

The

Rotation

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Madison Flyers

George Cricenti of Madison Flyers was the guest speaker at the July 9 meeting of the club. He and his wife Evie founded the Flyers in 2001, which is a Madison-based flight training and aircraft rental company. Pictured are club President Lindsey Gilliland (from left), Cricenti, Evie Cricenti, program chairman Mark Doiron and Past President Scott Catington.

Club to begin ‘rotating’ program chair duties

Beginning in August, the Madison-Ridgeland Rotary Club will begin rotating program assignments on a weekly basis among all club members. A calendar of August program chairs is below.

Assignments were emailed last week to those in charge of weekly programs through October. The email includes a checklist to complete when making arrangements for speakers, as well as a link to the club’s program calendars from the past five years, which can be used for inspiration when considering speakers to invite.

Per Rotary International protocols, invited speakers should avoid direct sales or fundraising pitches, as well as overt political campaigning or religious topics.

August Program Chairs

August 6	Bowen Eason
August 13	Todd Burwell
August 20	Mark Doiron
August 27	Addy Keith



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

July 10	Jessica Cooley
July 14	Jan Collins
July 24	Teresa Mackey

Service Anniversaries

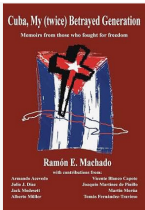
July 18	Bowen Eason (1 Year)
July 25	Sarah Butler (1 Year)
July 30	Ann Cullen Catington (2 Years)

This Week’s Program

Ramon Machado

Ramon E. Machado was born and raised in Cuba and joined the anti-Castro resistance as a young man, participating in guerrilla and paramilitary operations that culminated in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion. Drawing on firsthand experiences, he chronicled the hopes, sacrifices and betrayals of his generation in Cuba: *My (Twice) Betrayed Generation: Half a Century Later*.

After leaving Cuba, Machado built a career as a nuclear engineer before



retiring in 2002 and later teaching high school physics for a decade. His memoir offers a deeply personal perspective on Cuba’s turbulent history and the lasting impact of exile. Now retired, he lives in Madison with his wife, Connie, and is the father of five children and grandfather of five.

Calendar

July 23	Peter Keith President, WAPT-TV
July 30	“Fifth Thursday” No Meeting

Reminder! No meeting July 30

The Board of Directors recently adopted a policy that the club will not meet in any month with a “Fifth Thursday.” The policy becomes effective July 30. Upcoming months this Rotary year with five Thursdays include October, December and April.

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