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Kiwanis Club of Madison West - Kiwanogram

Guests: Matt Newman, guest of **LaDonna Steinert**; Mary Ann Fitzsimmons, guest of **Ed Reisch**.

Program: 'Centering Children and Youth in a Growing City' presented by Dr. Linda Vakunta, deputy Madison Mayor. She joined the Mayor's office to assist with housing and human services. She was born in Cameroon where she lived her early years and move to Madison where she completed her high school education. She then enrolled the UW-Madison completing BS (Psychology), MS (Rehabilitation Psychology) and PHD (Environmental Studies) degrees.

Dr. Vakunta has been involved in many of Madison activities which are designed to build the Madison community. Madison's mission and vision are:

1. Be inclusive, innovative and thriving and
2. Provide the highest quality service for the common good of our residents and visitors.

The established values were: equity, civic engagement, well being, share prosperity and stewardship.

Some of the many programs she described were:

1. Child Care Accreditation, child care tuition assistance, and infant and early childhood,
2. Library and early programming,
3. Community Development,
4. Library and education: Day care/home care,
5. Monona Terrace Kids and Family programs.



Dr. Linda Vakunta

November 1, 2024

Presiding: Ken Saville
 Opening Word: Harley Skjervem
 Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
 Greeter: LaDonna Steinert
 Meeting Setup: Tom McCrill



LaDonna (LD) Steinert receiving our Member certificate from President **Ken Saville**.

Today, LaDonna (LD) Steinert was installed as a new member of Madison West Kiwanis. LD is a realtor with Weber Realty. She enjoys skiing, outdoors, cooking and family. She volunteers as ski patroller at Black Hawk. Her spouse is Adam and they have two children. LD, welcome to Madison West Kiwanis.

Date	Event
November 9	Pancake Breakfast Covenant, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
November 15	MWK Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
December 6	MWK Board Meeting Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Nov. 8	Overview of Special Victims Unit Detective Mike Barcheski	Gribble	Johnson	Baker	TBD
Nov. 15	Child Abuse Treatment and Prevention Sarah Berndt, Director, Canopy	Wiederhoeft	Gribble	Tevaarwerk	TBD
Nov. 22	Research Update on the Therapeutic Use of Psychedelic Drugs,	Danner	TBD	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/>



Enjoying pancakes in 2023.

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. The volunteer sign-up was circulated. Critical time for additional volunteers is from 8 am to 9 am. Extra pancake tickets are available from **Jim Danner** (phone 608-845-3837, email jdanner63@gmail.com).

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore is November 21. Volunteers are **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Tom McCrill, George Shook and Joseph Tevaarwerk**.

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, Dwight Gribble, Bill Grabel and Jim Danner**.

Dwight Gribble reported **Ed Reid, Emma and Dwight Gribble** will participate in Lunch Buddies on November 19 at Midvale School.

John Busby provided a membership report. Currently we have 42 members with four of them being honorary members. He encouraged members to identify potential members and invite them to our weekly meetings.

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 next five months, the committee members and months are:

November, 2024 - **Harold Green,**

December, 2024 - **Jim Wiederhoeft,**

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

February, 2025 – **Millard Johnson**

March, 2025 – **Dwight Gribble**

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

John Busby has developed plans for 100th Capitol Christmas Pageant scheduled December 8, with performances at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm. In 1982, Madison West Kiwanis started sponsoring the pageant. A volunteer signup, was circulated. Volunteer times are December 6 (Friday) for pageant setup (1:00 – 5:00 pm) and December 8 (Sunday) for pageant performance ushering and take down (before, during and after the performances). **Ed Reisch** announced his plans to invite donations from club members



Capitol Christmas Pageant audience and Christmas tree