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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Lou Arrington, guest of Harold Green.

Program: 'POW Camps in Wisconsin during World War II' was presented by Robert Block, of the Oregon Area Historical Society. During World War II, there were 39 Wisconsin POW camps in Wisconsin housing an estimated 20,000 POW's.

The largest camp was Camp McCoy, near Tomah, was established in 1942 and closed in June, 1946. This camp housed 5,000 German POWs, 3,500 Japanese POWs, and 500 Korean POWs. After camp closure, all these POWs returned home except German POWs who wanted stay in the U. S. but must obtain a U.S. sponsor to stay.

POW camps near Madison include Columbus (open-6/44, close-10/45), Waterloo (open-6/45, close-10/45) and Jefferson (open-6/44, close-7/44).

Many of the camps were in the rural areas where the POWs worked in agricultural related jobs. They worked in orchards, canneries, tanneries, lumber yards and on farms.

More information can be found in the book, Stalag Wisconsin – 'Inside WW II Prisoner-of-War camps' by Betty Cowley.

On a personal note, from your editor, German POWs harvested peas on the Schuler farm in 1945 near Valders.



Schematic of POW Barracks at Camp McCoy

July 11. 2025

Presiding: Ken Saville
Opening Word: Jim Wiederhoeft
Greeter: Fred Ross
Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup: Tom McCrill



Camp Billy Mitchell as seen in 1946, near Milwaukee



POW Barracks at Camp Billy Mitchell in 1945.

Date	Event
Aug. 8	Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am

Up Coming Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Opening Word</u>	<u>Check In</u>
July 18	Ice Breakers during WWII in North Atlantic Ocean, Mark Faultersack	Johnson	Brannstrom	Aspinwall
July 25	Free Speech Issues Paul Soglin	TBD	Reisch	Tevaarwerk

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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<http://www.facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis/for>

Arlin Brannstrom received 'Thank You' notes from the following 2025 Community Grant recipients:

1. Easter Seals Wisconsin, support Camp Wawbeek,
2. The Road Home: support families with children moving from homelessness to housing.
3. Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras: support the Music Makers program,
4. Ed. Nebbins Foundation: support neighborhood children at the Madison Ridgewood Pool

During a recent medical appointment, **Dennis Keeney** received a thank you from Mariah Cunningham's mother. Mariah received a Middle School Award (\$100.00) on May 10, 2019. At the time, Mariah was a student at the Spring Harbor Middle School. She is currently attending Madison Area Technical College.

George Shook reports the next Habitat Restore session is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, at the Restore West on Odana Road. **Case Dorrestein**, **Tom McCrill**, **Jim Martin** and **Joseph Tevaarwerk** have volunteered. Two volunteer slots remain open.

Jim Danner reports the next Second Harvest session is July 31.

The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will continue to be done by committee. The committee members and remaining months are:

July, 2025 – **Ed Reisch**,

August, 2025 – **Arlin Brannstrom** and

September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**.

Dwight Gribble, our 2025-26 club president, reported we will continue our committee process for planning our 2025-26 programs.

Planning has begun for the next quarterly meeting of Madison Area Kiwanis clubs. Madison West Kiwanis is hosting the next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 24. The proposed program is our adaptive ski program.

Club Officers (2024-25)

Presidents:	Ken Saville
Vice President	Dwight Gribble
Secretary	Ron Schuler
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Co-Past Presidents	Jim Wiederhoeft

Board of Directors:

Dwight Gribble	Cody Kramschuster
Leroy Baker	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Jim Danner	Harley Skjervem

Randy Shaver has resigned from Madison West Kiwanis

Dwight Gribble reported the Kiwanis International is upgrading their reporting system, web site, which will be referred to as 'Kiwanis Engage'. This site is used for Kiwanis clubs to enter data for monthly reports and the addition and deletion club members. Other data include club meeting attendance, financial and service projects. As a result, monthly reports will be continued to be published and shared with club board members. At the end of the year, Kiwanis International combines the monthly reports for an annual club report. The new system 'Kiwanis Engage' will be implemented on July 15. Previously the system was referred as 'Kiwanis Connect'.

Ken Saville announced the 2025 WIUM Kiwanis District Convention is scheduled for August 22-24 in Green Bay at the Oneida Casino Hotel. Some financial support is available from the club. District Kiwanis Club members will not be charged a registration fees. Attendees will be responsible for lodging and meals. Registration deadline is August 1. A registration form can be found at the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan web site: [District Convention – Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis](http://www.wisconsinuppermichigan.org)

Each district Kiwanis club can elect three convention delegates. During the business meeting, the delegates will elect the 2025-26 WIUM district officers and vote on the proposed WIUM Kiwanis District amendments which will be distributed later. **Bruce Hoehne** was approved as one of the Madison West Kiwanis delegates to the convention.