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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: **Chris Kauffeld** and **Mary Lou Reisch**, guests of **Ed Reisch**, **Mark Riordan**, guest of **Joseph Tevaarwerk**.

Program: "Greenland Travelogue" - Gary Theisen



Gary Theisen

Gary Theisen was involved in international development work for over 30 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer, a professor, and a consultant, senior technical expert, and corporate manager for a variety of international organizations. He is also an accomplished photographer and woodworker.

Gary and his wife Ginny presented an array of photographs and described their photography expedition to Greenland.

Greenland is considered the largest island on earth (all larger landmasses are classified as continents). While all of Greenland is about the size of Saudi Arabia (2.1 million km²), the area not covered year-round by the Greenland ice sheet is only about the size of Sweden (0.4 million km²).

March 20, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Jim Wiederhoeft
Checkpoint:	Paul Aspinwall
Opening Word:	Ed Reisch
Setup:	Tom McCrill

All towns and settlements of Greenland are situated along the ice-free coast, with the population being concentrated along the west coast.

In 2025, Greenland had a population of 56,542. 19,905 of those resided in the capital city of Nuuk. Almost 90% of the population is Greenlandic Inuit.

There are only 36 km of roads, with only two towns being connected by a road. Transportation between cities is mainly by air (small plane or helicopter) or boat in private craft.

Building is very difficult due to the lack of level ground and building materials. While there is a short growing season with many flowering plants and abundant lichen, there is almost nothing we would recognize as a tree.

Date	Event
Apr 10	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am
Apr 17	Foundation Trustees, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Mar 27	Supporting WI Families: The Work of the WI WHF - Tessa Vance, WI Women's Health Foundation, Director of Programs	Shook	Tevaarwerk	Skupniewicz
Apr 3	No Meeting – Good Friday Break	NA	NA	NA
Apr 10	Human Well-Being: What is it? Who Has/Does Not Have It? How it Matters for Health & Longevity - Prof. Carol Ryff, UW Institute on Aging, Professor of Psychology; Director of the Institute	Danner	Skupniewicz	Keeney

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
Facebook: facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

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 for **March 27th**. 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**. Six members are signed up to participate.

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

George Shook reports **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, Mark Riordan, Chris Shubak, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk** volunteered at **Habitat ReStore** on March 19th. Our next volunteer date is April 23rd.

Dwight Gribble reports that he, **Ken DeSantes, Emma Gribble, and George Skupniewicz** volunteered at the Midvale School **Lunch Buddies** on March 19th.

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

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	

President **Dwight Gribble** inducts new member **Bill Grabel**. Bill is a former member who has returned to the club.



Dwight Gribble and Bill Grabel

The **Guest Meal Policy** passed on January 9th by the Board of Directors is now posted on the member portal under Files> Club Bylaws and Policies. Briefly, members normally pay for any guests they invite to our weekly meetings. The policy outlines how members may be reimbursed for any number of guests greater than five for any meeting.



The Board approved a new service project at our March meeting. Joseph Tevaarwerk and George Skupniewicz are working out the volunteer opportunities at Bikes For Kids Wisconsin.



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CLUB OF MADISON WEST



SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

Gates open at 5:05 p.m. and the game starts at 6:05 p.m.

Madison East Kiwanis is sponsoring a social outing for Division 5 Kiwanis Club members, guests, and friends to attend a Mallards baseball game at Warner Park. Madison East needs to know how many people plan to come so that a seating section can be reserved.

Deadline for sign-up is May 1st.

A sign-up sheet will be at the Check-In table at our next few regular Friday meetings.

Payment deadline is Friday, May 15. Checks should be made out to Madison East Kiwanis with memo "Mallards game".

Tickets include a meal before the game.

\$30.00 for ticket and meal with soda.

\$37.00 for ticket and meal with beer.