



Kiwaniis®

Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: LaVonne McCrill, guest of Tom McCrill.

Program: "Supporting Wisconsin Families: The Work of WWHF" - Tessa Vance, Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, Director of Programs



Tessa Vance

Tessa Vance introduced us to the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation (WWHF.org).

Founded in 1997 by Wisconsin First Lady Sue Ann Thompson, who saw a need as she was recovering from breast cancer. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that

collaborates with state, private and public organizations to provide Wisconsin women and their families with high-quality health education and services.

Their mission is to innovate, impact and improve women's health in Wisconsin. They perform Outreach, provide Education, assist with Connecting to Resources, and Fund Health Research. Programs are always free and accessible to anyone who needs them. WWHF serves about 7,500 people each year reaching all 72 counties in Wisconsin.

Director Vance then spoke in more detail about three programs.

March 27, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	George Shook
Checkpoint:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Opening Word:	George Skupniewicz
Setup:	Tom McCrill

"GrapeVine" provides trusted health information and resources to help prevent chronic disease. Topics include Bone Health, Brain Health, Breast Health, Diabetes Prevention, Gynecologic Cancers, Heart Disease & Stroke, Mental Health, Nutrition, and Opioid Misuse Prevention.

"Well Badger Resource Center" connects people to the health and social services they need free of charge. Clients can search the online directory or contact a certified Information & Referral specialist by phone, text, email, online chat, or web forms. They handled 2,688 cases last year resulting in 14,558 referrals.

"First Breath" is a free program to help people stop or cut down on tobacco, alcohol or other substance use during pregnancy & beyond.

WWHF has two major fund raisers, a Spring Soiree at Garver Feed Mill in May and a Golf Outing at University Ridge in July.

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
Apr 3	NO MEETING – Good Friday	NA	NA	NA
Apr 10	Human Well-Being: What is it? Who Has/Does Not Have It? How it Matters for Health & Longevity - Carol Ryff, Director, UW Institute on Aging, Professor of Psych.	Danner	Skupniewicz	Keeney
Apr 17	Adventures in Brazil – Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD	TBD	Ken Saville
Apr 22	Quarterly All Madison Club Meeting – Our Changing Climate – Bob Lindmeier, former WKOW Meteorologist	NA	NA	NA

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

Fred Ross reports we have received five applications for our **Community Grants**. Please consider sponsoring your favorite organization for a grant this year. Applications are due **April 1st**.



Bruce Hoehne reported our approval to volunteer at **Brat Fest**.

Volunteer signup starts online April 4th at 10 a.m. All shifts are on a first come first serve basis. To sign up, [Click Here](#).

Bruce recommends volunteering for the set-up day, Thursday, May 21st. Use the password Kiwanis#1 when you set up your account to be tied to our group.

The sign-up link will also be available on the event website – bratfest.com. Each individual must register separately using the online system.



Madison East Kiwanis hosts the Joint Meeting of the Madison Kiwanis Clubs on Wednesday April 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Great Dane East, 876 Jupiter Drive. Cost: \$20

In Recognition of Earth Day, the Guest Speaker will be Bob Lindmeier, former Meteorologist at WKOW, with a presentation on Climate Change.

A sign-up sheet will be at the check-in table so we can provide a headcount by April 15th.

Dwight Gribble reports the next Midvale School **Lunch Buddies** date is **April 16th**.

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

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 six members volunteered at **Second Harvest** on March 26th. They converted nine forty-pound blocks of cheese into 3,400 meals. That is cutting a lot of cheese! The next volunteer date is **April 30th**.

George Shook reports our next volunteer date at **Habitat ReStore** is **April 16th**. Four members have signed up, leaving four slots still available.

Rich Donkle reports the **Foundation** has received several donations in **Memory of Bill Battista**. Anyone wishing to add to this memorial can send funds to the Foundation.

Dwight Gribble inducts new member **Karl Lettner**.



President Dwight Gribble



**SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

**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.

Deadline for sign-up is May 1st. Payment deadline is Friday, May