



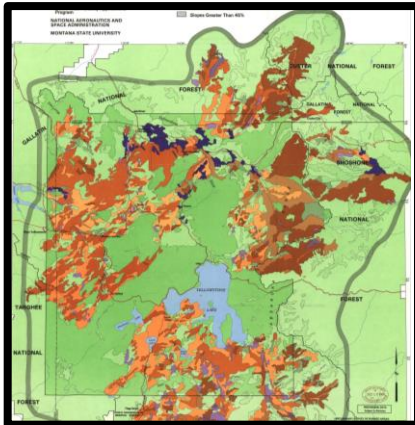
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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Judy Brannstrom, guest of Arlin; Mary Lou Reisch, guest of Ed.

Program: 'Ecological Changes in Yellowstone Park' was presented Dr. Monica Turner, professor of Ecology, UW-Madison. Her research emphasizes the cause and consequences of spatial patterns in ecological systems, focusing primarily on ecosystem and landscape ecology. Much of her research has been on changes in the park since the 1988 fires.

The 1988 Yellowstone fires of 1988 collectively formed the largest wildfire in recorded history, covering 793,880 acres. The burned area was estimated to be 793,880 acres. The fires were started by lightning (42) and humans (2).



1988 fire perimeters in Yellowstone National Park, red areas. Blue areas are lakes

August 15, 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Fred Ross
Greeter: George Shook
Checkpoint: Jim Danner
Setup: Tom McCrill

Monica reports the park's ecosystems have displayed a surprising degree of resilience and undergone a rapid recovery primarily driven by native species. The recovery occurred naturally without human intervention, challenging the belief that the ecosystem had been catastrophically destroyed.



Abundant lodgepole pine regeneration following the 1988 Yellowstone Fires.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sept. 5	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
Sept 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>	<u>Check In</u>
Aug 29	No meeting – Labor Day weekend			
Sept. 5	Madison Police Department – Mounted Patrol	Wiederhoeft	Skjervem	Aspinwall
Sept. 12	MG&E Energy Plans for the Future	Danner	Keeney	Tevaarwerk
Sept. 19	Madison Habitat for Humanity	DuVal	Green	TBA

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

Randy Grobe, club treasurer, reports receiving a 'Thank You' note from West Madison Little League for the \$1,100.00 they received for mulch replacement at the West Madison field playground. Our club provided support and design to originally establish the field. Art Peterson, a club charter member and UW Soil Scientist designed the field. Thanks to Bill Battista for his continued little league support.

As of August 21, **Dwight Gribble**, club president-elect, reported receiving 18 Kiwanis member surveys, about one half the club members. Dwight emailed the surveys on August 13 and requested the completed surveys be returned by August 31. If any member did not receive Dwight's message with the survey, please contact Dwight at dwright12555@hotmail.com.

George Shook reported the Habitat Restore session was on Thursday, August 21, (9am to noon) at the Restore West on Odana Road. **Rich Donkle**, **Jim Martin**, **Tom McCrill**, **George Skupniewicz**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk** and **George** volunteered.

Jim Danner reported the next Second Harvest session is on August 28. volunteers are **Bruce Hoehne**, **Tom McCrill**, **Fred Ross**, **Ed Reisch**, **Rich Donkle**, **Randy Grobe** and **Jim Danner**.

The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will continue to be done by committee in 2025-26. The committee members and months are:

September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**,

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

November, 2025- **Harold Green**.

Club Officers (2024-25)

Presidents:

Ken Saville

Vice President

Dwight Gribble

Secretary

Ron Schuler

Treasurer:

Randy Grobe

Co-Past Presidents

Jim Wiederhoeft

Board of Directors:

Dwight Gribble

Cody Kramschuster

Leroy Baker

Joseph Tevaarwerk

Jim Danner

Harley Skjervem



George Skupniewicz formally inducted as new club member by President **Ken Saville**.

New member, **George Skupniewicz** has an interest in sailing and biking. He has invited members to go sailing on Lake Mendota. George retired from Thermo-fisher Scientific where he was a Project Manager. He has BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering. His early, pre-college years were spent in Racine. George, welcome to Madison West Kiwanis.

Ken Saville announced the transition to club secretary from **Ron Schuler** to **Leroy Baker** and **Tom Duval**. Leroy will be listed our secretary and Tom will be listed as our assistant secretary. Leroy will be responsible for our web site and Facebook while Tom will be responsible for membership record details. Further details are to be discussed.



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