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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: 2026 Dickson Scholar **Aly Farrar**, guest of **George Shook**; Ski Program Participants **Kim Turner, Autumn Neugent, Tina McFadden, Rick Smith**, and **Dave Tolmie**, guests of **LaDonna Steinert, Bill Grabel**, former member

Program: "Making more of nature's most nearly perfect food; 65 years of dairy cow improvement" by John Cole, PhD, Chief Research Officer, US Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding



In the 19th century, the average cow produced ~2500 lbs of milk per year. Now the average cow produces ~25,000 lbs per year. In consumer terms, that is about 10 gallons of milk every day per cow. That milk could make enough cheese for about 20 pizzas. During that time, the number of dairy farms have decreased but the farms are larger.

The U.S. government started tracking milk production in the early 20th century, although this was initially a manual process of collecting and tabulating. Improvements in production were mostly due to herd management up until 1957, when genetic management was introduced.

Early genetic management used production data analysis and artificial insemination (the first AI) to

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Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Ken Saville
Checkpoint:	Paul Aspinwall
Opening Word:	Dennis Keeney
Setup:	Tom McCrill

improve milk production.. Since 1957, traditional herd management has accounted for 29% of the production improvements while genetic management has accounted for the remaining 71%.

The US Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding was created as a private entity from the FDA. U.S. dairy cattle genetics are employed in herds worldwide.

All-Madison Kiwanis Meeting

The quarterly meeting of all the Madison clubs was held **February 2nd**, at the **Downtown Madison Club** meeting location. The program was "Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Infectious Disease" presented by Dr. Michael Dieterle, UW Hospitals. There were about 45 attendees, including 14 from Madison West Kiwanis.

Date	Event
Feb 6	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:00 am
Feb 20	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Feb 13	Wis. Agricultural Research Stations Network - Mike Peters, UW-CALS, Director of Ag Research Stations	TBD	Tevaarwerk	TBD
Feb 20	Centennial of Madison Symphony Orchestra - Michael Allsen, MSO Historian & UW Whitewater Emeritus Professor, Music	TBD	TBD	TBD
Feb 27	How Cows Convert Grass Into Milk - Michel Wattiaux, UW-Madison, Animal & Dairy Sci Dept., Emeritus Professor	TBD	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Kiwanis at Second Harvest Foodbank

By Scoop Skup

On January 29th, Jim Danner, Dwight Gribble, Tom McCrill, Ed Reisch, Rich Donkle, and myself volunteered at the Second Harvest Foodbank. It was my first time volunteering at Second Harvest. I was filling in for Joseph Tevaarwerk since he is currently traveling in Brazil. Part way through the project, the group asked if I was keeping track of how many meals we had packed like Joseph usually does. I informed them that I was unaware of this implied inherited task, and given the good chat that was going on, I was not about to take it on. However, given my slightly competitive nature, implementation of some practical process improvement, and non-existent estimation methods, I feel we packed bread for approximately 49,602 +/- 20,000 meals. I'll leave it to Joseph to calculate a more precise number next month!

I had a great time wearing goofy hair & beard nets, met some very nice people, and contributed to a worthy cause. I highly recommend the activity!



Jim Danner reports next date for volunteering at **Second Harvest** is February 26th.

Mark Your Calendar – Middleton Kiwanis Pancake Day – March 7th!

2026 Dickson Scholar Award

Aly Farrar is a Junior from Cambridge, WI majoring in Food Science with certificates in Global Health and Math. Aly is active in the Food Science Club.



As a Food Science Ambassador, Aly informs prospective undergraduate majors and the public about the research, outreach, and education activities of the Department in person and on social media. Aly deepens her knowledge and gains practical experience as an undergraduate research assistant in the lab that focuses on the science of confections and frozen desserts. She hopes to have a career in the confections and frozen desserts industry.

Dwight Gribble reports that member Bill Batista passed away yesterday, February 5th. Arrangements are pending.

Dwight Gribble reports the January 22nd Midvale School **Lunch Buddies** date was cancelled. The next date is February 12th.

George Shook reports our next work date at **Habitat ReStore** is February 19th, 9:00 am to Noon.

President **Dwight Gribble** announced two new committee assignments - **Cody Kramschuster** will lead the Community Grants Committee with mentoring by **Arlin Branstrom** and **Harley Skjervem**. **George Skupniewicz** will co-chair the Membership Committee. **George Shook** will join the Middle School Awards Committee.

