


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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Stephanie Upchick
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November 25, 2024

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, Nov. 25, 2024

7:30 am

**At Keller Williams Realty
555 Zor Shrine Cir.
Ellen Cook & Gary Muldoon
“International Committee Report”**

Rotary Moment and 4-Way Test

Nov. 25: Rhea Myers

Dec. 2: Betsy Nordstrom

Dec. 9: Doug Nordstrom

April 25-26, 2025

TriCon

Brookfield, WI

June 21-25, 2025

RI Convention

Calgary, Canada

Madison Chamber Choir

November 16 Candlelight Concert



Andrew Willits with club members who attended his choir's concert on November 16.



Andrew Willits and choir members at the November 16 concert.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024

**7:30 am at Keller Williams Realty, 555 Zor Shrine Cir.
Bill Tischler, Madison District 11 Alder**

“Issues Facing Madison and Other Growing Communities: An Alder’s Perspective”

Monday, Dec. 9, 2024

**7:30 am at Keller Williams Realty, 555 Zor Shrine Cir.
“ZOOM with Filipe, former outbound student in Brazil”**

Monday, Dec.16, 2024

**8:15 to 9:15 am, Service Meeting
At Madison Reading Project
1337 Greenway cross, #186**

In the Future

**Monday, January 13, 2024
7:30 am at Keller Williams Realty, 555 Zor Shrine Cir.
Jason Ilstrup, Pres. Downtown Madison, Inc.
Annual Update on Downtown Madison**

TUESDAY, Jan 21, 2024

**(Please note the change to Tuesday is just for this month.)
8:15 to 9:15 am, Service Meeting
At Madison Reading Project
1337 Greenway cross, #186**

Brenda Weiss in Kosovo

Brenda Weiss showed slides and talked about her experience so far with the Peace Corps in Kosovo at the Rotary meeting on November 11. When she arrived, she was first sent for training in a town of 10,000 close to Macedonia where the residents are mostly Albanian Muslims. The town, in which they now live, has several streets lined with shops and mosques. There are many small produce markets and stores that sell construction materials. The town has a walkway and bike trail a long the river, a small hospital and clinic, post office and police and fire departments.

The Weisses live in a 2 bedroom apartment with a kitchenette and a dishwasher. They wake to the sounds of a rooster crowing and a call to prayer. The water supply doesn't keep up at peak times. The schools have a limited preschool and kindergarten and a high drop out rate. There is high unemployment and a faltering economy. The schools have a shortage of materials and computers and low teacher pay. Many teachers have a 2nd job.

Brenda is teaching in a vocational high school of 460 students. There are classes in metal work, auto repair, IT, administration, hydraulics and electronics. The school day has a morning session 8:30 am to 12:40 pm and afternoon from 2 pm to 7 pm. Classes are 40 minutes and students stay in the classroom. The teachers move to the students. Elementary is 1-9 grade and high school of 10 to 12th grade is not required. Brenda's classes are mostly male. The students don't speak English well.

Small towns are where you find your people, she said, so she and Tom have joined a biking club. They bike or hike every Saturday. They have 2 favorite hikes, one of which she showed in a slide of a meadow nearby. They sang old Albanian folk songs and celebrated the 25th anniversary of Kosovo becoming a country and the Weisses received an award for environmental work. On a trip up a mountain, the Weisses were in a rollover crash of their truck. They were taken to the hospital to be checked out, but were OK. A river flows through their town and there is a buildup of plastic bottles. These are some of the trash issues that Thom Weiss plans to work on. Many thanks to Brenda and Thom for their

wonderful work in the world in the spirit of Rotary and for Brenda's report.

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, Harry Van Camp, Gary Muldoon

Webmaster/Social Media – Doug Nordstrom

Membership Chair – Judy Levine

Rotary Foundation Chair – Gary Muldoon

Exchange Students

Inbound:

Outbound: Elena (Japan)

Rebounds: Felipe (Southern Brazil), 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: Melissa Osborne

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.