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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Paul Aspinwall, guest of Ed Reisch and prospective member.

Program: Second Harvest Food Bank' was presented by Kris Tazelaar, media and public relations manager for Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. They serve a sixteen county area.



The major challenge faced by foodbanks and their food pantries is delivering food to the insecure populations. Forty percent of the food produced in the United States does not reach the people for consumption.

The vision Second Harvest is 'Everyone on our community has enough nutritious food to thrive. Some stats with regarding food insecurity:

1. Hunger is a reality for 1 in 15 people in southwestern Wisconsin,'
2. Over 80,000 individuals are food insecure in southwestern Wisconsin (6.8 % of the total),
3. Nearly 26,000 children are food insecure in southwestern Wisconsin (9.3 % of the children in the 16 counties served, "1 in 11")

Why does Second Harvest do what they do? Hunger makes everything harder, lives can be changed with food and there is enough food for everyone.

Since MWK has volunteered at Second Harvest monthly for more than three years, MWK members have prepared more than an estimated 70,000 meals.

April 12, 2024

Presiding: Jim Wiederhoeft
Opening Word: Harold Green
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Greeter: Randy Shaver
Meeting Setup: Dwight Gribble

A summary of Second Harvest's program:

Volunteer Program: building a better future for others,

FoodShare Outreach ensuring eligible participants learn about and obtain benefits, Mobile Food Pantries: provide free groceries once a month to underserved areas

Kids Café: providing healthy food and a safe place kids can go when school is out,

School Markets: addressing food insecurity among kids in schools.

Backpack Program: helping end hunger, one backpack at a time,

Health and Wellness: nutrition insecurity is health issue and has a significant impact on one's ability to function and thrive,

Community Cooks: teaching people to cook the food we provide,

Farm to Foodbank Initiatives: connecting farmers with families to reduce food insecurity.

Date	Event
April 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
May 3	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
April 19	Service Leadership Programs Madison West and Edgewood Key Clubs, Edgewood Circle K, Ken Saville	Jim Wiederhoeft	Dennis Keeney	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
April 26	Our Life's Playlist Power of Music Laurie Fellenz, School of Music Association Joseff-Endle Music Awards	Harley Skjervem	Harley Skjervem	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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<http://www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis/>

Jim Wiederhoeft invited members consider volunteering for the 2024-25 club vice president or as a member of our board of directors. Tentatively, our club annual meeting is scheduled for May 17, when the 2024-25 club elections will take place.

The next Midvale Lunch Buddies is scheduled for April 23. **Ed Reisch** and **Dwight and Emma Gribble** have volunteered.

Eight applicants were received for the Ahlgren- Golden K scholarships, six from Madison East High students and two from Edgewood High Students. Thanks to **Leroy Baker**, **Harold Green** and **Dennis Keeney** for evaluating the applicants. Three students were selected and will be invited to one of our club meetings. The Ahlgren scholarship is for \$2,000 and the Golden k scholarships are two at \$1,000 each.

Fred Ross reported the Annual Midvale Book Fair is scheduled for April 11 and 12. Madison Breakfast Optimists has provided for setup on Friday, April 5. Members volunteering for takedown are **Jim Danner**, **Rich Donkle**, **Fred Ross**, **Harley Skjervem** and **Jim Wiederhoeft** 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 and enter your e-mail, "kiwanis#1". Then follow the steps to sign up for an activity. Bruce suggested 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. Members signed up so far are **Jim Danner**, **Randy Grobe**, **Ken Savile**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk** and **Bruce**.

Arlin Brannstrom reports he has received nine applications for the 2024 Community and Youth grants. Soon, Arlin will have a small group of club members evaluate the applications. Based on the April 12 board meeting, up to \$20,000 will be available for the 2023-24 club grants. The successful grant applicants will be invited to our May 10 meeting to describe how they are using our funds.

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 April 25. Volunteers signed up are **Tom McCrill**, **Fred Ross**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Randy Grobe** and **Jim Danner**.

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore is scheduled for April 18, Thursday, (9:00 am to noon) at the Habitat Restore East, 4207 Monona Drive. **Case Dorresteijn**, **Tom McCrill**, **Ken Saville**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk** and **George Shook** have volunteered. One more volunteer is needed.

John Busby reported a MWK presentation was offered to Tru-Stage and Exact Sciences staff but was declined. Members are encouraged to invite friends for membership. Tim Lee, our caterer, was approved for honorary membership.

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

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. Please contact Leroy if you have suggestions for our site.

Interclubs:

Downtown Kiwanis club has scheduled a tour of the new WYSO facility as their club meeting on Monday, April 8. MWK members attending their meeting were **Ken Saville**, **Ron Schuler**, **Randy Shaver** and **George Shook**. After our club meeting received information about a WYSO ribbon cutting event on Tues., April 16, 10:00 am. A link to this event will share later in an email.

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.