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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Tom Duval, guest Ron Schuler and MWK club member applicant. Tom is a former Key Club member from Whitewater.

Program: 'Lussier Community Education Center' was described Arturo Ambriz, Center Director.

Historically, in the mid-1970's. Wexford Ridge residents organized into group titled Wexford Ridge Community Association. They met in a Wexford Ridge apartment. With support of Madison's churches, state governor and city major, Madison school administration, this association grew and develop new mission.

The mission of the center is building community, creating opportunities and enriching education. The vision of the center is drawing in generations of community members from all walks of life to take care of one another and create a more just, healthy and vibrant community.

The annual budget for the Lussier Center is \$1.6 million. The city provides 23 percent, United Way provides 3 percent and Dane County provides 1 percent. The center must raise \$1.0 million through donations. The center has 25 employees with 11 full time.

The center serves community members of all age from young children to seniors. Examples of programs are food pantry, summer meals for kids, school supplies, senior brunch, little library, play and learn, staying active outside, employment preparation, holiday gifts mentorship program, and annual high school delegation trip.

February 21, 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Paul Aspinwall
Greeter: Jim Wiederhoeft
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup: Tom McCrill



The Lussier Center building provides 12,000 square feet of energy-efficient and green built space and 35 parking spaces. Space inside the center includes multi-purpose classrooms, commercial kitchen, food pantry, radio recording studio, meeting spaces, gym and more. Rooms in the center are available for community organizations

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

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
Feb 28	Ice Age Trail Amy Lord	Gribble	TBD	Tevaarwerk	TBD
March 7	Insurance Risk Management & Loss Control, Bill Lorang & Angela Bunker	Grobe	Green	TBD	TBD
March 14	Adaptive Ski Program Keeney/Dorrestijn	Danner	TBD	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Dwight Gribble reports **Ed Reisch**, Emma and Dwight Gribble participated in the Midvale School Lunch Buddies on February 13. They enjoyed their time with six first and second graders. Emma provided some Valentine cards and stickers little boxes of Valentine Day heart candies for the kids.

Fred Ross previously announced the Midvale School Book Fair/Rhythm and Books. MWK has volunteered for take down which is scheduled for April 14, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Members volunteering are **Jim Danner**, **Rich Donkel**, **Ed Reisch**, **Fred Ross**, and **Jim Wiederhoeft**.

George Shook reports the Habitat Restore work day was February 20 (9:00am to noon) at the Habitat Restore West. Members volunteering are: **Rich Donkle**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Tom McCrill**, **George Shook**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk** and **Jim Martin**.

Jim Danner reported the next 2nd Harvest is Feb. 27 with current volunteers: **Rich Donkle**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Tom McCrill**, **Jim Danner**, **Fred Ross** and **Ed Reisch**.

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.

George Shook reported our April 4 (Friday) club meeting is scheduled at the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra's new Center for Music located at 1118 East Washington Avenue in Madison.

Art Stauffacher, chair of the Rothe Scholarship committee, reported he received four applications, two from Madison East Key Club and two from the Edgewood Key Club.

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, Jitish Nair and Chad Donahue, are scheduled to fly to Durango on February 24 and return on March 1. All logistics have been settled at this time.

The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will continue to 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** and
September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**.

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

Bruce Hoehne, Foundation president, announced the MWK Foundation trustees will be meeting immediately following today's club meeting

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.