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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Phylis Wiederhoeft, guest of Jim; Renee Rodeck, guest of Brian. Mary Ross, Guest of Fred; Lois Saville, guest of Ken: Nancy Hoehne, guest of Bruce; Nancy Shook, guest of George; Mary Lou Reisch, guest of Ed; Lou Arrington, guest of Leroy Baker; Emma T. Gribble, guest of Dwight; Judy Brannstrom, guest of Arlin; and Linda Leetch, guest of Leroy Baker; Coe Williams, Madison Downtown Kiwanis and Gardip Brar, Middleton Kiwanis.

Program: 'Update of Dane County' was presented by Joe Parisi, Dane County Exec. Joe is a Middleton native and was educated in Dane County (MATC and UW-Madison). He is professional career has been in government, primarily in Dane County. He was elected Dane County exec in April 2011 and plans to retire in May, 2024. He has not made plans after his retirement. He has been invited to join MWK.

During Joe's tenure as county exec. he addressed many environmental issues such as cleaning up our lakes. Other issues were creating school based mental health teams and combating homelessness. He created the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change with a focus on solar farms. One solar farm was a collaborative effort with Madison Gas and Electric with financial



Joe Parisi presenting

December 15, 2023

Presiding: Jim Wiederhoeft
 Opening Word: Ed Reisch
 Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
 Greeter: Fred Ross
 Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill

benefit to Dane County offices with regard to electric use price. Climate change has an impact planning with more in intense rainfalls, causing floods. More impermeable surfaces (roads, building and parking lots) contribute to more flooding.

Gala Holiday celebration

The celebration was fun for all with the ugliest sweater competition, free raffle and singing. Thanks goes to **Jim Wiederhoeft, Ken Saville, Fred Ross and Leroy Baker.** (More on page 2)



Kathie Newman and Brian Rodeck winners of the Ugliest sweater competition.

Date	Event
December 22	No Meeting
December 29	No meeting
January 5	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
January 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Dec. 22	No Meeting				
Dec. 29	No Meeting				
Jan. 5	Childhood Protection Member Introduction	Jim Danner	Dennis Keeney	Ron Schuler	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/>



Jim Wiederhoeft and Santa (aka: **Leroy Baker**) planning the raffle process with many prizes on the table. Many holiday songs were sung accompanied by pianist, Phyllis Wiederhoeft. (more on page 3)

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 participants for the Habitat Restore on December 14 were **Rich Donkle, Dwight Gribble, Tom McCrill, Randy Shaver, George Shook** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk**. The next Habitat Restore will be January 18 at the Restore West on Odana Road, a change.

George Shook reported musical enthusiasts **Arlin Brannstrom, Rich Donkle, Bruce Hoehne, Millard Johnson, George Shook** and **Jim Wiederhoeft** participated in a tour of the nearly completed WYSO Center for Music on Wednesday, December 13. 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 one of the organizations under consideration for the Dickson gift.

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

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest event December 28, 8:30 am – 11:30 am. Members volunteering are **Bruce Hoehne, Randy Hansen, Tom McCrill, Rich Donkle, Fred Ross, Ed Reisch** and **Jim**.

Plans for 2023-24 Adaptive Ski Program are well on the way. Applications were due Dec. 15, 2023. **Dennis Keeney** reported receiving four applications. Interviews are in Jan, 2024. Skiers travel to Durango during late February. Dennis will be looking for club members to evaluate applicants.

Several club members indicated an interest in purchasing a dress shirt with Kiwanis Logos. **Ken Saville** circulated a sign-up to purchase shirts, on December 8 and will circulate the sign-up once more, January 5. Contact Ken if you were unable sign-up and want a shirt, contact Ken at: kensaville1951@gmail.com.

Harold Green reports the 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: Leroy Baker and **Ed Reisch** participated in Lunch Buddies when they each visited with three first graders. Apparently the students did not understand their role, which created some confusion. More 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>

On December 11, about 300 prescription pill bottles were delivered to Madison Downtown Kiwanis for recycling in Milwaukee.



December 15 Madison West Kiwanis Gala



Phyllis (piano player) and Jim (co-club pres.) Wiederhoeft



Mary and Fred (club past co-pres.) Ross



Lois and Ken (club vice pres.) Saville



Ed Reid receiving a candy cane from Santa aka Leroy Baker



Kathie Newman holding raffle prize, a bottle of ????



Bonnie and Randy Hansen, raffle prize winners



George Shook admiring poinsettia, raffle prize



Nancy and Bruce (MWK Foundation pres.) Hoehne



Brian and Renee Rodeck



Linda Leetch and Leroy (aka Santa) Baker



Phyllis Wiederhoeft at piano



Nancy and George Shook song leaders