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Kiwanis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Mike and Sibyl Morgan, Russell Theel and Gaston Razafinjanja, all members of the Madison East Kiwanis Club.

Program: 'Madison Mallards, a Report from the Duck Pond' presented by Vern Stenman, president of Mallards and president of Big Top Sports and Entertainment. Big Top manages Mallards and other sports teams such as Forward Madison (soccer) and new Madison Women's Fast Pitch Softball team. Vern has been with the Mallards for twenty-two years. Donnie Scott has been the Mallards manager for 11 year and has been very successful, winning several league championships.

The Mallards are in the Northwoods League, which features amateur college players playing summer ball during their off-season with Warner Park as the Mallards home park.

Big Top Sports is very community oriented providing free tickets for Madison area Little League players and free books to school children.



Madison Softball, the new women's team, will compete in the first ever women's league to showcase the best female collegiate players from across the country. All in an atmosphere similar to a Mallards minor league baseball games. This will be their first season. They have received more 1000 submission for a team name.

March 1, 2024

Presiding: Millard Johnson
Opening Word: Harley Skjervem
Checkpoint: Joesph Tevaarwerk
Greeter: Harley Skjervem
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill

Interclubs:

Participating in the February 28 Madison East Kiwanis Interclub were **Leroy Baker, Harold Green, Dwight Gribble, Dennis Keeney, Ken Saville, and Ron Schuler**, Dennis provided the program, "The Wonders of Easter Island".



Dennis Keeney, Harold Green, Dwight Gribble and Leroy Baker, four of the six Westies at Madison East Kiwanis Interclub

Another Interclub opportunity is the Middleton Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on April 27 (7:00 am to 11:00 am) at the Middleton Sport Bowl. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk at \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 years and younger.

Madison East Kiwanis has scheduled their annual Kiwanis Night at Mallards baseball game on June 14, 6:30 pm. They request a list of our members and friends planning to attend by March 15. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Date	Event
March 15	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
April 12	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
March 8	Creating Political Cartoons Phil Hands	Joseph Tevaarwerk	Fred Ross	Leroy Baker	TBD
March 15	Adaptive Skier Report Harriet Gomez, Maurice Ewing	Jim Danner	Ken Saville	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/>

Members with March birthdays are **Bob Cropp** (28), **Harold Green** (4), **Bruce Hoehne** (17), **Ian Lacasse** (8), **Mary Mennes** (9) and **Jim Wiederhoeft** (7).

Fred Ross reported the Annual Midvale Book Fair is scheduled for April 11 and 12. In the past MWK has volunteered for setup and takedown. Madison Breakfast Optimists will staff the setup on Friday, April 5. Fred is looking for one more MWK volunteer for takedown on April 15 (11:30 am to 2:00 pm). Three members have volunteered.

Dwight Gribble reports the next Lunch Buddies is scheduled for March 13. **Ed Reid** and **Dwight** and **Emma Gribble** have volunteered.

Dennis Keeney reported our two 2024 Adaptive Skiers, Harriet Gomez and Maurice Ewing, are returning from their Feb. 26 to Mar. 2 ski trip to Durango on Saturday, March 2 (8:30 pm) at Dane County Airport. Our March 15 club meeting is scheduled for the 2024 Adaptive skiers to share their Durango experiences.

Arlin Brannstrom reported the next Culver's Share Nights are May 28 and July 23.

Bruce Hoehne encouraged members to volunteer at Brat Fest for the setup day May 23. Members can signup on the Brat Fest web site. The sign up page becomes available on Mar. 15.

Jim Danner reported the Second Harvest event on Feb. 29 (8:30 am to 11:30 am) had the following volunteers: **Fred Ross**, **Ed Reisch**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk**, **Jim Danner** and **Tom McCrill**. The next Second Harvest event is March 28.

Former member, **Bill Brunkow**, age 91, passed away on February 1 in Eau Claire. Bill joined Madison West Kiwanis in 1974 and served as Club President in 1991. After leaving Madison, Bill was a member of the Niceville, FL Kiwanis Club.

Current member, **Bonnie Bruce**, age 81, passed away on February 28. A celebration of Bonnie's life is scheduled for March 16 (11 am) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. Visitation will be at Bethel, 9:00 am until the celebration. Bonnie joined Madison West Kiwanis in 1992.

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

George Shook reported the next date for Habitat Restore will be Thur., Mar. 21, (9:00 am to Noon) at Restore West on Odana. Current volunteers are **Leroy Baker**, **Rich Donkle**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Tom McCrill** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk**. One more volunteer needed.

During future meetings, **Harold Green** reported a inventory will be taken of posters distributed by members during future meetings. Each receive two posters to be placed on bulletin boards and in locations visible to a large audience. Harold has developed power point presentation for agencies serving members moving to the Madison community.

Arlin Brannstrom reported the 2024 Community and Youth grant applications are due April 1. Copies of the application are available at the meeting. Club members are encouraged to contact potential recipients. Each applicant must have a club sponsor.

The Ahlgren and Golden K Scholarship applications are due March 1. Madison High School seniors planning to attend Wisconsin colleges in the Fall 2024 are eligible. Madison High School counselors have received scholarship information. Two application have been received.

Portalbuzz, our web provider, discontinued support on Feb 29. Our previous web site link will be used for the new web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info. **Leroy Baker** has developed a new web site.

Madison East Kiwanis members announced they are collecting pop top tabs for the Madison Aktion Kiwanis Club who donate the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. They have collected 387 pounds of tabs.

Ken Saville announced the Madison West High School Key Club members are collecting books. Bring donated books to a club meeting and Ken will deliver the books to the Key Club. The Key Club members provide the books to the Madison Reading Project.