



Kiwaniis®

Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: No guests this week.

Program: "Madison West Kiwanis Foundation Annual Report" – Bruce Hoehne, Foundation President

The Madison West Kiwanis Foundation was incorporated in 1989. Monies raised prior to that, including an initial contribution to continue the Capitol Christmas pageant, were placed in the new corporation.

We use the foundation to expand the ability of Madison West Kiwanis to serve the people (primarily youth) within our community, the nation and the world.

The Foundation Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws can be found on our member portal. The foundation is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees comprised of four of the club officers and five other club members.

Foundations assets grew by \$115,132 to a total of \$951,588 at the end of Fiscal 2025 (September 30, 2025).

Our investment strategy is to preserve capital, protect against inflation, and achieve real annual earnings of at least 4%. The portfolio is a mix of stocks, fixed income investments, and cash.

December 5, 2025

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Art Stauffacher
Checkpoint:	Ron Schuler
Opening Word:	Harley Skjervem
Setup:	Tom McCrill

The Foundation seeks to distribute 5% of beginning balance of the undesignated fund (using a 3-year rolling average each fiscal year. The initial distribution is put towards the Christmas Pageant and the Josheff-Endles and Ahlgren Scholarships. Any remaining funds are distributed through the Community Grant process.

The Foundation also manages several restricted funds. There are four scholarship funds and several other Designated Gifts used for specific purposes.

In 2024, the Foundation distributed \$98,872, which was significantly higher than normal due to a couple of special gifts. In 2025, we distributed \$52,908, which is similar to amounts for the other past five years.

Date	Event
Dec 7	Christmas Pageant Capitol Rotunda, 4:15 pm
Dec 12	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:00 am
Dec 19	Foundation Trustees

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Dec 5	MWK Foundation Update - Bruce Hoehne, Foundation President	Stauffacher	Schuler	Skjervem
Dec 12	Logan's Heart and Smiles: Accessibility & Safety Home Modifications for Children with Disabilities - Joe Herr, Founder, & Program Director	TBD	Tevaarwwerk	TBD
Dec 19	Kiwaniis Youth Protection Policy & MWK Club Meeting Program - Dwight Gribble	TBD	TBD	TBD

Meeting Time and Location

Every Friday, 11:45 am
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705
Web site: www.madisonwestkiwanis.info
Email: lebaker@chorus.net
Facebook: facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis

Dwight Gribble reports the **Midvale School Lunch Buddies** next date is December 9th. Volunteers are needed.

George Shook reports we have increased our volunteer slots at **Habitat ReStore West** from 6 to 8 starting with the December 18th date. One slot remains open. Our next work date will be January 15th, 9:00 am to Noon.

Jim Danner reports the **Second Harvest** volunteering will resume on January 29.

A few of us met at the Harmony Bar & Grill on December 3rd for a **social outing**. The Harmony hosts a free Bluegrass Roundup every Wednesday from 1-3pm. We had some beverages, food, and conversations. There were about 15 pickers playing a variety of instruments and doing some singing. Case and I thanked the band and introduced the Madison West Kiwanis club to the band and the audience. Great fun was had by all!



MWK Members enjoying bluegrass music.

On Sunday, November 23, **George Shook** attended a program of performances by 22 musicians in the **WYSO Music Makers** program. Each musician played one solo piece that they prepared for this performance. Their instruments were piano (8), violin (8), guitar (3), cello (2), and trombone (1). The music included popular songs (10), tunes for early learners (5), classical works (4), and movements from classical concertos (3). Some of their performances were solo (6) and others

Club Officers (2025-26)

President:	Dwight Gribble
President-Elect:	Cody Kramschuster
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Assistant Sec:	Thomas DuVal
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
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Board of Directors:	
John Busby	Harley Skjervem
Jim Danner	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Ed Reisch	



were accompanied by a teacher/coach (16). Their names represent a wide range of ethnicities and cultures. To me, it was very heartwarming to hear these well-prepared kids proudly display their skills whether they were beginners or very advanced. A similar performance for a different group of Music Makers was held on Saturday.

The WYSO Music Makers believes that financial limitations should never come between an interested student and their pursuit of music education. Through this program, students ages 5 to 18 have access to private lessons, group classes, instruments, and supplies all at subsidized, sliding scale tuition options."

During the current year, Madison West Kiwanis provides \$2,000 from our Youth and Community Grants program to support Music Makers tuition. In addition, Madison West Kiwanis Foundation is providing \$4,000 that enabled four former Music Makers to advance into one of the two advanced WYSO orchestras.



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