



Kiwanis Club of Madison West

KIWANOGRAM

Guests: None

Program: Marshall Mennenga of the Mennenga Tax & Financial Services, described many of the changes in tax laws from 2017 to 2018. He also described some of the overlooked items in the 2017 tax laws. Following is an abbreviated list of tax changes:

1. Personal exemption deductions are suspended.
2. Itemized deductions for home equity interest is no longer allowed.
3. Moving expense deduction and income exclusions are allowed only for members of the Armed Forces.
4. Gambling losses are deductible.
5. No charitable contribution deduction is allowed for a payment to a higher educational institution in exchange for the right to purchase tickets or seating at an athletic event.
6. The 2018 standard deduction is:
 - a. Single or married filing separately, \$12,000
 - b. Married filing joint or qualified widow(er), \$24,000
 - c. Head of household, \$18,000
7. Itemized deduction for state and local taxes is limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 married filing separately).
8. The threshold for deducting medical expenses is 7.5 percent.

Marshall shared many additional 2018 tax facts.



Marshall Mennenga

Upcoming Programs:

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word
March 9	Insight into North Korea Andrew Kydd	Bob Richardson	Brian Martin
March 16	J. Henry & Sons Bourbon Production Liz Henry	Tom McCrill	Virgil Jurrens

March 2, 2018

Presiding: Arlin Brannstrom
Greeter: Jim Danner
Opening word: Ron Schuler
Music: Mary Mennes, Harley Skjervem
Checkpoint: Virg Jurrens, Terry Stewart
Drawing: Bruce Hoehne
 ASA Ski Program

Announcements:

Reminder: The 2018 Youth and Community Grant Application forms have been updated for 2018 and are posted on our web site. The application deadline is April 1, 2018 (post marked). Application forms are available at check-in. If you have questions contact **Arlin Brannstrom** about youth grants and **Harley Skjervem** about community grants.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 9 (10:15 am) at Covenant. The Foundation trustees are meeting on March 9 (1:00 pm) at Covenant. Members are welcome to attend one or both.

Brian Rodeck is recovering well from his back surgery as reported by Randy Hansen.

Important Date

Date	Event
March 9 (10:15)	Board of Directors Meeting Covenant
March 9 (1:00)	Foundation Trustees Meeting Covenant
March 10	Stoughton Kiwanis Breakfast Stoughton High School
March 15	Application Deadline Rothe Memorial Leadership Scholarships
March 24	Midyear Conference Easter Seals Respite Camp, WI Sells
April 1	Application Deadline Youth and Community Grants

Meeting Time and Location

Fridays, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI

Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.com

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www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Announcements:

Arlin Brannstrom reported the Culver's project will continue with a tentative event at the Culver's near Todd Drive and the South Beltline on April 24. Other Culver's in Verona and Middleton are under consideration. **Ed Reisch** will provide leadership on the Todd Drive Culver's.

Bonnie Hansen reported the next Midvale School next Lunch Buddies program will be March 7. **Jim Danner** and **Steve Genheimer** are signed up. Bonnie circulated a sign up for future lunch buddies. The following lunch buddies will be March 21. Bonnie circulated a sign up.

Bruce Hoehne reported opportunities to volunteer for UW-Madison activities:

1. WIAA Basketball – March 15-17
2. UW Band Concert – April 19 - 21
3. Commencement – May 11, 12

If interested in volunteering, contact Bruce.

In the February 23 issue of the Kiwanogram, the visit of six Kiwanians to five second grade history classes was described. Since that issue, the following photo was acquired.



Ed Reisch sharing 'how things have changed' since attending second grade with students at Midvale School

Club Officers (2016-2017)

President:	Arlin Brannstrom
Vice President	Bob Cropp
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President	Millard Johnson
Board of Directors	
Ken Saville	Brian Martin
Scott Kramer	Tom McCrill
Brian Rodeck	Harley Skjervem

We will not have a meeting on March 30, Friday, due to Easter Week. During that week as usual we will meet with Madison East Kiwanis Club on March 28 (noon) at the Great Dane on Cottage Grove Road. The program will be presented by Justin Hahn, our Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Governor.

Reminder: The Stoughton Kiwanis Club has scheduled their Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 10, 7:30 am to 11:00 am in the Stoughton High School Cafetorium. This another interclub opportunity.

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District has scheduled three midyear conferences: West Bend, WI; Wisconsin Dells, WI and Iron River, MI. The midyear in Wisconsin Dells will be at Easter Seals Respite Camp on March 24. These conferences provide an opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis. The best part of these conferences is to meet Kiwanians from other clubs and gain ideas that we can use. Contact **Ron Schuler** if interested.

Previously, **Ed Reisch** announced the Madison School Foundation has scheduled their largest fundraiser attended by their Circle of Friends on May 23. Ed also announced the Adopt-a-school Summit scheduled for May 3 at the Door Creek Church in Madison.

