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Kiwaniis Club of Madison West – Kiwanogram

Program: “The Road Home Dane County”

Elliot Valentine, Development Director



The Road Home Dane County has been a recipient of our Community Grants program for several years. Elliot presented the history of the organization and brought us up to date on its current operations.

Founded in 1999 as the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Madison Area, they functioned as an overflow shelter for families who could not be served by the existing shelters. After nearly 20 years, they phased out of directly providing temporary shelter and focused on housing and support services, providing opportunities for families experiencing homelessness to achieve self-determined goals and affordable, stable housing.

Last year, The Road Home served over 200 families with over 430 children. These families are extremely low-income (below 30% of area median) and 85% are families of color, predominantly female-headed households.

They believe that stable housing is a “Hub”, leading to better employment, education, and health.

Rising rents and lack of affordable housing push many low-income households toward housing instability.

September 18, 2026

Presiding:	Dwight Gribble
Greeter:	Jim Danner
Opening Word:	Ken Saville
Checkpoint:	Rich Donkle
Setup:	Tom McCrill

Strict credit checks, criminal history, prior evictions, and rigid policies disproportionately exclude marginalized groups.

Their program approach has four pillars:

- Permanent supportive housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Case Management
- Collaborative Solutions

Their 13 full-time housing advocates work closely with families to relieve the immediate crisis of homelessness and work toward self-identified goals for their family. They have regular meetings with the families and help connect them to community collaborations and resources.

Their success is evident in that 85% of the families served remain stably housed after one year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Oct 2	MWK Board of Directors, 10:00 am
Oct 16	Foundation Trustees, 10:00 am

Up Coming Programs

Date	Program	Greeter	Check In	Opening Word
Sept 25	2026-27 Officer Induction	Tevaarwerk	Aspinwall	Green
Oct 2	The U.S. Child Welfare System: A Primer - Dr. Jessica Pac, UW School of Social Work	Lettner	Tevaarwerk	Skupniewicz
Oct 9	Plant-based Food - John Hansen, M.D.	TBD	TBD	Skjervem
Oct 16	All Madison Club Meeting - Wisconsin Historical Society Museum Build Update	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

Club Officers (2025-26)

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Joseph Tevaarwerk	Ed Reisch

George Shook reports **Leroy Baker, Rich Donkle, Case Dorresteijn, Karl Lettner, Tom McCrill, George Skupniewicz, and Joseph Tevaarwerk** volunteered at **Habitat ReStore September 17th**. Our next volunteer date is **October 15th**.

Jim Danner reports our next volunteer date at **Second Harvest** is **September 24th**. Contact Jim if you would like to sign up.

Oct 17 is the **Bike Donation Drive** for Bikes4Kids.

Joseph Tevaarwerk is willing to collect bikes from anybody who has one (or more) available to donate. He will collect them prior to the date and take them over to Bikes4Kids. Text him at 920 251-6575 or email him at applied_tribology@mac.com.



Monthly Speaker Planning – Co-Presidents-Elect John Busby and Mike Grabel report that speaker planning for the first seven months of our new fiscal have been claimed:

Only five months remain available! Contact them now to get your name on one of the remaining months.

Month	Member
October 2026	George Skupniewicz
November 2026	Ron Schuler
December 2026	Fred Ross
January 2027	Harold Green
February 2027	Jim Wiederhoeft
March 2027	George Shook
April 2027	Ken Saville

Sell! tickets and place mat ads for the **2026 Pancake Day**, Nov 7 from 8:00 am to noon in Covenant. The deadline for submitting place mat ads to **Randy Grobe** is Friday, October 23rd. Volunteer sign up is underway and will be circulated at each weekly club meeting.



TENT or TREAT

This is a joint effort between Logan's Heart and Smiles and Family Support and Resource Center (a case agency for children with disabilities and their siblings). The event creates a fun, accessible, and safe environment to celebrate Halloween. The event is being held at Logan's Hearts & Smiles. We will set up tents in the shop area that are decorated with different kid-friendly themes. Kids will visit each tent for treats like they would a house without having to climb stairs! There will also be tattoos, pumpkin decorating, and food.

We are looking for 4 volunteers from MWK to come an hour before the event starts at 1:00 p.m. to help with any last-minute set up and learn what their task will be for the event. It would also be helpful if volunteers could stay after 3:00 p.m. to help with teardown and cleanup of the space.

October 3, 2026 12:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Logan's Hearts & Smiles, 6630 Watts Rd, Ste B, Madison

Please respond by September 30, 2026 at 12:00 PM. Please [Click Here](#) to respond



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Help a Local Student Succeed

The Urban League of Greater Madison, in partnership with Ezekiel Gillespie Middle School, is seeking volunteer tutors to support local middle school students. No teaching experience is required. Volunteers provide encouragement, academic support, and positive adult connection while helping students build confidence and stay engaged in learning.

Apply here: <https://ulgm.org/volunteer/schools-of-hope-tutoring/tutor-application/>

Questions? Contact Tessa Price at tprice@ulgm.org.

Even a small commitment can make a meaningful difference in a young person's life.

