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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: None.

Program: 'Internet Scam Protection Update' was presented by Veronica Gutierrez, Bilingual Loss Prevention Specialist at the UW Credit Union. Veronica surveyed club members with regard to recent spam experience. A majority of the members indicated they have experienced some spam messages within the last week.

Veronica provided a number scam message characteristics and numerous cautionary steps to take if you receive a suspected scam message. She shared some scam terms

Tech support pop up warning signs:

1. If you receive a pop up urging to call a number- Do Not click on the pop up or call the number displayed – instead shut the device off and disconnect from internet immediately,
2. Do not allow anyone remote access to your device,
3. If you are instructed to lie to your family, friends or financial advisor, it is a scam.

Phishing and Smishing:

1. Smishing/phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text/emails pretending to be reputable companies – usually stating an urgent payment is needed and a link is embedded,
2. Purpose is to trick individual to reveal personal information such as card numbers, passwords and SSN,
3. Do not let your guard down even if you believe you are talking to the company,
4. Look for spelling mistakes, grammar and the web link address.

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Presiding: Ken Saville
 Opening Word: Arlin Brannstrom
 Greeter: George Skupniewicz
 Checkpoint: Joseph Tevaarwerk
 Setup: Tom McCrill

'Pig Butchering' is a type of online investment scam that gets its name from the practice of 'fattening up' a pig before slaughter. In this scam, the 'pig' refers to the victim, who is slowly lured into a false sense of trust and relationship with the scammer before being financially exploited. This scam typically involves long term and gradual manipulation.

Some Pig Butchering signs:

1. Unexpected contact,
2. Request for Crypto Wallet information,
3. Exaggerated claims and elevated emotions,
4. Unfamiliar trading platforms,



Date	Event
Sept. 5	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:30 am
Sept 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Opening Word	Check In
Aug 22	Ecological Changes in Yellowstone Park Dr. Monica Turner	Shook	Ross	Danner
Aug 29	No meeting – Labor Day weekend			
Sept. 5	Madison Police Department – Mounted Patrol	Wiederhoeft	Skjervem	Aspinwall

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705

Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info

Email: rschuler@wisc.edu

Facebook:

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

George Shook reported we received very gratifying comments from 2025 Joseff-Endle Music Scholarship recipients. They described their experiences at music camps. Later these comments will be shared with club members.

Dennis Keeney announced we will discontinue the collection of prescription pill bottles and batteries.

Ed Reisch substituted for **Dwight Gribble**, club president-elect, with regard to announcing a new Madison West Kiwanis member survey. On August 13, Dwight sent members by email, the survey to gather input from club members about club meetings. Our last survey was conducted three years ago during COVID impacts. Dwight has requested completed surveys be returned to him by August 31, 2025. If any member did not receive Dwight's message with the survey or misplaced it, please contact Dwight at dwight12555@hotmail.com.

George Shook reported the next Habitat Restore session is on Thursday, August 21, (9am to noon) at the Restore West on Odana Road. **Rich Donkle**, Jim Martin, **Tom McCrill**, **George Skupniewicz**, **Joseph Tevaarwerk** and **George** have volunteered.

Jim Danner reported Second Harvest session is scheduled for August 28.

The 2024-25 club meeting program scheduling will continue to be done by committee in 2025-26. The committee members and months are:

September, 2025 – **Harley Skjervem**,
October, 2025 - **Fred Ross**, and
November, 2025- **Harold Green**.

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

Ken Saville announced the transition to club secretary from **Ron Schuler** to **Leroy Baker** and **Tom Duval**. Leroy will be listed our secretary and Tom will be listed as our assistant secretary. Leroy will be responsible for our web site and Facebook while Tom will be responsible for membership record details. Further details are to be discussed.

Reminder: Ken Saville announced the 2025 WIUM Kiwanis District Convention is scheduled for August 22-24 in Green Bay at the Oneida Casino Hotel. **Bruce Hoehne** will serve as our club delegate. Registration deadline was August 1. A proposed amendment being considered at the convention is to increase club dues to support the WIUM office operation from \$90.00 to \$120.00 annually.

No future Culver's Share Nights have been scheduled but inquiries to Culver's are planned to inquire about future dates.

Reminder: 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



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