

WIDE-LP outreach activities since Nov. 13, 2024

Ken and Bob attended the Nov. 26, 2024 meeting of the Midvale Heights Community Association board and reported on station activities prior to requesting another grant from them.

Barbara Park promoted the station at the Feb. 7th public meeting of the Meadowood Life Stories writers group and collected donations for the station. WIDE-LP has been recording these original short story readings for broadcast since 2013, and has been broadcasting one of the stories at noon each Saturday. The stories are all available for online listening on the station website at <http://madisonwi.us/WIDE-LP/lifestories/index.htm>.

We were again a venue on Make Music Madison Day (June 21), adding treats and a chance to see the broadcast equipment this year. From 3:30 to 4:30 PM and again at 5:00 PM the performances were broadcast live.

The 3 Know Your Neighbor interviews which Andy Garst had done were rebroadcast. (The interviews can be listened to online at <http://madisonwi.us/WIDE-LP/KYN/index.htm>.)

We again participated in the annual neighborhood garage sale event, on Aug. 29 and 30. The sale of old computer equipment was particularly helpful in raising funds for the station. Andy Garst helped out on Friday, enthusiastically promoting the station and his Wednesday morning program.

We have a large supply of cards which started out as door hangers made for the Friends of WIDE-LP Radio. The cards provide general information about the station and provide a link to the Friends page on the station website. These have been made available at the Sequoya Library and at a number of little libraries. Carl Wacker has 30 copies that he plans to include in gift packets he is assembling for new residents of Midvale Heights.

This year's annual meeting was announced on our website home page and in the Midvale Messenger newsletter, inviting listeners and station supporters to attend, especially those living in Midvale Heights. Articles about the station by Carl Wacker, Bob Park and Marsha Zelmanski have been published in 5 issues of the newsletter this year. The Midvale Heights website provides links to our station website.

From time to time the station receives email questions about a particular piece of music a listener has heard, and I respond with a section from the broadcast log for the time in question. My response says thanks for listening and frequently includes a request for a reception report giving location and stating whether the station was heard indoors or in a car.

Bob Park