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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Mike Rohr, Don Hassl and George Jesien, members of Madison Breakfast Optimist members .

Program: With declining service club membership, opportunities for service club collaboration are being explored. Three members of the Madison Breakfast Optimist club shared information about their club, exploring opportunities to collaborate with Madison West Kiwanis. This visit will be followed with three of our members sharing information during a future Optimist meeting.

Madison Breakfast Optimist club meets weekly at the Lussier Center on Gammon Road on Tuesday mornings (7:30 am). A highlight of their meetings is a program (45 minutes) with a speaker. Today they have 31 members with 18 to 20 members attending their weekly meetings.

Optimist Fundraising activities include:

1. Fantasy in Lights holiday display held in Olin Park, in December, greet guests and hand out candy canes (one week),
2. Taste of Madison – sell wine at booth, and
3. Bucky Books sales.

Optimist Community Service:

1. Monthly scholarship presented to Memorial High School student,
2. Second Harvest Food Bank- monthly,
3. Food Drive at Lussier,
4. Special Olympics, and
5. Oratorical contest, Jefferson School

This Optimist club provides major support to Lussier Center, recently provided 50 percent of cost to replace refrigeration system.

January 26, 2024

Presiding: Jim Wiederhoeft
Opening Word: Dwight Gribble
Checkpoint: Art Stauffacher
Greeter: Ron Schuler
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill



Optimists Mike Rohr, president and George Jesien, past president.

A comparison of Optimist and Kiwanis was made. Worldwide, Optimist clubs have 80,000 members with 2,900 clubs in more than 20 countries. The club average membership is 28. Kiwanis has 294,000 members with 8,300 clubs in more than 76 countries. The club average membership is 35.

After the Optimist presentation, the consensus was the clubs should identify one or two collaborative activities in the near future. Some suggested Madison West Kiwanis activities were Vilas Zoo – Kiwanis garden, Lunch Buddies and River Food Pantry.



Date	Event
February 2	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
February 16	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Feb 2	Boy Scouts Mitch and Jason	Dennis Keeney	Harold Green	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
Feb 9	Alzheimer Association Heidi	Fred Ross	Arlin Brannstrom	Leroy Baker	TBD
Feb 16	United Against Hate Masood Akhtar	Randy Shaver	TBD	Joseph Tevaarwerk	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/>

Harold Green announced **John Busby** is the new membership chair. Harold presented **Leroy Baker** the prize for designing the winning Membership poster. Leroy has a choice of \$50.00 or one month of pre-paid lunches.

John Busby, newly appointed membership chair, suggested members have two choices: continue spiral or reach out. The most important resources for memberships is our members.

John Busby reported the 2023 Christmas Pageant was successful with two standing room performances. December 8 will be the date for the 2024 pageant.

Bonnie Hansen reports the next Lunch Buddies at Midvale School will be February 15. **Ed Reid** and **Dwight Gribble** have volunteered. The lunches are once per month. More volunteers are needed for future monthly events. Please contact Bonnie if interested. 4bonniejh@gmail.com.

Dennis Keeney reported Harriet Gomez, a 2024 Adaptive Ski applicant was interviewed today. The ASA committee met today to develop recommendations for the four 2024 applicants. The four applicants who interviewed were recommended for participation in the 2024 adaptive skiing program. Orientation for the applicants will take place on February 16.

Arlin Brannstrom reported the next Culver Share Night is scheduled for Feb. 20. Arlin encouraged members to invite family members to enjoy Culver's on Share night.

George Shook reported the next Habitat Restore will be Thursday, February 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Habitat ReStore East on Monona Drive.

Jim Danner reported volunteers for Second Harvest event on Jan. 25 were **Joseph Tevaarwerk**, **Tom McCrill**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Randy Shaver** and **Jim Danner**. 3000 meals were prepared. The next Second Harvest event will be Feb. 29, Volunteering are **Fred Ross**, **Ed Reisch**, **Randy Hansen**, **Jim Danner** and **Tom McCrill**.

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

Arlin Brannstrom reported the 2024 Community and Youth grant applications are due April 1. Copies of the application are available at the meeting.

Rich Donkle, our Foundation Trustee, reported **Bob Cropp** will lead our monthly member birthday contributions. Members contributing to the foundation can choose a foundation fund for their contribution.

Dwight Gribble distributed copies of a newly developed membership poster for members to post on public bulletin boards. He has posted a number posters on community bulletin board.

The Ahlgren and Golden K Scholarship applications are due March 1. The Madison High School seniors planning to attend Wisconsin colleges in the Fall 2024 are eligible. Madison High School councilors have received information about these scholarships. The Ahlgren scholarship funds provides one- \$2,000 scholarship and the Golden K scholarship provides two - \$1,000 scholarships.

Art Stauffacher announced the \$1,000 Rothe Scholarship applications are due February 16. These scholarships recipients are selected from applicants who are members of West High School Key Club, Edgewood High School Key Club and Edgewood College Circle K.

Ed Reisch reports the 28th annual Souper Bowl sponsored by Habitat for Humanity – UW-Madison Chapter on February 3 (12 to 6 pm) at the West High School at 30 Ash Street. For \$25.00, you receive all you eat soup and salad and you select a ceramic bowl. For a group four, the cost is \$50.00 to receive four meals and two bowls.