

***We focus on Youth and
Literacy***



Founded 1986
(club #23836)

www.MadisonBreakfastRotary.org
(Guests may register for meetings at
the web site.)

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Meeting Time, 7:30 AM Mondays
(No meeting 5th Monday of the
Month)

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*With a focus on youth and
literacy, the Rotary Club of
Madison-Breakfast actively serves
our community – local, national,
and the world – by working
together and contributing our
talents, energy and fellowship to
achieve the goals of Rotary.*

PROGRAM

**April 14, 2025, 7:30 am at
Keller Williams Realty**



Jackie Falch
“Call for Action”

Rotary Minute & 4-Way Test
April 14: Bruce Harville

April 28: June Fries

May 5: Susan George

May 12: Rich Fries

April 30, 2025

MBR Deadline Foundation
Deadline for submission of
request for grants. Check MBR
web site or contact Bruce
Harville.

April 25-26, 2025

TriCon
Brookfield, WI

**Saturday, May 3, 9am to
1pm**

Special Olympics Track and
Field Competition
Oregon HS
See Mike Kafka to volunteer.

Friday May 9, 2025

RYLA

May 29, 2025

All club Planning Meeting

September 28, 2025

11am- 3pm (9am-4pm
workers)

Corn Hole Toss Fundraiser

June 21-25, 2024

RI Convention
Calgary, Canada

APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Monday, April 21, 2025

Service Monday

8:30 am New Starting Time

Madison Reading Project

1337 Greenway Cross, #186

Monday April 28, 2025

Gary Muldoon

Books for the World Update

Monday May 5, 2025

Program TBD

Monday, May 12, 2025

Program TBD

Monday May 19, 2025

Service Monday

8:30 am to 9:30 am

Madison Reading Project

1337 Greenway Cross #186

Monday, May 26, 2025

Program TBD

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:30 am at Keller William

Realty

Megan Holler

“Bikes for Kids Wisconsin”

Monday, June 9, 2025

Kate Miller

Pres./CEO Middleton

Chamber of Commerce

“Addressing Workforce

Shortage Concerns”

Kosovo has Many Languages and Dialects

Greetings: *qysh je? A je mire? Si po Kalone?*

On April 7, Thom Weiss, Peace Corps volunteer in Kosovo, who was visiting Madison from his service in Kosovo, discussed the people and the many languages spoken there.

Standard Albanian is the language taught and spoken in the schools. People understand standard Albanian but do not speak it. Kosovo is made up of 93% ethnic Albanians and 3% Serbians.

The people of Kosovo are a very pleasant and welcoming people who love Americans. They are not in a hurry. Being in a hurry is an American thing. They can't speak without their hands and Thom is picking it up. Their recent election was contentious. They are more worried about their own issues than about American issues.

The people are wonderful, but garbage is everywhere. Thom would like to help with the solution of getting rid of the garbage as his Peace Corp work. The residents would like to help with the problem, but don't know what to do. Their favorite pastime is coffee drinking. There are no ashtrays on the tables, but people smoke in coffee houses, anyway.

After the 1998-99 Balkin wars, Kosovo was separated from Yugoslavia, but the borders are still in dispute. Serbia still says the country is Serbia and Serbia pays for the hospitals. Thom will go back to Kosovo soon. His wife Brenda is there now working in the schools.

Our thanks to Thom for his visit and sharing his experiences in Kosovo with the club.

Madison Breakfast Rotary

President – Betsy Nordstrom

President Elect –

Treasurer – Doug Nordstrom

Secretary – Heather Dyer

Past President – Susan George, Francis Parker, Gary Muldoon, Judy Levine

Members at Large: Ellen Cook, Joyce Crim, Betsy Nordstrom

Webmaster/Social Media – Doug Nordstrom

Membership Chair – Judy Levine

Rotary Foundation Chair – Gary Muldoon

Exchange Students

Inbound: Felipe (Southern Brazil)

Outbound:

Rebounds: Emily (Sweden), Isabel (Colombia), Daniel (Denmark), Gabby (Taiwan), Mason (Thailand), Johannes (Germany)

H.S. Youth Exchange Officers

Youth Exchange Officer: Betsy Nordstrom

Youth Exchange Counselor: Harry Van Camp

Youth Protection Officer: Rhea Myers

Youth Exchange Outbound Coordinator:

The Program Committee and Its Monthly Assignments

January	OPEN	July	No speakers
February	OPEN	August	Getting to know you.
March		September	OPEN
April	Doug Nordstrom	October	Betsy Nordstrom/Priscilla Thain
May	Doc Parker	November	International Committee
June	Judy Levine	December	Bruce Harville

AREA MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Check web sites for new locations/virtual meetings.

City or Club	Day	Time	Place
Rotary After Hours, 1st & 3rd Monday, 5:15 social/5:45 pm meeting			
			Park Hotel
Madison South	M	12:15 pm	Madison College, 2429 Perry St.
Lodi	M	6:15 pm	601 Clark St.
Oregon	T	6:45 am	103 N. Alpine Pky.
Sun Prairie	T	7 am	Colonial Club, Blankenheim Rd
Fitchburg Horizons	T	12 Noon	Ten Pin Alley, Nesbitt Rd.
Edgerton	T	12 Noon	Culvers, Newville
Madison Downtown	W	12 Noon	Inn on the Park
DeForest	W	12 Noon	Rodeside Grill, 6317 Rostad Cir., Windsor
Mount Horeb	W	12 Noon	Skal Public House, 209 E. Main St.
Stoughton	W	12 Noon	Stoughton VFW Hall
Waunakee	Th	12:05 pm	Rex's Innkeeper
Madison West Middleton	F	12:12 pm	Johnson Bank, 6th Fl