

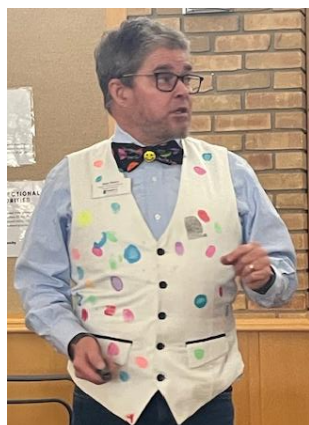


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Kiwanis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: **Michael Gillhouse**, guest of **George Skupniewicz**; **Betty Keeney**, guest of **Dennis Keeney**; **Mary Ross**, guest of **Fred Ross**.

Program: "Logan's Heart and Smiles: Accessibility & Safety Home Modifications for Children with Disabilities" - **Joe Herr**, Founder, & Program Director



Joe Kerr

Logan James Herr was born in August 1997 with cerebral palsy. Logan's laughs and smiles were infectious. He passed away in February 2002, leaving behind special memories with everyone he touched during his short life. Logan's dad, Joe, founded Logan's Heart

and Smiles in 2002 to keep these memories alive and help other children with disabilities.

Joe was able to complete 10-20 projects a year as mainly a one-man operation with assistance from friends and coworkers. In 2022, he added the first full time paid staff member. Since then, projects have expanded to 75-90 every year. After 22 years of working out of garages, basements, and storage units, Logan's Heart and Smiles moved into their first building on Watts Road.

December 12, 2025

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Harley Skjervem
Checkpoint:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Opening Word:	Ken Saville
Setup:	Tom McCrill

In addition to the construction projects that continue, the building has helped start the Beyond the Build programs. These go beyond the physical structures and include social interaction, mom/dad nights out, experiences for siblings, and grief groups.

Assistance is available to anyone under 21 years old who lives in Wisconsin and lives at least 50% of the time in the location needing modifications. Work done to residence must enhance the ability of recipient to move through, in/out of the home, ensure safety, or be for therapeutic use. Services are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority is given to those with greatest need/risk. Logan's staff will work with applicants to gain any approvals needed from landlords, HOA's, or planning agencies.

To volunteer or donate to the non-profit, visit their website at logansheartandsmiles.org

Date	Event
Dec 19	Foundation Trustees Covenant, 1:00 pm
Jan 9	MWK Board of Directors Covenant, 10:00 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Dec 19	MWK Holiday Meeting and Program - Dwight Gribble	TBD	TBD	Dwight Gribble
Jan 9	Immigration Attorney - Raluca Vais-Ottosen	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jan 16	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Dennis Keeney Recognized with a Case Van Kleef Fellowship



Dennis Keeney was honored as a Case Van Kleef Fellow for his many years of dedicated service to Kiwanis and our community.

The Fellowship is named for Mr. Case Van Kleef, a Kiwanian who contributed endlessly to Kiwanis. In addition to serving as the Kiwanis International President, Case Van Kleef served two consecutive terms as the President of the Kiwanis District Foundation,

providing much needed leadership at a critical time in its development.



Betty Keeney presents Van Kleef Medallion to Dennis

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



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

We have signed up for four shifts. We are looking for 2 people per shift. You can sign-up for a shift in the member portal or contact **Dwight Gribble**. Here are the dates:

Tues, Dec 16, 8-10 am – HyVee, Whitney Way
Wed Dec 17, 8-10 am - Metcalfe's Hilldale Mall
Fri Dec 19, 6-8pm - Metcalfe's Hilldale Mall
Sat Dec 20, 4-6pm - Metcalfe's Hilldale Mall

LaDonna Steinert reports that interviews for this year's **Ethel Allen Scholarship** just concluded with six applicants.

The **101st Capitol Christmas Pageant** was successfully held on December 7th. The crowd was a little smaller this year, likely due to weather and a late afternoon Packer game. Set-up and tear down went smoother and should continue to improve next year.

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

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	

Dwight Gribble reports the **Midvale School Lunch Buddies** met last Wednesday and had a great experience. Dates for 2026 are not set yet.

George Shook reports we have increased our volunteer slots at **Habitat ReStore West** from 6 to 8. One slot remains for the December 18th date. **Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteijs, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, George Shook, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk** are signed up. Our next work date will be January 15th, 9:00 am to Noon.



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**Happy Holidays are calling all Madison West
Kiwanians and friends.....**

**Please join us next Friday, December 19 for our 2025 holiday
lunch.**

Bring someone along and enjoy some fun!

- **See if you really do have the ugliest holiday sweater out there.....**
- **Bring a silly white elephant gift to exchange -- see what you get in return!**
- **Do you have a 2 minute holiday story or experience to share that has shaped your life?**

**11:45 AM Bradfield Hall-Covenant Presbyterian Church,
326 Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705**

**Let's enjoy some camaraderie and celebrate all the great
things our club has done this year!**

Please RSVP to Dwight by Wednesday, December 17.

**Thanks everyone,
Dwight and Emma Gribble**

