



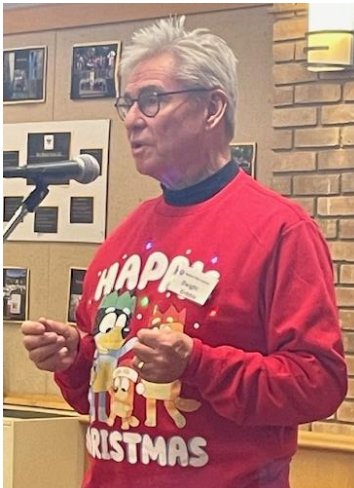
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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests:

Bette Cropp, guest of **Bob Cropp**;
Kathy Danner, guest of **Jim Danner**;
Cheryl Donkle, guest of **Rich Donkle**;
Kathy Durner, Past District Governor;
Shirley Ells, District 5 Lt. Governor;
Gina Frank, guest of **Case Dorresteijn**;
Emma Gribble, guest of **Dwight Gribble**;
Nancy Hoehne, guest of **Bruce Hoehne**;
Linda Leetch, guest of **Leroy Baker**;
LaVonne McCrill, guest of **Tom McCrill**;
Mary Lou Reisch, guest of **Ed Reisch**;
Mary Ross, guest of **Fred Ross**;
Mary Tevaarwerk, guest of **Joseph Tevaarwerk**

Program: "The Holiday Spirit" was presented by MWK President **Dwight Gribble**.



President Dwight Gribble

After the opening word message centered on the Holiday Spirit, **Emma Gribble** presented each of our guests with a gift bag.

Dwight also recognized **Tim Lee** from TnT Catering who could not attend today.

Our annual Ugly Sweater Contest had three winners this year, **Bruce Hoehne**, **Dennis Keeney**, and

December 19, 2025

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

LaDonna Steinert. Thanks to all who dressed in the Holiday Spirit!

Dwight invited members to share brief Christmas stories, and several took advantage to enthrall the crowd.



Fred and Mary Ross embrace their White Elephant Gift

We then proceeded with the White Elephant gift exchange. Many "presents" exchanged hands, some more than once!

REMINDER: NO MEETINGS DURING THE HOLIDAYS! NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 9TH.

Date	Event
Jan 9	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:00 am
Jan 16	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Jan 9	Immigration Attorney - Raluca Vais-Ottosen	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jan 16	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jan 23	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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



More White Elephant Gifts exchanged between Bette and Bob Cropp and George Skupniewicz

Club Officers (2025-26)

President:	Dwight Gribble
President-Elect:	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	



George Skupniewicz reports about a dozen MWK volunteers descended on the Capital Friday, December 5th to assemble the stage for the living nativity at the Capitol. They finished assembling the mechanical bits in a record time of about 5 hours and had a lot of fun doing it!

On Saturday morning, three of them met with the Capitol electrician, Blayne Essmann and his workmate. They helped them assemble the lights and control board. The refurbished control panel and lighting system that **Joeseeph Tevaarwerk** and **Rich Donkle** had been working on this summer powered up without a glitch. Meanwhile, they were taking notes and photos of how the wiring is run and connected. They plan to perform maintenance on much of the wiring during this coming summer.

Blayne then offered to take us upstairs to the 1st level dome balcony. A place where they no longer allow the public. It was fantastic! They assemble the lighting for the angels and the lighted star that hangs from the balcony. What a view! He could not take us up to the 2nd level balcony in the dome, but he did forward the two photos below.



Dwight Gribble reports the **Midvale School Lunch Buddies** dates for 2026 are not set yet.

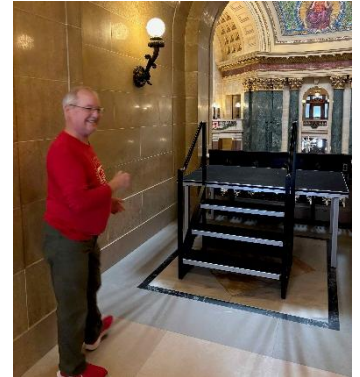
George Shook reports we had six members volunteering at **Habitat ReStore West** on December 18th. **Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, George Shook, and George Skupniewicz.** Our next work date is January 15th, 9:00 am to Noon. Signed up are **Richard Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Jim Martin, and Tom McCrill.** Four slots remain open. Opportunities for new volunteers are available.

Jim Danner reports next date for volunteering at **Second Harvest** is January 29th.

The **2025-26 Club Meeting Programs** scheduling continues to be done by committee. **March, July, and August** still need a volunteer to arrange programs. Contact Dwight Gribble if you would like to take one of these months.

2025 Capitol Christmas Pageant Project

The first photo shows the staircase that you take between the inner and outer domes. At the top of the stairs, you can see the painting at the top of the dome. Above the painting, you can see a spiral staircase that leads to a lighted copula and a 3rd level balcony outside. In the second photo, you can see his children on the 2nd level dome balcony where the painting is hung from the outer dome. From there they can look all the way down to the ground floor of the rotunda. What a sight it must be!



On Sunday, many of us showed up early to help usher during the show. Immediately after the 2nd show, much of the same crew arrived to disassemble the stage. With all the helping hands, we were able to complete the task in one hour. Plenty of time for a few of us to go out for dinner to celebrate the completion of the 101st pageant. Since then, we have completed an 18-page assembly instruction guide with lots of photos. Perhaps we'll be able to assemble the stage for the 102nd pageant in even less time next year.

