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Kiwanis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: New members: **James Heaton** and **LaDonna (LD) Steinert** (they will be formally inducted soon)

Program: 'Crypto Currency Scams' was presented Brooke Martin and Stefan Kofi, examiners, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), Division of Securities. These scams have been referred to as 'pig butchering' and 'Financial Grooming'. The FBI estimates Wisconsinites lost \$35 million last year. DFI:

1. Registers Investments firms and their salespeople,
2. Registers securities products,
3. Conducts examinations of investment firms,
4. Investigates customer complaints,
5. Takes enforcement actions against violators,
6. Provides investor education and alerts.

Cryptocurrency is a type of digital currency:

1. Cryptocurrency is digital money that some people decide to purchase for investment purposes,
2. Purchasing cryptocurrency can be easily done on cryptocurrency exchange websites,
3. No official cryptocurrency regulator,
4. No government insurance policy to cover investment losses like SIPC,
5. Crypto assets can be more susceptible to theft,
6. Crypto scams often market cryptocurrency as an investment.



October 11, 2024

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Arlin Brannstrom
Checkpoint: Leroy Baker
Greeter: Jim Danner
Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill

How can you avoid cryptocurrency scams for your self and others? Some red flags:

1. Someone randomly messaging you online or text,
2. Online person is nice and really wants to know you,
3. Online person is interested in your personal matters and relationships,
4. Person only communicates with you online, texting, or video calls only and won't meet you in person,
5. Person mentions they are wealthy or part of a wealthy family.
6. Person sends you pictures of fancy cars or other expensive items,
7. Person offers to teach you how to invest in crypto,
8. Person sends you small payments to give you a taste

Complaints can be sent to DFPI, Adult Protective Services, Dane County Sheriff's Office, and FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority).

Date	Event
October 18	Joint Meeting - Kiwanis Clubs Covenant, 11:45 am
October 25	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
November 1	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Oct. 18	Madison Schools, Challenges and Opportunities,	Danner	Keeney	Tevaarwerk	TBD
Oct. 25	Thriving as We Age Michele Godfrey, Attic Angels Community	Reisch	Reisch	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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



2024 Pancake Breakfast - Reminder

Our 2024 Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Nov 9, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Covenant Presbyterian Church. Placemat ads need to be sent to **Randy Grobe** by October 25. The fundraising goal is \$9,000. The volunteer sign-up was circulated. Extra pancake tickets are available from **Jim Danner**. **Sell Sell**

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore West work date is October 17 (9:00 – noon). **Leroy Baker**, **Rich Donkle**, **George Shook** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk** have volunteered. Two more volunteers are needed.

Jim Danner reported volunteers for the Second Harvest event on Oct 31(8:30 – 11:30 am) are **Joseph Tevaarwerk**, **Tom McCrill**, **Fred Ross**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Bill Grabel** and **Jim Danner**.

Arlin Brannstrom reports the funds raised during the September 24 Culver's Share Night was \$794.88. The next Culver's Share Night will be in Jan or Feb, 2025.

Bonnie Hansen reports a Lunch Buddies project is tentatively scheduled for October 22 at Midvale School. Emma and **Dwight Gribble** have volunteered. Two more volunteers are encouraged.

Dennis Keeney has shared a flyer for the 2024-25 Adaptive Ski Scholarship. A copy of the application can be found on our web site and is due December 15, 2024.

Club Officers (2024-25)

Presidents:	Ken Saville
Vice President	By committee
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Co-Past Presidents	Jim Wiederhoeft

Board of Directors:

Dwight Gribble	Cody Kramschuster
Leroy Baker	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Jim Danner	Harley Skjervem

Reminder: The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will be done by committee. For the first four months, the committee members and months are:

October, 2024 - **Fred Ross**,

November, 2024 - **Harold Green**,

December, 2024 - **Jim Wiederhoeft**,

January, 2025 - **Sharon Brantmeier/Randy Shaver**

All members are invited to suggest programs to the program committee members.

Reminder: On October 18, Madison West Kiwanis will host a special joint meeting with Madison Downtown Kiwanis, Madison East Kiwanis and potentially Middleton Kiwanis. The program will be 'Madison Schools – Opportunities and Challenges' to be presented by Dr. Joseph Gothard, School Superintendent. More joint meetings are scheduled: second quarter 2024-25 with Madison Downtown (Program- Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek), hosting and third quarter 2024-25 with Madison East hosting.

Club members are encouraged members to like us on our Madison West Facebook Page (Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis/>). Currently we have 182 likes and 194 followers. The more likes and followers, the greater public awareness of Madison West Kiwanis.

Prescription pill bottles continue to be collected by Madison Kiwanis Clubs. All bottles are delivered to the Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club who delivers the bottles to a Community Health Center in an underserved areas of Milwaukee.