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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Mary Lou Reisch, guest of **Ed Reisch** and Mary Ross, guest of **Fred Ross**.

Program: 'World War II – Why the Allies Won' was presented by Fred Ross, historian and Madison West Kiwanian. WWII was a complex with numerous government/ countries involved and warfare on the ground, on the sea and in the air. Therefore the reasons for the allies winning the war are quite varied.

Fred started with an opening thought from Richard Overy. Ultimate Allied victory in WWII may today seem to have been inevitable, but that was NOT the case. Counting on Allied victory end in the war was little more than an act of faith. The alliances were Allies (USA, Great Britain, Soviet Russia and others) and Axis (Germany, Japan, Italy and others).

Allied military strategy: Always a work in progress, Victory would require cooperating coalition partners, American industrial production had to be shared with coalition partners, Defeating Germany was the first priority – defeating Japan was second, Air and sea dominance could destroy Axis ability to fight, Defeating Japan would primarily be a US responsibility, China was envisioned as a major Allied partner and Allied victory meant "Unconditional surrender".

Alternate Theories for Why the Allies Won:

'Allied Economic Power'

'Decisive Battle'

'Eastern Front'

'Super Battlegrounds'

'Sustained Alliance'

June 7, 2024

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



US Rangers at La Pointe du Hoc, German fortified cliff located on the French Coast on the English Channel near Omaha Beach.

Fred shared a Closing Thought: Perhaps none of the Allies won a great deal, Britain lost her empire and leading world role, US found it had traded one European enemy for another and Soviet Union crumbled. Axis states made no attempt to become big military powers again but they have become economic success stories.



Date	Event
June 21	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 2:00 pm
July 12	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
June 14	Bikes for Kids Christie GoForth, Exec. Dir.	Paul Aspinwall	Ken Saville	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
June 21	Pheasant Branch Conservancy Hans Hilbert	Art Stauffacher	Jim Wiederhoeft	Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD
June 28	The Food Pantry-Munch Truck Ryan Holley	Dwight Gribble	TBD	Leroy Baker	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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President Wiederhoeft announced our Board of Director approved **Cody Kramschuster** for club membership. Cody is financial advisor at Edward Jones. **Brian Martin**, also of Edward Jones, is Cody's club sponsor.

President Wiederhoeft encouraged club members and friends visit our club Facebook page and hit 'Like'. Our Facebook is listed above on this page.

Bob Cropp reports May Birthday contributions of \$104.00 were received from **Bill Battista** and **Jim Danner**. These contributions go to the MWK Foundation.

Dwight Gribble reported **Ed Reid**, and **Dwight** and Emma **Gribble** have volunteered for Midvale School Lunch Buddies on Wednesday, June 5. Seven students participated. This will be the last Lunch Buddies of this school. Tom Loomis, Midvale Instructional Coach will one of meetings to receive donated books and a \$1,000 payment to be used at the principals discretion.

Jim Danner reported the next Second Harvest date is July 25. A June event has not been scheduled due to a scheduled inventory.

George Shook reports the next Habitat ReStore event is scheduled for June 20,(9:00 am to noon). All future Habitat activities will at the Restore West location on Odana Road. Volunteers are **Rich Donkle**, **Case Dorresteijn**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Tom McCrill** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk**. One more volunteer is needed.

Arlin Brannstrom reported the next Culver's Share Night is scheduled for July 23. A sign-up will be circulated at a future meeting.

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

Ron Schuler, chair of the Golden K Scholarship, reported, a 2024 scholarship recipient, Abigail Elaine Turnstra will be recognized during our June 14 meeting.

Arlin Brannstrom reports additional thank you notes were received from 2024 MWK Grant recipients; Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Safe Communities of Madison-Dane County, and Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras.

Interclub opportunities:

Madison East Kiwanis Mallards Baseball game on June 14 (6:35 pm game time) at Warner Park. Members purchasing tickets were **Bruce Hoehne (1)**, **Ed Reisch (2)**, **Ken Saville (2)** and **Ron Schuler (1)**. Gates open at 5:05 pm.

Madison East Kiwanis: June 26 (11:45 am) **Millard Johnson** is providing the program titled 'Wilderness Cabin Building in NW Ontario'. The Madison East meeting take place at the Great Dane restaurant on Cottage Grove Road.



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