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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Mark McCrill, guest of Tom McCrill, Mike Jordan, prospective member

Program: “Exploring Wisconsin State Parks” – Missy VanLanduyt, Recreation Partnerships Section Chief, Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management, State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



Missy VanLanduyt represents the part of the State Department of Natural Resources that manages recreation on state park lands. Those lands add up to over 3 million acres and are located in 50 state parks, 15 state forests, 8 river and resource areas, 44 state trails and 9 state recreation areas. There are over 6,500 campsites, 1,500 buildings, and 500 boat access sites.

The parks system celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2025. There were more than 1,500 events and programs statewide. They started a new 12-month vehicle admission pass, and new partnerships with the Brewers and Badgers. There were almost 21 million visits to system. Missy encouraged us to join in on the fun at their annual events and programs.

Missy updated us on several DNR topics in the news, including the state budget, the Knowles Nelson Stewardships Fund; Earth Day, Arbor Day, and the Trillion Tree Challenge; Tribal

May 8, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Karl Lettner
Checkpoint:	Paul Aspinwall
Opening Word:	Ed Reisch
Setup:	Tom McCrill

Relations, PFAS work, Climate Change, and Data Center regulations.

There are over \$170 million in active projects from past biennial budgets that will be completed in the next 2 to 4 years. Notable projects near Madison are in Governor Nelson State Parks (trail restoration and beach buildings) and at Lake Kegonsa State Park (trail resurfacing). The budgeting process for the next biennium is just underway. All funding comes from program fees and not from tax dollars.

Volunteers play an important role in the parks system, with over 10,000 volunteers donating over 140,000 hours each year. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available for individuals or groups. These range from single day events to ongoing volunteer activities. Many parks have Friends groups that we can join. There is also a new Community Champions Program.

Date	Event
May 15	Foundation Trustees, 1:00 pm
June 5	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
May 15	West Key Club Report and Outstanding Middle School Awards	Grabel	Aspinwall	TBD
May 22	No Meeting – Memorial Day Weekend	NA	NA	NA
May 29	FARM Program - Jeff Kratochwill, Easter Seals, Program Director- FARM and Vocational Services	TBD	TBD	Saville

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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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

We will be hosting our **Outstanding Middle School Award** winners, teachers, and parents at the May 15th meeting.

George Skupniewicz reported on the **Habitat ReStore Takeover** new member recruitment event. Madison West Kiwanis will take over the ReStore for a day, providing volunteers from our membership and from the public. There are two four-hour shifts, and we have filled all the slots for MWK members. An advertisement campaign just started to fill the remaining slots with members of the public. The ads target working age adults using Google and Meta ads.

Ron Schuler is working on the **Henry Ahlgren Humanitarian** and **Golden K Scholarships** this year. Applicants for the scholarships must be high school seniors currently enrolled at Madison West, Madison East, Madison Memorial, Madison LaFollette, or Edgewood High School who plan to attend a college or university in Wisconsin. There are no requirements regarding course of study.

Application instructions and forms can be found on our website – [click here](#).

Ron hopes to finalize the applicants by May 15th.

Dwight Gribble reports the final Midvale School **Lunch Buddies** for the school year is **May 13th**.

Ed Reisch is planning an outing to the **West Madison Little League** on Saturday, June 13th. We sponsor the West Kiwanis team who will be playing at 3:00 p.m. This will replace our June 12th regular meeting.



Bruce Hoehne reports volunteer signup continues online. To sign up, [Click Here](#). Each individual must register separately using the online system.

Jim Danner reports the next volunteer date at **Second Harvest** is **May 28th**.

George Shook reports our next volunteer date at **Habitat ReStore** is **May 21st**. Volunteers are **Richard Donkle, Case Dorresteyn, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, and George Shook**. One position remains available.



**Welcome
Madison West
Key Club!**

May 15, 2026



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