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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Dick Staub, guest of Ron Schuler

Program: “FARM Program” - Jeff Kratochwill, OTA, ATP, Easter Seals, Program Director and Alan Kaltenberg, Arlington Farmer and Easter Seals Wisconsin Board Member



Jeff Kratochwill



Alan Kaltenberg

The Easter Seals FARM (Farm Assessment & Rehabilitation Methods) program helps farmers with disabilities or illnesses continue working in agriculture. Specialists conduct on-site farm assessments to recommend equipment modifications and assistive technologies, empowering farmers to maintain independence and their rural livelihoods. This is a free service with an easy application process.

The FARM program started in 1989 and has existed with grant funding through the USDA for over 30 years. The program serves all of Wisconsin and has assisted over 3,500 farmers since inception. The current caseload

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Greeter:	Ron Schuler
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is 350 farmers. Each case is customized to the individual's needs.

They work in partnership with UW Extension's AgrAbility of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Wisconsin Farm Center, the National Farm Medicine Center, and the Marshfield Clinic.

They recommend Assistive Technology but do not directly provide funding to purchase items. They do refer clients to other funding sources

Jeff showed us several examples of assistive technology, including automatic hitches. Cab enclosures, mobility devices, drive-thru gates, remote grain bin lids, steps and ladders to access skid steers, and lifts to access tractors and other tall machinery.

Alan described his disability and demonstrated some of the devices he uses. He also talked about his role in teaching and mentoring newly disabled farmers.

Alan and Skup created a reel for our social media – check it out on our Facebook page.

Date	Event
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Jun 5	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am
Jun 19	Foundation Trustees, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
June 5	History and Climate - Joseph Tevaarwerk	TBD	TBD	TBD
June 12	NO MEETING	NA	NA	NA
June 13	Madison West Little League Outing	NA	NA	NA
June 19	Kickapoo River and Lake La Farge History and Controversy - Dennis Keeney, PhD	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: KiwanisWest@outlook.com
Facebook: facebook.com/madisonwestkiwanis



President Dwight Gribble inducts new member **Mike Jordan**. Congratulations and welcome Mike!

Ken Saville reports the nominations for our 2026-2027 Club Officers and Directors are:

President:	Cody Kramschuster
President Elect:	John Busby & Bill Grabel
Treasurer:	Randy Grobe
Secretary:	Leroy Baker
Asst Secretary:	Tom DuVal
Director:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Director:	Karl Lettner

Voting for officers and directors is scheduled for our next meeting on **June 5th**.



Bruce Hoehne reports volunteers working at Brat Fest were **Paul Aspinwall, Bill Grabel, Dwight Gribble, Bruce Hoehne, Karl Lettner, George Skupniewicz** and

Art Stauffacher. Bruce is awaiting a final report from organizers.

Jim Danner reports we packaged 9,723 servings of apples at **Second Harvest** on May 28th. Our next volunteer date is **June 25th**.

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

Our **Habitat ReStore Takeover** new member recruitment event on Saturday, May 30th went well. Saturdays are a lot busier than our usual Thursday volunteer slot. The Store sold over \$10,000 of merchandise for the second time in May.

Our a.m. crew was **Jim Danner, Case Dorresteijs, Jim Martin, George Skupniewicz** and one non-member. Our p.m. crew was **Leroy Baker, Dwight Gribble, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk**.

Ed Reisch has planned an outing to the **West Madison Little League** on **Saturday, June 13th** at 2:00 p.m. Parking is available along Forward Drive and at the Madison Ice Arena next door. The snack bar has a full range of reasonably priced food, treats, and snacks. Bring the family!

We sponsor the West Kiwanis team who will be playing at 3:00 p.m. This will replace our June 12th regular meeting.

George Shook reports our next volunteer date at **Habitat ReStore** is **June 18th**. Volunteers on **May 21st** were **Richard Donkle, Case Dorresteijs, Jim Martin, Tom McCrill, and George Shook**.



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