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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: David Schultz, guest of **Ron Schuler**.

Program: "History of Hilrose Dairy and Wisconsin Dairy Farm Trends" was presented by **Sharon Brantmeier** and **Randy Shaver**, both Madison West Kiwanians. Sharon discussed the History of the Hilrose Dairy, her family farm and Randy discussed the Dairy Farm Trends.

Sharon's grandfather moved to the farm in 1922. The first registered animal was brought to the farm in 1956. There has not been a bull on the farm since the early 1950's. They have four generations of living excellent rated cows before they had ET (embryo transfer), first farm in the US to do ET-1980. They have animals in herds across the US and world.

The Hilrose Farm Business in 2024:

1. Farm income supporting 3 families with spouse off-farm employment,
2. 95 milking cows or about 32 cows per family providing income from milk, cull cow and bull calf sales- very high performing herd, over 30,000 lbs. milk per cow per year or about 12 gallons per cow daily,
3. Income from cattle genetics through sales of heifers and embryos,
4. Farming nearly 1,200 acres, with a diversified farm business.

(See page 2 for Dairy Farm Trends.)

January 24, 2024

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Harley Skjervem
Greeter: George Shook
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup: Tom McCrill



Hilrose Farm Buildings



Hilrose Advent Anna (a Hilrose cow) 2018 Wisconsin Cow of the Year, She was recognized at the World Dairy Expo.

Date	Event
February 7	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
February 21	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Jan 27	Kiwanis Area Club Meeting-Downtown Kiwanis is host, Cranberry Creek Catering Camp Wawbeek, Amanda Verhagen, Camp Director				
Jan 31	No Meeting				
Feb 7	Open Kettle Farm Tim and Jan Noll, owners	Ross	TBD	Tevaarwerk	TBD
Feb 14	Bat Research Studies in WI Paul White	Tevaarwerk	TBD	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Wisconsin Dairy Farm Trends:

1. Industry trend is toward large dairy-specialized operations,
2. WI Dairy demographics - #1 in cheese, #2 in milk production,
3. 1981: 45,000 dairy farms with 1,825,000 cows - (41 cows per farm) producing 12,500 pounds per cow per year on average,
4. 2024: 5,661 dairy farms with 1,270,000 (224 cows per farm, ranging 8 to 8,000 cows) producing 25,294 pounds per cow per year on average,
5. Eighty percent of the milk is produced by twenty percent of the farms (80:20 rule),
6. Dairy Industry faces many challenges including labor availability, large capital costs and manure management.

George Shook reported receiving 'Thank you' notes from Brendan Baird and Adrian Sieck, who were recognized as two of David Dickson scholars. They attended our meeting last week.

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore work day is February 20.

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest date is January 30, 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers signed up are **Bruce Hoehne, Tom McCrill, Ed Reisch, Fred Ross, Joseph Tevaarwerk, Cody Kramschuster, and Jim Danner.**

Midvale staff have suggested February 12, 13, 19 or 20 dates for the next Midvale School Lunch Buddies. If interested in participating, please contact **Bonnie Hansen.**

Dennis Keeney reports the number of applicants for the 2025 Adaptive Ski applications is two: Chad Donohue and Jatish Nair. They are scheduled to participate in skiing in early March, specific dates to be determined later. Chad, a 2024 applicant, was interviewed last year but was unable to participate due to conflict. After their trip they will be invited to one of our club meetings to share their experiences skiing.

Club Officers (2024-25)

Presidents:	Ken Saville
Vice President	Dwight Gribble
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	¹¹ Randy Grobe
Co-Past Presidents	Jim Wiederhoeft

Board of Directors:

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

The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will be done by committee. The committee members and months are:

February, 2025 – **Millard Johnson**

March, 2025 – **Dwight Gribble**

April, 2025 – **Dennis Keeney**

May, 2025 – **Leroy Baker**

June, 2025 – **Joseph Tevaarwerk**

July, 2025 – **Ed Reisch**

August, 2025 – **Arlin Brannstrom**

September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**

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

Ken Saville announced the Madison Area Kiwanis Clubs will meet jointly on January 27 (11.30 pm) with the Downtown Kiwanis Club at Cranberry Creek Catering, 1501 Lake Point Road. The Madison West Kiwanis will not be meeting on January 31. Ken circulated a sign up for the Jan 27 meeting. Some carpooling is being planned. The program will be Easter Seals – Camp Wawbeek to be presented by Amanda Verhagen, Camp Director.

Members attending the Sauk Prairie Kiwanis Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast on January 18 were **Leroy Baker, Tom McCrill, Ken Saville, and Ron Schuler.** This was a successful interclub with four members attending.

Ken Saville announced a 2025 Wisconsin Upper Michigan Kiwanis has scheduled a MID Winter Conference on February 22 in Brookfield. Numerous educational workshops are available. Club officers and committee should consider participating.