



Kiwaniis®

Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Sharon Stern, guest of
George Skupniewicz

Program: "Cheese: The Path from
Dairy Producer to Consumer" - Rob
Rowbotham, PhD, Grande Cheese, Senior
Principal Data Scientist



Rob Rowbotham capped our recent series on dairy production that started with a presentation on dairy cow improvement through genetics and herd management, then a presentation on the science of

how cows convert grass to milk, and finally Dr. Rowbotham's presentation on how milk is processed and makes its way to consumers.

Grande Cheese is a private company based in Wisconsin that started in 1941. They provide premium Italian cheeses to independent pizzerias and Italian restaurants using all natural ingredients. They also provide whey protein to other manufacturers.

Rob sees the trend to larger and fewer dairy farms continuing for many years to come. While those larger farms are corporations, most are still privately held by a farm family

March 6, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	George Skupniewicz
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Opening Word:	Ed Reisch
Setup:	Tom McCrill

and are more akin to the many small private businesses found across our country.

A guiding principle at Grande is "Once milk leaves the cow, there is nothing we can do to improve quality". Grande works with milk producers to improve and maintain milk quality. Percentages of protein and fat in milk continue to improve every year; however, it is seasonal with higher quality milk coming in the cooler months.



The Board approved two new members in this morning's meeting. **Bill Grabel** and **Karl Lettner** were both in attendance today and will be formally inducted at a future meeting.

We have added six new members during the first six months of our Kiwanis year. This brings our membership to a total of 45 members (39 regular and 6 honorary).

Date	Event
Mar 20	Foundation Trustees, 1:00 pm
Apr 10	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Mar 13	Creating Food Security and Housing Stability - Jill Bradshaw, Community Engagement Manager, WayForward Resources	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mar 20	Greenland Travelogue - Gary Theisen	TBD	Aspinwall	TBD
Mar 27	Supporting WI Families: The Work of the WI WHF - Tessa Vance, WI Women's Health Foundation, Director of Programs	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

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	

Arlin Brannstrom reports that the new **Community Grant** Application form is posted on our website. Please consider sponsoring your favorite organization for a grant this year. Applications are due **April 1st**.

Ron Schuler is working on the **Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian and Golden K Scholarships** this year. He hopes to finalize recipients by April 15th.



Jim Danner reports the next volunteer date at **Second Harvest** is **March 26th**.

Dwight Gribble reports the next Midvale School **Lunch Buddies** date is March 19th.



George Shook reports our next volunteer date at **Habitat ReStore** is March 19th. **Rich Donkle, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill,** and **George Skupniewicz** are signed up. There are **four** slots still available.

The **Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Midyear Conference** is March 28th. Contact Dwight Gribble if you plan to attend.

Bill Battista Visitation and Memorial Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Visitation from 10 - 11:30 a.m. with the Mass immediately following. For the full obituary, [click here](#).

At least eight members attended the **Middleton Kiwanis** Pancake Day on March 7th. **Paul Aspinwall, Leroy Baker, Dwight Gribble, Bruce Hoehne, Dennis Keeney, Tom McCrill, Ed Reisch,** and **George Shook** attended, several with spouses. If I missed anyone, please let me know.



Brandon Boyd, one of our **Dave Dickson Scholars** this year sent this thank you message after attending our meeting on February 27th:

"Thank you again for inviting me to your meeting last Friday. I really enjoyed meeting your members and sharing my story with you. Thank you again for the scholarship from your club. I am beyond grateful to have received it, and again, I really enjoyed being able to socialize with all of your members."



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Madison West Kiwanis at Madison West Key Club - *The Scoop by Skup*



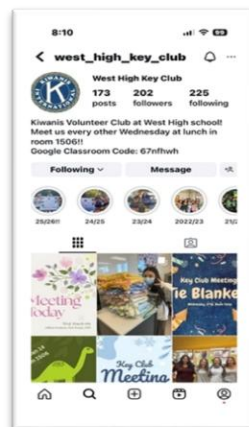
On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of joining Ken Saville and the Key Club at Madison West High School. The Club meets every other Wednesday during their lunch hour to plan upcoming volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and just to socialize.

It was very fun to experience the energy in the room. The meeting lasted about 10 minutes, but the kids socialized quite a bit before and after. At today's meeting they discussed possible upcoming events and a reminder for their sole senior to get in her application for the MWK scholarship before April 1st.



After the meeting we discussed with their leadership team the idea of co-sponsoring an event with MWK. They really liked the idea! We then started talking about promoting each of our clubs. I suggested adding links to each of our Facebook events. They didn't even know that they had a Facebook page! After a few chuckles, it became obvious that virtually all their online communication is with Instagram.

Here's a picture of their Instagram home page and another showing the results of a food drive they did last fall. Note that they use lots of pictures of themselves doing things for others. Seeing people doing things makes others want to join! Often the pictures come with short comments and are posted immediately. We can learn from them!



Here's a pic with the current leadership team and Ken. It was refreshing to see that kids still search out face-to-face social time despite all the hours they spend socializing through their phones!

