than \$4,000 has been donated to the Foundation since the first outing in 2002.

Following the death of Charter President **HENRY AHLGREN**, West Kiwanis and the Foundation set out to establish a scholarship in his honor. After much discussion and hard work the Foundation decided to set a goal of raising \$50,000 from the membership so a \$2,000 scholarship could be awarded annually. Emphasis in selecting the scholarship recipient is on community service -- something Henry would have insisted upon if he were able to advise the Foundation.

The fund drive for the **HENRY L. AHLGREN HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP** was an unbelievable success. In less than the five years (established as the time frame to raise the money), more than \$50,000 in donations and pledges was collected. As this is being written, a minimal number of pledges remain to be paid. Three Madison high school students with exceptional records of community service, scholarship and leadership have received Ahlgren Scholarships. They are attending, or will attend a technical school, college, or university in Wisconsin.

The most recent addition to the Foundation is an endowment from the **ETHEL ALLEN ESTATE**. In an extremely generous gift, the Foundation received nearly \$100,000 to establish a special program for handicapped skiers. The **WEST KIWANIS ADAPTIVE SKI PROGRAM** is now in its second year and allows us to send three or four selected applicants on an amazing ski trip to Colorado. At this ski facility, special instructors with very special ski equipment are able to teach the group we sponsor to enjoy the thrill of skiing or riding down the snow-covered slopes. This week long experience received "rave reviews" from the participants in 2008, its first year.

THE WEST KIWANIS FOUNDATION offers a tremendous opportunity for members to contribute annually, through gifts of stock, or in their estates. Currently, because of the continuing growth of the Foundation, an additional \$4,000 can be made to charitable groups identified in a grant process to receive assistance from West Kiwanis. Ultimately, the Foundation would like to be able to provide even larger contributions through West Kiwanis to needy organizations and youth groups in our community.

FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Bruce Hoehne, President	Robert DeBroux
David Dickson, Vice-President	David LeDuc
Chuck Stumpf, Secretary	Brian Martin
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	Dave Wendricks

2008 MADISON WEST KIWANIS GIFTS

YOUTH SERVICES GRANTS

Wisconsin Safety Patrols, Inc.	\$1,050
Special Olympics	500
Porchlight	1,500
Capital Science & Engineering Fair	450
Cleft palate surgery project - Chiapas, Mexico	500

COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS

Volunteer Braillists and Tapists, Inc.	\$ 500
Food Pantry - First United Methodist Church	750
BSP Free Clinic - Dean Fdn for Health, Res, & Educ	750
Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse	750
Second Harvest Food Bank	500
Interfaith Hospitality Network	500
Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund	500
Lussier Community Education Center	500

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Adaptive Ski Program (Ethel Allen Fund)	\$9,418
Annual Christmas Pageant	4,349
Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian Scholarship	2,000
Boris Josheff Music Scholarships	1,000
Madison 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center	2,500
Monroe Street Fine Arts Center	500
Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center	500

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS **\$28,067**

PRESIDENTS OF MADISON WEST KIWANIS

1959	Henry L. Ahlgren*	1984	John Watts*
1960	Robert W. Towner	1985	Ed Reisch
1961	Boris P. Josheff*	1986	Bruce England
1962	Arthur E. Peterson	1987	Mike Beyler
1963	Conley Montgomery	1988	Larry Thies
1964	Donald Anderson*	1989	Fritz Lutze
1965	Robert Torkelson*	1990	Robert Richardson
1966	William Johnson, Jr.	1991	William Brunkow
1967	Albert Bunker	1992	John Busby

1968	Walker Patton		1993	W. Terry Howard
1969	John E. Wise, Jr.*		1994	Jim Wiederhoeft
1970	C. Wier Horswill*		1995	Mark Tabor
1971	Edgar Parminter*	1996	Thomas Jordan	
1972	Quin Kolb*		1997	Bruce Hoehne
1973	A. J. Hancock		1998	Mary Mennes
1974	Marlon Schwier*		1999	Millard Johnson
1975	Horace Grooms*		2000	David Dickson
1976	Robert Anderson		2001	Fred Ross
1977	Dwayne Rohweder		2002	Ed Ornes
1978	Donald Haselhorst*		2003	Joe Dresser
1979	Richard Pierce		2004	William Battista
1980	Orley Jensen		2005	Rich Grooms
1981	Jack Padgham		2006	Ken Saville
1982	Miles Barker*		2007	Don Herrmann
1983	John Schwab		2008	David LeDuc
		2009	Ronald Schuler	

DISTRICT GOVERNOR – 1974 Arthur E. Peterson

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

1963	Arthur Peterson	1989	Boris Josheff*
1969	Albert Bunker	1991	Edgar Parminter*
1974	A. J. Hancock	1996	Charles Stumpf
1983	Dwayne Rohweder	2001	Mary Mennes
1985	Miles Barker*	2009	Richard Grooms

*Deceased

HIXSON AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 1983 the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees created the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Hixson, who served as the first International Kiwanis President from 1916 to 1918, holds the distinction of being the only leader to serve two terms as international president. Overall, his record accounts for more than 50 years of dedication to Kiwanis service.

Madison West Kiwanis has donated **\$20,000** to the International Foundation in recognition of the service of these members to the club:

Henry Ahlgren	A. J. Hancock	Ed Parminter
Al Anderson	Boris Josheff	Art Peterson
Miles Barker	Fritz Lutze	Dwayne Rohweder
Bill Battista	Gerry Maruska	Ken Saville
Dave Dickson	Dick Mathison	Bob Spencer
Rich Grooms	Mary Mennes	Chuck Stumpf
	Ed Ornes	Jack Wise

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