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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Phylis Wiederhoeft, guest of Jim; Renee Rodeck, guest of Brian; Gerald Campbell, guest of **Arlin Brannstrom**; Marilyn Townsend, guest of **Ed Reisch**; and Jim Ruhly and Jim McCarthy, guests of **Leroy Baker**.

Program: 'Update on Redistricting' was presented by Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause Wisconsin since 1996. Common Cause is Wisconsin's largest non-partisan citizens reform advocacy organization with more than 2,500 members.

Prior joining Common Cause, Jay spent eight years as a top adviser and legislative strategist for the Wisconsin State Senate Majority Leader and eight years as the legislative director and campaign director and chief fund raiser for a member of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Jay reported Wisconsin was one of the most non-partisan states when he arrived in 1988. One of the most corrupt event was a politician receiving Green Bay Packer tickets.

Partisanship changed shortly after Scott Walker became governor and the introduction of the WI Budget Reform Bill, which impacted collective bargaining for WI public workers. This was the start of gerrymandering, which is the practice of setting boundaries of electoral districts. When redistricting, discussion should center on districts being contiguous. In WI, 55 of the state's 99 Assembly districts and 21 of 33 Senate districts have disconnected pieces of territory. They are not contiguous. Jay discussed many more topics.

December 8, 2023

Presiding: Jim Wiederhoeft
Opening Word: Harold Green
Checkpoint: Leroy Baker
Greeter: George Shook
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill



Jay Heck

Jay recognized club members: **Ed Reisch, Fred Ross, Dennis Keeney** and **Marv Beatty** as members of Common Cause. He invited other members to join. More information can be found at www.commoncause.org

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 8	Foundation Trustees Covenant 1:00 pm
December 22	No Meeting
December 29	No meeting
January 5	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>	<u>Check In</u>	<u>Setup</u>
Dec. 15	Update – Dane County Joe Parisi	Fred Ross	Ed Reisch	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
Dec. 22	No Meeting				
Dec. 29	No Meeting				
Jan. 5	Childhood Protection Member Introduction	Jim Danner	Dennis Keeney	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705
Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info
Email: rschuler@wisc.edu
Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis/>

Bruce Hoehne, president of our Foundation Trustees, reports the Trustees will meet after today's meeting at Covenant.

Arlin Brannstrom reported the next Culver Night is scheduled for February 20. Arlin received a box of 2024 Culver calendars, which have one or more coupons each month. Calendars are available for \$10.00 each with proceeds going to MWK. Calendars were available today.

George Shook reported the next Habitat Restore is scheduled for December 14 (9:00 am to noon) at the ReStore East, 4207 Monona Dr. **Case Dorresteijn**, **Rich Donkle**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Tom McCrill**, **George Shook** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk** have signed up.

George Shook reported trustees of the Madison West Kiwanis Foundation and a few of our classical music enthusiasts will tour the nearly completed WYSO Center for Music at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13. The tour will be led by Bridget Fraser, Executive Director of the WYSO. Bridget spoke to our club on May 5. In addition to viewing this new facility, the purpose of this tour is to explore naming opportunities in the new center by Madison West Kiwanis in memory of **David Dickson**. Funds would come from the recent gift to our foundation from the Dickson family. This is but one of the organizations under consideration for the Dickson gift.

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest event December 28, 8:30 am – 11:30 am.

Plans for 2023-24 Adaptive Ski Program are well on the way. Applications are due Dec. 15, 2023. **Dennis Keeney** reported receiving two applications. Interviews are in Jan, 2024. Skiers travel to Durango during late February.

Several club members are interested in purchasing shirts with Kiwanis Logos. **Ken Saville** circulated a sign-up to purchase shirts, three styles. Contact Ken if you were unable sign-up and want a shirt, contact Ken. kensaville1951@gmail.com.

Club Officers (2023-24)

Co-President:	Millard Johnson Jim Wiederhoeft
Co-Vice Presidents	Ken Saville
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Co-Past Presidents	Harold Green Fred Ross

Board of Directors:

Jim Danner	Randy Shaver
Dwight Gribble	Kathleen Newman
Leroy Baker	Joseph Tevaarwerk

Tom McCrill was presented a Special Outstanding Kiwanis Member Award for preparing our weekly meeting by bringing meeting materials from the basement and setting up the meeting room tables. At the close of our weekly meeting, he gathers the meeting materials and returns them to the basement. Tom is an unsung hero.



Tom McCrill,
unsung hero

Jim Wiederhoeft reported a special Holiday meeting is scheduled for December 15 when we will have the Ugliest Holiday Sweater competition and will sing several Holiday songs. This will be in addition to our program, Update on Dane County to be presented by County Exec. Joe Parisi.

For our next meeting, December 15, **Harold Green** membership chair, requested club members to provide a list of locations where they displayed our current club poster. Proposed posters for next year will soon be evaluated and two winners will be selected. Thanks to **Kathie Newman** at kathleen@movingforwardsr.com for coordinating the selection of the winners. The new poster is scheduled to be available in January.

Midvale School: The date for the first Lunch Buddies is Dec. 14. **Leroy Baker** and **Ed Reisch** have volunteered when they each will visit three first graders. More future Midvale School activities are planned. Background checks are required before volunteering. The background check can be completed at this website: <https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/partnerships/volunteering>

More from 2023 Capitol Christmas Pageant

Reports indicate we had a very success pageant with guest attendance and participation by club members and key club students. Reynolds Moving Storage workers were extremely in delivering the stage to the capitol gallery.



Kathie Newman and Ken Savile discussing pageant program



Leroy Baker sharing pageant program with a guest.



Pageant performers



Pageant vocalists