



# Kiwaniis®

## Kiwanis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

**Guests:** Mary Ann Fitzsimmons, guest of **Ed Reisch**, Rita Tuinstra, mother of Abigail, scholarship recipient.

**Program:** 'Pheasant Branch Conservancy' was presented by Hans Hilbert, co-president of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

35 years before the founding of the Friends, another group of concerned citizens formed the Middleton Conservation Committee. Led by Walter Bauman, the Committee was concerned about the impact that urbanization was having on the land and water resources surrounding the city.

The Friends of the Conservancy was founded in 1995 to advocate for the protection of the Conservancy from development pressures surrounding the city of Middleton. After 29 years, the friends has grown to over 725 members with a mission to restore, protect and promote the Conservancy and its watershed. The committees are structured around accessibility, education, stewardship and advocacy.



Hans Hilbert, presenting program

**June 21, 2024**

Presiding: Millard Johnson  
Opening Word: Fred Ross  
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk  
Greeter: Harley Skjervem  
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill

The Friends continue to expand the Conservancy. The Sieger property was acquired in 2002-23, Esser property 2002 and Highland Way property in 2006.

In 2019, Dane County acquired the 160 acre Acker Parcel for \$10 M to restore prairies and wetlands that will 'significantly reduce stormwater volume due to increased water infiltration into the ground. This will improve water quality by reducing sediment and phosphorus runoff within the Pheasant Branch watershed. This positively impact Lake Mendota. This has been referred as the Platinum Prairie.



Scene of Pheasant Branch Conservancy

| Date      | Event                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| July 12   | Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am |
| August 23 | Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:05 pm |

## Up Coming Programs

| Date    | Program                                                | Greeter        | Opening Word     | Check In          | Setup |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| June 28 | The Food Pantry-Munch Truck<br>Ryan Holley             | Dwight Gribble | Arlin Brannstrom | Leroy Baker       | TBD   |
| July 5  | No Meeting                                             | -----          | -----            | -----             | ----- |
| July 12 | RSVP of Dane County<br>Mike Thomsen, Triad Coordinator | Jim Danner     | ken Saville      | Joseph Tevaarwerk | TBD   |

## Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Abigail Tuinstra was recognized as a recipient of a Golden K scholarship (\$1,000). Abigail recently graduated from Madison East High School and plans to attend the UW-Madison majoring Interior Architecture.

As a biracial student, Abigail found it difficult to find her community while attending Middle School. To get in touch with her culture and community, Abigail joined Black Student Union and Sisterhood.

Abigail held leadership positions in the following:

1. Leadership board member of Sisterhood
2. Black Student Union board member
3. Rotary Interact club president and
4. Two sport varsity- volleyball and softball.

Abigail plans to community service because it is one of things that keeps her going. As a member of Rotary Interact she acquired her interest in community service.



Abigail receiving scholarship recognition from **Ron Schuler**, chair of Golden K Scholarships committee

## Club Officers (2023-24)

Co-Presidents:

Millard Johnson

Jim Wiederhoeft

Vice President

Ken Saville

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Ron Schuler

Treasurer:

Randy Grobe

Co-Past Presidents

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Fred Ross

### **Board of Directors:**

Jim Danner

Randy Shaver

Dwight Gribble

Kathleen Newman

Leroy Baker

Joseph Tevaarwerk

Tom Loomis, Midvale Instructional Coach plans to attend our July 12 meeting to receive donated books and a \$1,000 payment to be used at the principal's discretion. Principal, Gwen Frank may also attend to describe her plans for our contribution.

**Jim Danner** reported the next Second Harvest date is July 25.

**George Shook** reports the Habitat ReStore event June 20 (9:00 am to noon) had the following volunteers: **Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteijn, Dwight Gribble, Tom McCrill, Joseph Tevaarwerk and George Shook**. The next service date is Thursday, July 18 from 9:00 am to noon. At Habitat ReStore West on Odana Road.

**George Shook** reports four of our Josheff Music Scholars will be participating in the UW Summer Music Clinic on June 23 and 29.

**Arlin Brannstrom** reported the next Culver's Share Night is scheduled for July 23. A sign-up will be circulated at a future meeting.

Madison East Kiwanis: June 26 (11:45 am) **Millard Johnson** is providing the program titled 'Wilderness Cabin Building in NW Ontario'. The Madison East meeting take place at the Great Dane restaurant on Cottage Grove Road.