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Kiwanis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Autumn Neugent, 2017 adaptive skier; Linda Leetch, guest of Leroy Baker; Liz Wawrzonek and Stacy Gallagher, 2023 Adaptive skiers; Chad Donohue, 2024 adaptive skier candidate.

Program: 'Skiing on Purgatory Hill in Colorado', a report by our 2024 Adaptive Skiers, Harriet Gomez and Maurice Ewing. The program started with a history of the Ethel Allen Adaptive Ski Association (ASA) program. In 2015, Ethel Allen contributed \$80,000 to our Madison West Kiwanis Foundation for the program. At that time, MWK members were unfamiliar with the ASA program. **Fred Ross** visited the ASA staff and the ASA skiing site to gain information for MWK. As a result, a plan was developed for a Adaptive Skiers which included multiple years of sending skiers to Durango, each several adaptive skiers traveled as a group.

During much of this time, support was obtained from Tim Gattenby of the UW-Madison, Department of Kinesiology. He identified candidates for our program. MWK has provided support for more than sixty skiers. Harriett and Maurice shared their personal experiences including how they acquired their disability and skiing. They indicated the staff in Colorado were very helpful and made their skiing experience satisfying and very enjoyable.

Harriett was born in Gambia and at the age of five she was hit by an army truck. To help her survive, her leg was amputated. Medical support was very limited in this third world country. In 2001, Harriett moved to the United States, first Dallas. In 2004, she moved to Madison and was fitted with a lower leg prosthesis. Harriett has a BS degree in marketing and a MS in leadership and organization development. She is employed as an Insurance Broker.

March 15, 2024

Presiding: Jim Wiederhoeft
Opening Word: Ken Saville
Checkpoint: Ron Schuler
Greeter: Jim Danner
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill

Maurice's disability is the result of a three story fall in the Lake Street parking ramp in July, 2016. He received a complete spinal injury at T9/T10. He is paraplegic and gets around very well with a manual wheelchair. Currently, he is very active physically, weight lifting, rock climbing and hand cycling. Mo completed his BS degree in Biological Systems Engineering in May, 2023. He currently seeking employment.

Both skied on sit skies while in Colorado. Both displayed photos taken on the ski hill. Mo displayed several videos showing him skiing. One showed him crashing. See photos on page 3.

On February 28, **Bonnie Bruce** passed away with nearly 32 years of Madison West Kiwanis membership. Although she remained a member until her passing, she was unable to attend club meetings and activities for more than the past three years. She was employed for 28 years at the UW-Foundation as a planned giving development officer. Bonnie enjoyed skiing, traveling to many ski hills throughout the U.S. Bonnie thoroughly enjoyed her Norwegian heritage such as preparing lefse, krumkake and lutefisk. On March 16, Saturday, Bonnie's Celebration of Life took place at Bethel with visitation at 9:00 am and service at 11:00 am, followed by a Norwegian lunch.

Date	Event
April 12	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
March 22	What have we done to deserve all these cranes, Stan Temple	George Shook	TBD	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
March 29	No Meeting				
April 5	65 th Anniversary Ken Saville	TBD	Arlin Brannstrom	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/>

Interclubs

We have an interclub opportunity with the Columbus Kiwanis Club on Monday, March 18, noon, at Genie's Java House at 509 Ludington Street, Columbus.

An Interclub opportunity is available with 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 - adults and \$5.00 children 5 and younger.

Jim Wiederhoeft circulated a sign up for the Madison West Kiwanis 65th Anniversary Celebration on April 5 during our weekly meeting. The celebration will include a brief club history and member awards (several distinguished members, many Legion of Honor awards and a Van Kleeef Fellowship. Special guests will be Tim Lubinsky, District Governor and Kathy Durner, Governor Elect, who will present some of the awards.

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. **Jim Danner, Rich Donkle, Fred Ross, Harley Skjervem** and **Jim Wiederhoeft** have volunteered for takedown on April 15 (11:30 am to 2:00 pm).

Ed Reid volunteered for Lunch Buddies at Midvale School on March 13. Due to health issues, **Dwight** and Emma **Gribble** did not participate.

Bruce Hoehne reports Bratfest 2024 volunteer registration is now open. To volunteer go to the Bratfest 2024 web-site and click on volunteer---enter your e-mail---if you signed up last year the password we used was "kiwanis#1"----use this password if you are a new volunteer this year also. Then follow the steps to sign up for an activity. I suggest we sign-up for Brat Snipping on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 8 am to noon. We participated on Thursday last year---the advantage is no crowd and close in parking---If you are not available on Thursday---Pick another date and activity.

Club Officers (2023-24)

Co-Presidents:	Millard Johnson Jim Wiederhoeft
Vice President	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 announced the next Second Harvest event is March 28.

George Shook reports 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 is needed.

John Busby announced the recently developed power point presentation will be shared at Tru-Stage and Exact Sciences. Members are encouraged to suggest other sites.

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

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.

Our new web site has the same link as our previous site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info. **Leroy Baker** has developed a new web site. Members are encouraged to visit this new site and setup a new pass word at the site.

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.

Ken Saville reported the Madison West High School Key Club members will continue to collect books for two more weeks. Ken will deliver the books to the Key Club. The Key Club members provide the books to the Madison Reading Project.



Harriett and Maurice arriving at Dane County Airport



Leroy Baker welcoming Harriett at Dane County Airport



Harriett at the highest point at Purgatory Hill on a sit ski.



Bus ride view on the way to Purgatory Hill, we have fresh snow for skiing, fantastic.