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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guest: None

Program: 'Wisconsin Literacy Inc' was presented by Jake Gorges, CEO. This organization supports 80 community-based programs throughout Wisconsin. They strengthen literacy through expert trainings, health literacy, workforce connections and advocacy.

They have seven Madison Literacy Centers:

1. Children's Dyslexia Center – Madison
2. Latino Academy of Workforce Development,
3. Literacy Network,
4. Madison Reading Project,
5. Omega School Inc.,
6. UW Madison Cultural Linguistic Services and
7. Madison International Partners.

For Wisconsin adults, the numbers do not lie. One in seven adults struggle with low literacy. One in four adults struggle with math.

Literacy is the ability to access, understand, use and communicate information to fully participate in society. It enables individuals to:

1. Improve employment and economic opportunities,
2. Enhance health and well being,
3. Empower personal growth,
4. Increase civic and social participation, and
5. Support education and family advancement.



Jake Gorges

March 21, 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
 Opening Word: Ed Reisch
 Greeter: Dennis Keeney
 Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
 Setup: Tom McCrill

Examples of projects at the 80 centers:

1. English language learning (ELL or ESL) classes and/or one-on-one tutoring,
2. Adult basic education (ABE/GED) classes,
3. Computer classes, device and/or open labs, and

Tutor training and capacity building addresses workplace literacy:

1. Reading flow charts,
2. Speaking with supervisors and coworkers,
3. Filling time sheets,
4. Reading instructions,
5. Soft skills,
6. Computer skills,

How do we solve the problem?

1. Work with immigrants or refugees to teach English,
2. Help adults prepare for GED, HSED and citizenship tests,
3. Teach basic reading or writing skills,
4. Teach computer skills,
5. Work on job readiness and workplace skills.

Date	Event
April 25	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 28	Market Update Cody Kramschuster, Financial Advisor	Wiederhoeft	Gribble	Baker	TBD
April 4	WYSO Tour of their new center. Ria Hodgson, Music Makers Director	-----	-----	----	----
April 9	Madison East Kiwanis hosting Quarterly Meeting Goodman Community Center				
April 11	No Meeting (replaced by April 9 Quarterly Meeting)				
April 18	No Meeting Good Friday				

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705

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

Dwight Gribble reported **Ed Reisch**, Emma Gribble and **Dwight** participated in the March 19 Lunch Buddies at Midvale School.

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 Habitat Restore work day on March 20 at the Habitat Restore West had the following members volunteering: **Leroy Baker**, **Rich Donkle**, **Case Dorresteyn**, **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**.

An Interclub opportunity is scheduled on the April 9 (11:30 am), our Madison area Kiwanis Clubs' quarterly meeting with Madison East Kiwanis hosting at the Goodman Community Center located at 149 Waubesa Street in the Evjue room. The cost at the door is \$20.00 payable at the door, cash or check payable to Madison East Kiwanis Club. The program will be presented by Noah Salata, vice president of Community Engagement and Philanthropy. A tour of the facilities will be available after the program. Members attending this program are invited bring items to donate food to the Goodman Center Food Pantry.

Bruce Hoehne, Madison West Kiwanis Foundation President, announced a meeting of the Foundation Trustees following today's meeting. All members are welcome.

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. If you plan to attend sign-up for the meeting to insure correct meal count. A sign-up was circulated today. Saville encouraged members to carpool. The tour will start at 11:30 am, The lunch cost is expected to be \$20.00. The meeting is expected to adjourn about 1:30 pm.

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**.

Hilary Parker sent a 'Thank you' note from Habitat for Humanity Dane County for monthly support at the Habitat Restore.

Michael Malik, Director of Development for the Kiwanis Children's Fund, sent a 'Thank You' note for our \$250.00 contribution to the Children's Fund.

On Monday, March 17, an estimated 500 prescription pill bottles were delivered to Madison Downtown Kiwanis club. The bottles will be delivered to the Oak Brook Golden K Kiwanis Club who will deliver them to a Community Health Center in a underserved area of Milwaukee.