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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Lisa Menendez and Kirby Toon, guests of Ed Reisch.

Program: "Creating Food Security and Housing Stability" - Jill Bradshaw, Community Engagement Manager, WayForward Resources



Jill Bradshaw

WayForward Resources, formerly known as Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM), provides access to nutritious food and housing stability programs for nearly 15,000 people in Dane County. Nearly 80% of those served are in households with children.

Their mission is to bring our community together to create food and housing security through action and advocacy. Their vision is a community where everyone has the stability to thrive.

Demand for the food pantry has quadrupled since the pandemic. WayForward provided more than 112,000 meals per month last year. The food pantry is open Tuesday through Saturday to all Dane County residents. They also offer emergency food bags, delivery, and mobile food pantries.

WayForward operates a Family Garden where food pantry guests can pick up fresh produce during the growing season. It is a teaching

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Greeter:	Dan Loichinger
Checkpoint:	Chris Shubak
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garden as well, with opportunities available to learn and volunteer in the garden.

WayForward's Clothing Center offers free clothing and is open to anyone who lives in Dane County.

Population growth outpacing housing growth in Dane County leads to higher rents and higher housing instability. Eviction is a catalyst for economic distress that impacts children's physical and mental health, causing traumatic experiences that can lead to lifelong consequences.

WayForward's Housing Stability Program works through case managers to solve their clients' immediate housing needs and to work towards long-term housing goals. This program is not only for traditional unhoused people, but also those who are living temporarily with another family (doubled-up households). Their service area is the Middleton-Cross Plains School District plus part of the west side of Madison.

Seasonal programs provided to existing clients by include Thanksgiving Meals and Back to School Programs.

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 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
Apr 3	No Meeting – Good Friday Break			

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705
Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info
Email: KiwanisWest@outlook.com
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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.

Ken Saville is organizing another new member orientation session. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

Bruce Hoehne has submitted our application to volunteer at **Brat Fest** again this year. Details will follow approval of our application.



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. **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, Chris Shubak, George Skupniewicz,** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk** are signed up. There is **one** slot still available.

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



MEMORIALS

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](#).

Jerry Wallander, a former long-term member passed away peacefully on February 28, 2026, after a long illness. Services will be Friday, March 20th, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Madison. Visitation at 9:30 AM; Mass at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon to follow. For the full obituary, [click here](#).



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