

(We focus on Youth and Literacy

Madison Breakfast

Rotary

Club

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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DATE

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

Monday, March 24, 2025
7:30 am at Keller Williams Realty

Andrew Willits

“Public Image Committee”
plus

Kevin Frost and Betsy Nordstrom

“Expanding the reach of Engineers Without Borders”

Guests March 10

Ben Harville, speaker

Kathy Roberts, ADG

Rotary Moment &
4-Way Test

April 30, 2025

MBR Foundation Deadline for submission of request for grants. Check the MBR website or contact Bruce Harville

April 25-26, 2025

TriCon
Brookfield, WI

September 28, 2025

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

Corn Hole Toss Fundraiser

June 21-25, 2025

RI Convention
Calgary, Canada

MARCH

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

Upcoming

programs/events

Monday, March 31, 2025,
5th Monday, No Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2025

7:30 am at Keller Williams Realty

Tom Weiss, “Kosovo”

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 am, At Keller Williams Realty

Jackie Falch,
“Call for Action”

Monday, April 21, 2025

Service Monday

8:30 am New Starting Time
Madison Reading Project
1337 Grenway Cross. #186

Monday, April 28, 2025

Books for the World Update

United States' Immigration

On March 10, Ben Harville Immigration Attorney with Catholic Charities of Milwaukee and son of MBR member Bruce Harville, discussed the complicated United States' immigration status and process.

There are two categories of non-citizens with lawful status, he said

"Immigrant" – Lawful Permanent Resident or one who intends to reside permanently in the United States.

"Nonimmigrant" - One who comes to the United States temporarily and for a specific purpose. This includes students, temporary workers and visitors for pleasure.

Roughly ten million nonimmigrant visas are issued every year.

The four categories of immigrant status are:

Family Petitions – between 400,000 and 500,000 per year.

Employment Petitions – about 175,000 per year

Diversity Visas – Approximately 50,000 per year

VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)

/Asylum/Refugees – varies greatly

Employment-Based Immigration Status

EB-1 - Aliens with "Extraordinary Ability."

Outstanding Professors and Researchers

Multinational Managers or Executives

EB-2 – must "test the labor market"

Master's Degree or Higher

EB-3 - Bachelor's Degree or Higher

EB-4 – "Special Immigrants" includes religious workers, Iraqi/Afghan translators, unaccompanied juveniles.

EB-5 – Investors – must invest more than a million dollars in a venture that will create jobs in the U.S.

Nonimmigrants - the "Alphabet Soup"

The most common nonimmigrant categories are:

Visitors for Business or Pleasure (B-1, B-2), roughly 50 million per year.

Students (F, J, M), 2.5 million per year

Workers (H, L, O, P, R, TN) -

Roughly 4 million admissions per year.

Nonimmigrants - Students

F-1 Students: Have to be accepted by a specific school before application for a visa. School must file paperwork with immigration that details the intended program of study, how the student will pay for tuition and living expenses, etc.

Students generally cannot work off-campus, meaning that they must have savings, loans, or scholarship money to pay for all expenses.

Nonimmigrants - Workers

L - Intracompany transferees - Extraordinary Ability

P - Athletes or Entertainers

R - Religious Workers

TN - Professionals from Canada or Mexico

(Created by NAFTA)

Immigrants do work on dairy farms, but there are no visas for dairy workers because dairy workers aren't temporary and not eligible for H2A.

H1B is by far the most controversial. Must have a bachelor's degree and chosen by a lottery system. It is used by the tech industry and is good for 6 years. There are not enough U.S. workers in the U.S. Elon Musk, from South Africa, became a citizen of Canada and had a student visa at Stanford. He dropped out to start Zip2, a tech business with his brother. He married and became a U.S. citizen. It is thought he used his own money to get an EB-5 status.

For deportation, there are many actions that do not require Congress' approval such as eliminating temporary protected status, elimination DACA or a travel ban. There could be roadblocks to the current administration's targeted areas for deportation. It may require large amounts of money, Congress's approval and may interfere with rules. Citizens of Ukraine won't be able to get visas.

Our thanks to Ben Harville for his very important work on immigration and for his visit and presentation to Madison Breakfast Rotary.

Madison Breakfast Rotary

President – Betsy Nordstrom

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Treasurer – Doug Nordstrom

Secretary – Heather Dyer

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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 & 3 rd 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, 6 th Fl.