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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Beverly Green, guest of **Harold**

Green; Betty Keeney, guest of **Dennis**

Keeney; Mary Ross, guest of **Fred Ross;**

Ausra Shier, guest of **LaDonna Steinert.**

Program: Fred Ross presented
“WWII – Japan’s Controversial Surrender”



Fred Ross

Longtime Madison West Kiwanis member Fred Ross presented historical facts surrounding Japan’s surrender at the end of World War II.

He described the three main factions in Japan and their reasoning surrounding the decision

to surrender (or not). These factions were the military leaders, the civilian leaders, and the Imperial House led by Emperor Shōwa (Hirohito).

Fred also described the allied forces knowledge of Japan’s controversies and various options considered during the summer of 1945.

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In
Oct 17	Exploring America's National Parks - Jim and Phyllis Wiederhoeft	TBD	Brannstrom	Aspinwall
Oct 24	Adaptive Ski - Rachel Huggins	TBD	Skjervem	TBD
Oct 31	Looking into the future at River Food Pantry - Ryan Holley	TBD	TBD	Aspinwall

October 10, 2025

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Opening Word:	Fred Ross
Greeter:	John Busby
Checkpoint:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup:	Tom McCrill

Conventional bombings had already destroyed most significant military installations. Bombing the small factories that made weapons and munitions would mean more civilian deaths, since most were located in and around large cities.

Calls for Japan’s unconditional surrender were denied both before and after the Hiroshima bombing. After the Nagasaki bombing, the Emperor called for surrender.



Members and guests enjoy presentation by Fred Ross

Date	Event
Oct. 17	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
Nov. 7	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705
Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info
Email: lebaker@chorus.net
Facebook: facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Club Officers (2025-26)

President:	Dwight Gribble
Vice President:	Cody Kramschuster
Secretary	Leroy Baker
Assistant Sec:	Thomas DuVal
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Past President:	Ken Saville
Board of Directors:	
John Busby	Harley Skjervem
Jim Danner	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Ed Reisch	

Arlin Brannstrom received letters from the WYSO Directors and from **Habib Ogunmola** who received a Music Makers Scholarship from the recent bequest of the Dave Dickson estate. Both letters expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Madison West for our generous support. Habib described the impact the scholarship had as she was just about to quit because her family could no longer afford it.

Sell! Sell Pancake tickets and place mats for **2025 Pancake Day** (Nov 1). Pancakes will be served from 8:00 am to noon in Covenant



Presbyterian Church, our club meeting room. The deadline for submitting place mat ads to **Randy Grobe** is Monday, October 20. Volunteer sign up is underway and will be circulated at each weekly club meeting.

Our **2025 Capitol Christmas Pageant** is scheduled Dec. 5-7. The pageant takes place on Sunday, December 7. Setup takes place on Friday, December 5. Take down occurs after the Pageant on Sunday. **John Busby** is providing the leadership for the Pageant. Here is a link this year's flyer: [2025 Christmas Pageant Flyer](#)



Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest volunteering event is October 30. Jim is still looking for a few members to sign up.

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore volunteer opportunity is October 16. **Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Jim Martin, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk**, are signed up. One open position remains. Signup at: habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/mwk/

The 2025-26 club meeting program scheduling will continue to be done by committee in 2025-26. The committee members and months are:
October, 2025 - **Fred Ross**,
November, 2025 - **Harold Green**,
December, 2025 - **George Skupniewicz**,
January, 2026 - **Ed Reisch**,
February, 2026 - **George Shook**.
March 2026 - available
April 2026 - **Dennis Keeney**
May 2026 - **Ken Saville**
June 2026 - **Joseph Tevaarwerk**
July 2026 - available
August 2026 - available
September 2026 - **Harley Skjervem**

Dwight Gribble reports the next Midvale School Lunch Buddies program is October 16.



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