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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Titus Langlois, guest of
LaDonna Steinert.

Program: “Exploring America's
National Parks” - Jim and Phyllis Wiederhoeft



Jim Wiederhoeft

Longtime Madison West Kiwanis member Jim Wiederhoeft presented a pictorial trip through 5 National Parks in Alaska. Jim and Phyllis have visited over 60 U.S. National Parks.

Their trip occurred in July and August of 2025. Jim said there

were a lot of bears, airplanes, bears, boats, bears and scenic beauty involved in the trip.

Many Alaskan towns (including the capital – Juneau) are not accessible by road, requiring air or sea transportation. The Alaskan Marine Highway System provides transport via ferryboats. Regional airlines also provide transport, and many residents have a boat or an airplane or both. One in six residents have a private pilot license, about 10 times the ratio found in other U.S. states.

The scenery is spectacular almost anywhere you look with snowcapped mountain ranges, active volcanoes, rain forests, glaciers, rivers, bays, and flowering meadows.

October 17, 2025

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Opening Word:	Harley Skjervem
Greeter:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Checkpoint:	Paul Aspinwall
Setup:	Tom McCrill



Bears Fishing

Jim and Phyllis did not have any issues with insects while travelling in Alaska.

There are more pictures on the next page.

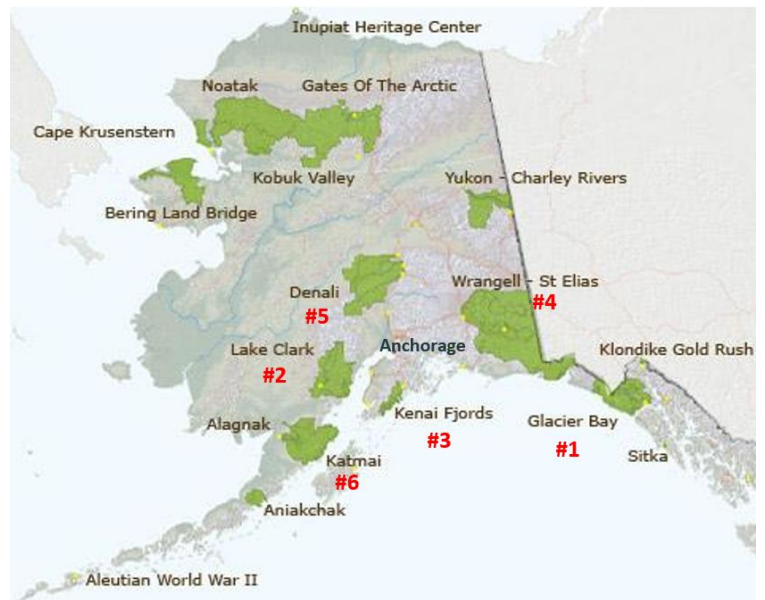
Date	Event
Nov. 7	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
Nov. 21	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In
Oct 24	Adaptive Ski - Rachel Huggins	Saville	Skjervem	Tevaarwerk
Oct 31	Looking into the future at River Food Pantry - Ryan Holley	Reisch	Ross	Aspinwall
Nov 7	Impacts of Music Clinic on Young Musicians - Carrie Backman, Director, UW Summer Music Clinic	Skupniewicz	Danner	TBD



The first park on the trip.



The Alaskan National Parks visited



Watch out for BEARS!



Using crampons to walk on a glacier



Beautiful scenery everywhere you turn

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

Sell! Sell Pancake tickets and place mat ads 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](#)



Dwight Gribble reports the next Midvale School Lunch Buddies program volunteers are **Ed Reisch** and **Dwight** and **Emma Gribble**.

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest volunteering event is October 30. Volunteers are: **Rich Donkle**, **Dwight Gribble**, **Randy Grobe**, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Tom McCrill**, and **Joseph Tevaarwerk**

George Shook reported the volunteers at the Habitat Restore on Oct. 16 were **Rich Donkle**, **Case Dorresteijs**, **Jim Martin**, **George Skupniewicz**, and **Joseph Tevaarwerk**. The next volunteer opportunity is Nov. 20. Signup at: habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/mwk/

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	



Sailing with Skup.

New member George Skupmiewicz took several members sailing on one of his last outings of the year. Watch the Kiwanogram for more sailing opportunities in the spring.

Case Dorresteijs recently visited the GLEAM exhibit at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. He approached several people using wheelchairs and discussed the Ethel Allen Ski Scholarship with them. Thanks for setting a good example and spreading the word, Case!



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