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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guest: Emily Mickelson, guest of **Cody Kramschuster** and Tiffany Virg, guest of LD Steinert.

Program: ‘Dennis Keeney introduced Jitish Nair one of our 2025 Adaptive Skiers who spent five days skiing on Purgatory Hill near Durango. Jitish was accompanied by his spouse, Soumya.

Jitish acquired his disability during motorbike accident on May 3, 2015. He sustained a traumatic brain injury, when he was no longer able to ski until 2024. Before this injury, Jitish actively skied. In Feb 2024 Jitish first enrolled in a sit ski with no elevation, cross skiing. He slowly adjusted.

A typical ski day at Durango:

1. Get ready by 9am for shuttle ride to purgatory hill, elevation 10,822 feet,
2. After arriving at the hill, Jitish was fitted with the appropriate equipment, he used a slider which had four skies, (see photo),
3. He used a ski-lift, the lift was stopped when Jitish got on and off the lift,
4. Jitish skied five days,
5. Jitish skied five hours each day,
6. He had two and three instructors for each trip down the hill,
7. He attained speeds up to 65 miles per hour.
8. He was done with skiing by 3pm.

Comments from Soumya: ‘Jitish had the best time at Durango, skiing the slopes after a decade and being able to go high up in the mountain. What a life changing experience. The team at ASA are just the best human beings in the world - selfless, inspiring, and solid rocks to lean on’.

March 14, 2025

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



Jitish and Soumya enjoying our meeting



(2) Soumya and Jitish Skiing

Date	Event
March 21	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
To be determined	Board of Directors Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In	Setup
March 21	Wisconsin Literacy Project Jake Gorges, CEO	Keeney	Reisch	Tevaarwerk	TBD
March 28	To Be Determined	Wiederhoeft	Gribble	Baker	TBD
April 4	WYSO Tour of their new center.				
April 9	Madison East Kiwanis hosting Quarterly Meeting Goodman Community Center				
April 11	No Meeting				

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

Dwight Gribble announced the next Lunch Buddies at Midvale School is March 19.

Reminder, 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 next Habitat Restore work day is March 20 (9:00am to noon) at the Habitat Restore West. Members volunteering are: **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteijn, Tom McCrill, George Shook, and Joseph Tevaarwerk**.

Jim Danner reported the next 2nd Harvest is March 27. Volunteers are **Dwight Gribble, Bruce Hoehne, Tom McCrill, Fred Ross, Jim Danner and Jim Wiederhoeft**.

Members attending the 2025 Middleton Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on March 15 were **Leroy Baker, Bruce Hoehne, Harold Green, Dwight Gribble, Dennis Keeney, Tom McCrill, Ed Reisch, Ken Saville, Ron Schuler and George Shook**. If this list is incorrect please send message to rschuler@wisc.edu. Another Interclub opportunity is on the April 9, our Madison area Kiwanis Clubs' quarterly meeting with Madison East Kiwanis hosting at the Goodman Community Center.

March 14 is PI day. President Ken Saville provided a strawberry crème pie which was auctioned. Case Dorresteijn bid \$75.00, the winning bid. Case gave the pie Jitish Nair, one of our 2025 adaptive skiers. Thanks Case.



Ken Saville presenting Jetish the pie .

Club Officers (2024-25)

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

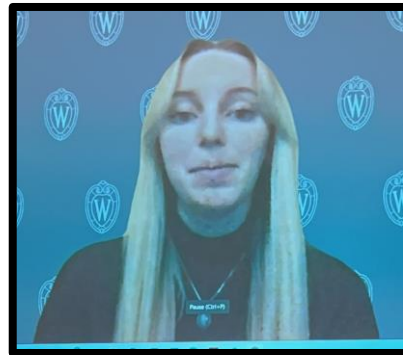
Board of Directors:

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

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

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

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**.



Taylor Eick, a 2025 Dickson Scholarship recipient was introduced by **George Shook**, chair of chair of the Dickson Scholarship committee. George introduced Taylor using a video. Taylor is a junior in Agricultural Business Management at UW-Madison with a home town of Ferryville , WI, where she grew-up on a Dairy Farm. Her career goal is to become an agricultural loan officer.