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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Cheryl Donkle, guest of Rich Donkle, Beverly Green, guest of Harold Green, Elizabeth Dye and Mary Lou Reisch, guests of Ed Reisch., plus 53 guests of Case Dorrestejn

Program: "Organ donation recipient and donor perspectives." – Case Dorrestejn, Donor Family and Tracie Cook, Community Outreach Coordinator, UW Health



Case Dorrestejn

Madison West Kiwanian Case Dorrestejn described the genesis of today's program, presented in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin Organ and

Tissue Donation program. It has been many years in the making.

Case briefly introduced the guests he invited and their connection to today's program. He then gave a brief introduction to his son Bram's life, from being born in Peru, moving to Kenya as a child, his love of soccer, moving to Wisconsin, playing soccer for UW, marrying his wife, Shari, in Cross Plains, and raising their two children, Wesley and Charlotte.

Bram and Shari perished in a car crash in 2014. Both were organ donors. Bram saved three lives by donating his lungs and two kidneys, Shari's skin, heart valves, and corneas were donated.

November 14, 2025

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Jim Wiederhoeft
Checkpoint:	Paul Aspinwall
Opening Word:	Ron Schuler
Setup:	Tom McCrill

Tracie Cook talked about the organ donation process. Most of us only have a vague awareness of this, unless we are an organ recipient, or are waiting for an organ transplant. Then it becomes a matter of life and death. Most surprising is how many organs and tissues can be transplanted. Hearts, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and small intestines can all be transplanted with great success.

Besides body organs, Tracie explained that almost 100% of a person's body tissues can be transplanted. Bones, cartilage, corneas, skin, heart valves, tendons, and veins are all successfully transplanted on a regular basis. In Wisconsin, about 1600 corneal transplants are performed each year.

The biggest issue is availability of donors. There is long waiting list of organ recipients. Every year, Wisconsin has about 1500 people waiting for suitable donors. (cont'd pg. 2)

Date	Event
Dec 5	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:00 am
Dec 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Nov 21	Effects of Physical Therapy for Young People - Nicole Faust, Attic Angel Wellness Director	Skupniewicz	Tevaarwerk	TBD
Dec 5	MWK Foundation Update - Bruce Hoehne, Foundation President	Stauffacher	Schuler	Skjervem

About 400 to 500 people die before receiving organs. From Wisconsin donors, there are about 300 successful organ donations per year, not all of which are able to find suitable recipients in Wisconsin.

Some of the myths and perceptions about being an organ donor are untrue. You are never too old, or too sick or diseased to be a donor. Even such things as fingernails can be used for transplants.

Tracie encouraged all of us to register as organ donors at the heroicdeed.com website, or at the UWHealth Organ and Tissue Donation website, uwotd.org. You may also email questions to uwotd@uwhealth.org.

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

President **Dwight Gribble** inducted two new members at our last meeting - **Jim Martin** and **Emily Mickelson**. Please welcome them into the Madison West Kiwanis family.



Jim Martin, Emily Mickelson, and Dwight Gribble



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CLUB OF MADISON WEST

Club Officers (2025-26)

President:	Dwight Gribble
President-Elect:	Cody Kram
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John Busby	Harley Skjervem
Jim Danner	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Ed Reisch	



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 date for the **Midvale School Lunch Buddies** program is November 18th. We will also have a Lunch Buddies session on December 9th. Volunteers are needed.

Jim Danner reports the **Second Harvest** volunteering will resume on January 29.

George Shook reports the next Habitat ReStore volunteer opportunity is Nov. 20. All six of the slots are filled. Signed up are **Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteijn, Tom McCrill, George Shook, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk**. Two slots remain open for the December 18th date.

Bruce Hoehne reports the **Foundation Trustees** will not meet in November. Their next meeting will be December 19th after the club meeting.

George Skupniewicz is organizing a brainstorming session to gather ideas on how we can increase our membership. Skup plans to initially ask those who have joined since the pandemic to be part of the session.