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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Guests: Ivan Meyer, grandson of Ed Reisch; Interclub visit from Madison East: Mike Morgan, Gaston Razafinjanja, Larry Reiner

Program: “Thailand Experiences” – Ron Schuler, UW Emeritus Professor: Power and Machinery, Conservation Tillage and Madison West Kiwanis Member



Ron Schuler presented his first-hand knowledge of Thailand. Ron’s son emigrated to Thailand over 25 years ago and Ron has visited several times. The trip takes a full 24 hours portal to portal.

Thailand, known as Siam until 1939, was never ruled by a European power. It is slightly larger than twice the size of Wyoming with a population of more than 60 million people. The ethnic makeup is 75 % Thai, 14% Chinese. 94.6% are Buddhists and 4.6% are Muslim.

Places we may have heard about include Ayutthaya, the first capitol, Bangkok, the current capitol, the Bridge over the River Kwai from WWII, and Phuket, from the 2022 tsunami.

August 21, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Karl Lettner
Opening Word:	George Skupniewicz
Checkpoint:	Joseph Tevaarwerk
Setup:	Tom McCrill

Thailand has had some form of constitutional monarchy since 1932. King Rama IX ruled from 1946 to 2016, the longest of any Thai monarch in history.

Bangkok is the world’s 22nd most populous city with nearly 7 million residents. That includes 65,000 expatriate executives and 250,000 long-term foreign residents.

American businessman Jim Thompson founded the Thai Silk Company in 1948 and prospered. His house is now a tourist attraction as are the King’s Palaces. Thailand is known for Teak carving and using elephants in a variety of ways from forestry to sports.

The transportation systems in Bangkok include motorcycles, Tuk-Tuk taxis, car taxis, buses, elevated trains, subways, and boats. Traffic in the city is crowded, so hiring a driver is best.

There are both large shopping centers and traditional open-air markets.

Date	Event
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Sep 11	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am
Sep 18	Foundation Trustees, 1:00 pm

Up Coming Programs

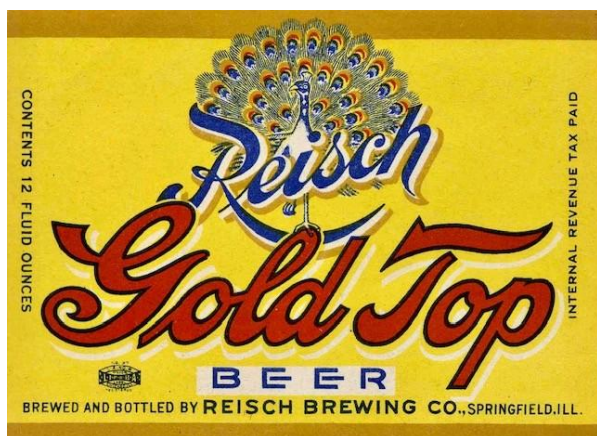
Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Aug 28	The Hard-Nosed Lombardi & Astonishing Green Bay Packers - Phil Hardacre	Wiederhoeft	Tevaarwerk	Ross
Sept 4	No Meeting – Labor Day Weekend	NA	NA	NA
Sept 11	Exploring the Future of Madison Lakes - Dr. Steven Carpenter, UW Madison Professor of Ecology,	Grabel	Aspinwall	Johnson
Sept 18	The Road Home Dane County - Elliot Valentine, Development Director	Danner	Jordan	Saville

Meeting Time and Location

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

Ed Reisch reported on the brewery tour and interclub meeting last week. To see the entire brewery video from the tour [Click Here](#). The 37-minute video tells the story of the founding of the business and its ultimate success.

Ed also provided a link to the Reisch Charities, who have revived Reisch Beer brewing: [Click Here](#) for more information on the charity or here for the [Reisch Beer Jingle](#).



Weekly Volunteers – Thanks to all the members who volunteered for **Greeter**, **Check-In**, and **Opening Word** at our weekly meetings. We are set for the next few weeks. You can sign up for weeks beyond that on the member portal by [Clicking Here](#), or use the sign-up sheet circulated at our weekly meeting, or call or send an email our Secretary.

George Shook reports **Rich Donkle**, **Case Dorresteijs**, **Tom McCrill**, **George Shook**, **George Skupniewicz**, and **Joseph Tevaarwerk** volunteered at **Habitat ReStore August 20th**. Our next volunteer date is **September 17th**.

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

Jim Danner reports our next volunteer date at **Second Harvest** is **August 27th**. Contact him if you would like to sign up.

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KIWANIS FAMILY
BASEBALL GAME

TICKET ONLY
\$30

SUNDAY
AUGUST
30

MILWAUKEE
BREWERS VS TEXAS
RANGERS

AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD
1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214
GATE OPENS AT 11:10 A.M., FIRST PITCH AT 1:10PM
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www.wiumkiwanis.org/baseball game



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