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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Lou Arrington, guest of Leroy Baker.

Program: 'What have we done to deserve all these cranes' presented by Stan Temple, UW-Madison emeritus professor, Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Environmental Studies. He is a expert on birds, endangered species, wildlife conservation, biodiversity, conservation biology, ecology and Aldo Leopold. He is a Senior Fellow in Aldo Leopold Foundation.



Stan Temple

During the 19th century, sandhill cranes were killed by market hunters as a source of food and by farmers as a crop pest. Sandhill cranes disappeared as a breeding bird from Illinois (1890), Iowa (1905), South Dakota (1910), Ohio (1926), and Indiana (1929). Remnant populations remained in Wisconsin and Michigan.

All these avian disasters were caused by man, so the obvious solution was to protect the birds from deliberate killing. Birds needed places where they would not be killed by people. The obvious solution was to create refuges which were designed to protect the birds.

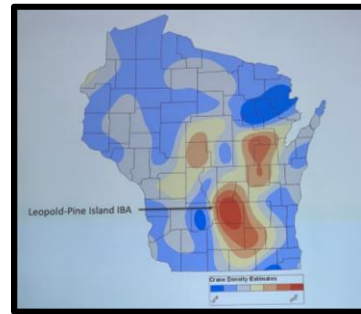
The Weeks-McClearn Migratory Bird Act of 1913 declared migratory birds to be under the protection of the federal government. More laws followed. When Leopold arrived

no population monitoring was done in 1924. In 1930, the population was no more than 150 birds in Midwest. Today, the population is estimated to exceed 70,000.

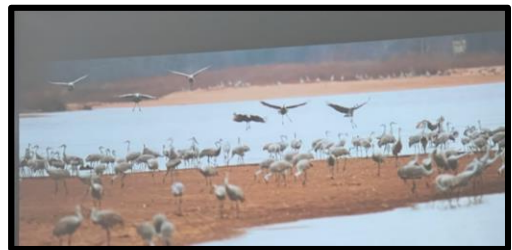


March 22, 2024

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



Crane population in Wisconsin



Today the Leopold-Pine Island IBA (Important Bird Area) Traditional Staging Area

Date	Event
April 12	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
April 17	Foundation Trusties Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
March 29	No Meeting				
April 5	65 th Anniversary Ken Saville	Randy Shaver	Fred Ross	Ron Schuler	TBD
April 12	Second Harvest Cristina Johnson	Dwight Gribble	Harold Green	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, Ken Saville and Ron Schuler attended the 2024 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Mid Year Conference in Wisconsin Dells on March 23. Workshops were conducted on club officer education, Membership and Engagement and Kiwanis Education. Shirley Eels from Monroe Kiwanis was elected Lieutenant Governor of Division 5, replacing **Ken Saville**, effective October 1, 2024. Kiwanis District Awards were announced for 2023-24. Madison West Kiwanis received a Club Cornerstone Award for contributions to the district foundation. Three westies were announced as Distinguished Members which will be presented during our 65th Anniversary celebration on April 5.

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, fifteen Legion of Honor awards a Van Kleef Fellowship and a Special Member Achievement award. Special guests will be Tim Lubinsky, District Governor and Kathy Durner, District 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).

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. Volunteers signed up are **Fred Ross, Tom McCrill, Joseph Tevaarwerk, Jim Danner, Randy Shaver and Ed Reisch**.

George Shook reports the volunteers for Habitat Restore Thur., Mar. 21, were **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Dwight Gribble, Tom McCrill and Joseph Tevaarwerk**. The next date for Habitat Restore is April 18.

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.

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