



Kiwaniis®

Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Mary Lou Reisch, guest of Ed.

Program: Open Kettle Farms are a family owned and operated Tim and Jan Noll in Cross Plains, WI. They described their experiences with startup as maple syrup farm and the technology required maintaining a profitable operation.

They purchased a 46-acre farm near Cross Plains. It located 15 miles west of our meeting location and in the first hills west of Madison. When starting, they had very little knowledge of syrup production and gain knowledge from a UW-Madison Dairy scientists.

One of the most important aspects of syrup production is drilling the hole for tapping the tree. They have 1000 trees tapped. With this number trees, the old method of collection with buckets hanging on the trees would be labor intensive. Noll's collect the sap using hoses from the trees leading to a barn.

The dates for collecting the sap is weather dependent. The Noll's prefer to collect the sap from late February through March to mid April.

The sap from the trees are about two percent sugar. Using evaporation and reverse osmosis, the resultant syrup is 67 percent sugar.

The Noll's market the syrup at their farm and at Westside Community Market on Rosa Road in Madison. At the farm, they hold an Open House during the second weekend in March. They provide tours to educate visitors about the syrup process and provide seminars, coffee, cider and maple treats. Their farm address is 5260 Otto Kerl Road, Cross Plains. Phone: 608-798-2342

February 7, 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Ed Reisch
Greeter: Fred Ross
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup: Tom McCrill



Tim and Jan Noll showing a section of a tree trunk exhibiting the annual rings of tree growth.



A bottle of Open Kettle Farms Pure Maple Syrup.

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

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Feb 14	Bat Research Studies in WI Paul White	Tevaarwerk	Ross	Baker	TBD
Feb 21	Lussier Center Arturo Ambriz	Wiederhoeft	Aspinwall	TBD	TBD
Feb 28	Ice Age Trail Amy Lord?	Gribble	TBD	Tevaarwerk	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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A January birthday contribution of \$100.00 was received from **Rich Donkle**.

Dr. Joe Gothard, Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District, thanked the MWK for a \$1,000.00 contribution to support of Midvale school.

Dwight Gribble reports the next Midvale School Lunch Buddies is February 13. **Fred Ross** announced the Midvale School Book Fair/Rhythm and Books provides volunteer opportunities: April 4 for setup, April 10 for the event and April 14 for take down. Fred queried club members present and obtained a response which indicated an interest in volunteering.

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore work day is February 20 (9:00am to noon) at the Habitat Restore West. Members volunteering are: **Rich Donkle, Dwight Gribble, Tom McCrill, George Shook and Joseph Tevaarwerk**. One slot remains open.

Jim Danner reported the next 2nd Harvest is Feb. 27.

Dwight Gribble reported the next Interclub opportunity is the Middleton Pancake Breakfast on March 15 (7am to noon) at the Middleton Sports Bowl on University Avenue. Another Interclub opportunity is on the April 9, our Madison area Kiwanis Clubs' quarterly meeting with Madison East Kiwanis hosting at the Goodman center.

On February 1, a very dedicated member, Chuck Stumpf, passed away. Chuck was a 58 member of Kiwanis, 13 years with Downtown Kiwanis and 45 years with Madison West Kiwanis. He provided leadership with establishing MWK Foundation and implementing the member birthday contributions. He spent a term as Lt. Gov. of Kiwanis Division 5. He was a recipient of a Hixson Award,



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

Dennis Keeney reports the 2025 Adaptive Skiers, Jatish Nair and Chad Donahue, will be visiting during our meeting on February 14. Previous adaptive skiers are invited to attend. During today's board meeting, the 2026 Adaptive Ski program will be cancelled due the low number applications this year. The 2027 program will be planned.

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.

During today's MWK Board meeting **Madison Smith** was accepted into MWK club membership. Madison is a former member of the Edgewood College Circle K Club.

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 chairs may consider participating. **Bruce Hoehne** and **Dwight Gribble** are planning to attend.