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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Mike and Sibyl Morgan, Larry Ryan and Gaston Razafinjanja, members of Madison East Kiwanis; Mary Lou Reisch and Bill Walters, guests of Ed Reisch

Filling time: Due to tardiness (30 minutes caused by traffic) of our program speaker, several members provided reviews of recent books they read and we had some discussion of two special former members: **Dave Dickson** (pianist) and **AJ Hancock** (song leader).

Program: 'Free Speech Issues' was presented by Paul Soglin, former Madison Mayor. Paul has been involved in free speech issues since he started attending UW-Madison in 1962. At that time of the Viet Nam conflict was active and many demonstrations on the UW-Madison campus occurred, protesting the U.S. involvement.

Two major freedom of speech related changes in the U.S. occurred. F. D. Roosevelt during the 1930's with the New Deal (democratic realignment) and during the 1960's with Richard Nixon's realignment issues in 1968 related to the Viet Nam Conflict.

Most demonstrations in the past were very peaceful during the Viet Nam demonstration. In recent years, there has been an effort to tamp down on freedom of speech. This has been exacerbated by a small number of demonstrators (4 to 6) break away from the primary group and create violence



July 25. 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Ken Saville
Greeter: Millard Johnson
Checkpoint: Paul Aspinwall
Setup: Tom McCrill



Mary Mennes, long time member of Madison West Kiwanis, passed away on Sunday, July 20. Services will be held July 28, 11am. at the Gunderson Camacho Mount Horeb Funeral and Cremation Care, 500 N. Eighth St, Mount

Horeb. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 am until the time of the services. A lunch and celebration of life will be held at the Hi Point Steak House at 1:00 pm.

Mary retired from the Food Science Dept., UW-Madison. She joined Madison West Kiwanis in 1992, one of the first two women in Madison West Kiwanis. She served as Club President in 1998, Foundation trustee in 1998 and Kiwanis Division 4 Lt. Gov. in 2001. She received the Kiwanis Hixson Award recognizing her support of Kiwanis. Mary was active in our Pancake Breakfast and the Badger Football concession stand. She provided leadership with our Parenting Newsletter years one, two and three. When Mary was active in the club, she provided piano accompaniment for members singing during club meetings.

Date	Event
Aug. 8	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
Aug. 15	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In
Aug 1	Flying by EAA James and Emily Keyes	Ross	Keney	Baker
Aug 8	First Tee Site Visit Staff at First Tee	Wiederhoeft	Skjervem	Aspinwall
Aug 15	Internet Scam Protection Update UW Credit Union staff	TBD	Brannstrom	Tevaarwerk

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705

Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info

Email: rschuler@wisc.edu

Facebook:

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

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore session was on Thursday, August 21, at the Restore West on Odana Road. **Tom McCrill** and **George** have volunteered. Four more volunteers are needed

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest session is July 31. Members volunteering are **Tom McCrill**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Ed Reisch**, **Fred Ross**, and **Jim Danner**. One position remains open.

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

August, 2025 - **Arlin Brannstrom**,

September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**,

October, 2025 - **Fred Ross**, and

November, 2025- **Harold Green**.

Planning has begun for the next quarterly meeting of Madison Area Kiwanis clubs. Madison West Kiwanis is hosting the next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 24. The proposed program is our adaptive ski program.

Arlin Brannstrom announced our August 8 club meeting will be at the South-Central First Tee located at 2819 Royal Ave, Madison. Arlin suggested car pooling from Covenant, leaving 11:30 am. More details later.



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Joseph Tevaarwerk

Jim Danner

Harley Skjervem

Dwight Gribble reported the Kiwanis International is upgrading their reporting system, web site, which will be referred to as 'Kiwanis Engage'. This site is used for Kiwanis clubs to enter data for monthly reports and the addition and deletion club members. Other data include club meeting attendance, financial and service projects. As a result, monthly reports will be continued to be published and shared with club board members. At the end of the year, Kiwanis International combines the monthly reports for an annual club report. The new system 'Kiwanis Engage' was implemented on July 15. Previously the system was referred as 'Kiwanis Connect'.

Ken Saville announced the 2025 WIUM Kiwanis District Convention is scheduled for August 22-24 in Green Bay at the Oneida Casino Hotel. Some financial support is available from the club. District Kiwanis Club members will not be charged a registration fee. Attendees will be responsible for lodging and meals. Registration deadline is August 1. A registration form can be found at the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan web site: [District Convention – Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis](#)

Each district Kiwanis club can elect three convention delegates. During the business meeting, the delegates will elect the 2025-26 WIUM district officers and vote on the proposed WIUM Kiwanis District amendments which will be distributed later. **Bruce Hoehne** was approved as one of the Madison West Kiwanis delegates to the convention.