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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Abele Kuipers, guest of George Shook; Nickolas Hein, guest of Joseph Tevaarwerk; Kathy and Randy Durner, Past Governor

Program: “2026 Madison West Kiwanis Community Grants” – Arlin Brannstrom

June 26, 2026

Presiding: Dwight Gribble
Greeter: Karl Lettner
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Opening Word: Ed Reisch
Setup: Tom McCrill



2026 Community Grant Recipients

The Grants Committee members were: Arlin Brannstrom, Harold Green, Dwight Gribble, Cody Kramschuster, Fred Ross, and Harley Skjervem. A total of \$20,500 was awarded to nine worthy organizations.

1. Bikes for Kids Wisconsin: \$4,000.
Represented by Kristie GoForth, sponsored by Joseph Tevaarwerk.

Purpose of grant: To support two programs:

1) the Bike to Work program, to provide bikes to 30 public school teens who need transportation to school and work; and 2) the Guided Rides Series for Summer 2026 providing mentorship to first time bike owners to learn the rules of the road and find bikeable routes to destinations outside their neighborhoods.

2. Easter Seals Wisconsin: \$1,500.
Represented by Cally Ehle, sponsored by Cody Kramschuster.

Purpose of grant: Purchase gravel for tractor trails at Camp Wawbeek. The trails at the camp have been severely impacted by erosion over recent years, causing tractors to get stuck during the past two summers.

3. Ed Nebbins Foundation: \$2,000.
Represented by Rebecca Jordan Haushalter and Molly Weil, sponsored by Ed Reisch.

Purpose of grant: Provide yellow bus transportation, extra lifeguard staffing for swim tests and lessons, pool fees and snacks for up to 85 children from southwest Madison neighborhood centers at Ridgewood Pool.

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
July 3	NO MEETING – July 4 th Weekend	NA	NA	NA
July 10	Get to Know Your Kiwanians	TBD	TBD	TBD
July 17	NO MEETING	NA	NA	NA

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705

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Club Officers (2025-26)

President:	Dwight Gribble
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Secretary:	Leroy Baker
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4. **Logan's Heart and Smiles:** \$2,000.

Represented by Angela Wallace and Michael Gillhouse, sponsored by George Skupniewicz.

Purpose of grant: To fund a day at the Henry Vilas Zoo, including purchase of carousel/train rides, a snack, a souvenir from the gift shop, and an animal encounter for the group. The event fosters connection among children and families and provides a safe group to be with in the broader community.

5. **Madison Public Schools Foundation:**

\$2,500. Represented by Kelly Keenan, sponsored by Ed Reisch.

Purpose of grant: Funding for the Foundation's Teacher Support Network to provide equitable budgets to all MMSD schools and programs for providing classroom materials, snacks, winter gear, and more.

6. **Porchlight:** \$1,500. Represented by Molly Lund and Sheila Mraz, sponsored by Karl Lettner.

Purpose of Grant: To support low-income children's access to enriching summer opportunities, including summer day camps and sports leagues, swimming and museum passes and other healthy, meaningful individual and family experiences.

7. **The River Food Pantry:** \$2,000.

Represented by Ryan Holley, sponsored by Fred Ross.

Purpose of Grant: Purchase meal components for The River's mobile meals program, Munch. This includes healthy proteins for entrees, fresh fruits and vegetables, and shelf-stable sides that participants can eat immediately or save for later. Munch supports children in 25 diverse, low-income neighborhoods in Madison

and Fitchburg, and operates routes five days per week, year-round. Munch served an average of more than 7,500 meals per month in 2025.

8. **The Road Home Dane County:** \$2,000.

Represented by: Elliott Valentine, sponsored by Dwight Gribble.

Purpose of Grant: Provide children in The Road Home's 13 housing programs with the opportunity to participate in recreational activities, including summer camps, after-school activities, sports leagues, educational activities, etc. All of the families and children participating in the housing programs have recently experienced short-term or chronic homelessness.

9. **Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras:**

\$3,000. Represented by Madelyn Stewart, sponsored by George Shook.

Purpose of Grant: The Music Makers program has an ever growing wait list. Students who receive Music Makers tuition scholarships receive the use of a quality musical instrument, private lessons and a weekly ensemble class. Through this experience, students learn resilience, responsibility and leadership skills and are set up to succeed as musicians and in life.



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

George Shook reports our next volunteer date at **Habitat ReStore** is **July 16th**. **Case Dorresteijsn, Jim Martin, Chris Shubak,** and **George Skupniewicz** are signed up. Two spots remain available.

Jim Danner reports we packaged 9,723 servings of apples on May 28th. Our next volunteer date at **Second Harvest** is **July 30th**.



In Memoriam:

Former Member **Lee Stilwell** passed away on June 21, 2026. Full obituary is posted at <https://www.bealfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/lee-stilwell>



Longtime Grants Committee Chair Arlin Brannstrom passes the gavel to incoming Chair Cody Kramschuster.



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