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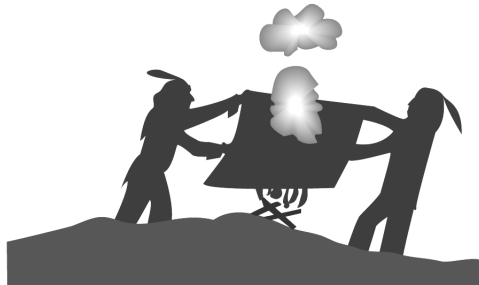
Meeting Each Wed: 9:30AM @ Sons of Norway Lodge, 418 W Milwaukee St Janesville, WI 53545

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ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME."**

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**PROGRAMS**

Chair: *Curt Larson*

07 Agriculture in 2009 *Randy Hughes*  
14 Ethiopia *Jim Raymond*  
21 Rock Haven *Sherry Gunderson*  
28 Men's Homeless Shelter *Paul Benish*

**FEB**

04 Rock Co. Recap Program *Miss Dee Hahn*

**JANUARY CLUB CALENDAR**

05→08, 12→15 Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile  
07 2:00 Bingo @ Rock Haven  
07, 14, 21, 28 9:30 Club Meetings @ S.O.N.  
08, 15, 22, 29 3:30 Builders Club @ Edison  
12, 26 3:00 K-Kids @ Lincoln  
26, 27, 28 Blood Mobile @ St. Johns Lutheran  
28 ..... 8:30 Board Meeting @ S.O.N.  
9:30 Committee Reports.....to Secretary  
Smoke Signal Items.....to Editor

**GREETERS:**

Chair: *Maury Frey*

01/07 John Janes & Jack Biddick  
01/14 Bill Bessire & Jim Marchant  
01/21 Fred Adams & Charles Mowbray  
01/28 John Dooley & Fred Wiltse

**HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES:** Chair: *Glenn Kipfer*

01/07 Jesse Scarborough  
01/14 Glenn Kipfer  
01/21 Rev. Jim Miller  
01/28 Rev. Roy Poltrock



**RAFFLE:**

Chair: *Dewey Cooper*

01/07 Maurey Frey  
01/14 Karl Petter  
01/21 Joel Moore  
01/28 Dewey Cooper

**DENTAL MOBILE** Chairs: *Curt Larson, Ray Anderson*



The Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile Van will be in Janesville on:

January 5, 6, 7, 8 and  
January 12, 13, 14, 15

The van is located at: The YMCA Care House  
1126 Conde Street

Sign up sheet is available at the Wednesday meetings. Shifts are in 4 hour durations:

7:45 --11:45 in the morning  
11:30 -- 3:30 in the afternoon.

**BLOOD MOBILE**

Chairs: *Marv Hauser, Ron Devine*



The South Central Wisconsin Chapter of the American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held on January 26, 27, 28 at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 302 N. Parker Drive.

Please sign up as a greeter, donor room aide, or refreshment aide at our Jan. 7, 14, or 21 meetings. Our goal is to provide 21 of the 42 volunteers needed to operate the blood mobile.

*Your support is greatly appreciated.*

**INTERCLUB NEWS**

Chair: *Phil Selgren*

On Thursday, December 18, seven club members met with the Janesville Noon Kiwanis Club. We enjoyed a delicious pot roast "lunch". The program was provided by UW Badger rowing team. Golden K'ers attending were: Dave Knoerr, John Nevins, Jesse Scarborough, Chuck McNulty, Bob Knudson, Lyle Platner, and Phil Selgren.

Our second interclub in December, on Wednesday, December 17, was a visit to the Lincoln K-Kids to participate in their presentation of 21 flashing stop signs to the Janesville Police Department to be used by elementary school crossing guards.

The GAZETTE had a great news article on Dec. 17 covering the event, and Bob Johnson provided a great thank you letter to the editor for the Kids and contributors who made the event possible.

Golden K'ers attending the celebration were: Bob Johnson, Richard Johnson, Pete Kealey, Bob Knudson, Carroll Flanagan, John Nevins, John Holcomb, Dave Peterson, Maury Frey, John Janes, Curt Larson, Jesse Scarborough, and Glen Kipfer.

## **K-KIDS, STOP SIGNS**

Chair: *Bob Johnson*



On December 17, the Lincoln Elementary School K-Kids presented twenty-five Tapco flashing stop signs to three police departments for their school crossing guards.

After experiencing the value of one flashing stop sign in front of their school, the kids talked about how they would like them at the other two crossings they used. Quickly, their discussion evolved that every school child in Janesville would be safer if they had those signs.

Drivers see the new signs because they have eight LED lights on each side which blink brightly when the sign is erect.

Drivers now days have more distractions than ever (*phones, lattes, some even are texting*). The most dangerous time of the day children experience is going to and coming home from school. The K-Kids knew the flashing stop sign caught the driver's eyes faster than the old stop signs.

They reached out to the Roosevelt K-Kids and the Edison Builders' Club. They then turned to the Noon and Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis Clubs for help. Wal Mart and Sam's Club gave matching grants.

Both K-Kids clubs earn their money by collecting Box Tops for Education, the Builders' club through a school store and dances, the Noon club through their pancake day and the Blackhawk Golden through the Truck-on-Ice raffle. Please mail your box tops to the school of your choice or Lincoln's or Roosevelt's K-Kids.

The celebration on December 17 was held to give thanks and to present the signs. About 100 guests attended to give their thanks, including Eric Levitt, our new city manager, Tom McDonald, George Brunner, Tom Evert, Neil Mahan and many other fine people.

The guards really love the signs and the K-Kids would like to challenge others to make their communities safer by purchasing flashing signs for their guards.

Here, Chief Mahan is accepting the signs and thanking all who participated in this project.



## **BINGO AT ROCK HAVEN**

Chair: *John Holcomb*



On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duane Durrant, Jim Steurer, Vince McKeown, Phil Selgren, Gene DeRubeis, and John Holcomb spent 8 ½ man-hours playing bingo with 26 residents.

Rock Haven residents really enjoy this time.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

We have outstanding programs scheduled already for this year.

We also have to start pushing the Truck On Ice sales. *We even might have to sink it with a little help.* Sell those tickets!

I would like to thank everyone who worked on the K-Kids project. All the signs will be given out by the end of this month. We made Channel 3 news and hopefully will have a segment to be displayed on Wal Mart TV.

There is a regional meeting in Madison and also the Midwinter Conference at the Radisson in Stevens Point on February 27 and 28.

Thanks for the support you give your president.

*Richard Johnson*

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Meeting 12-31-2008

Members Present:

*Pete Kealey, Bob Knudson, Will Reck, Bill Bessire, and Jerry Langdok.*

Others Present:

*Dave Peterson.*

Meeting was called to order @ 8:30 by President Elect Pete Kealey.

Secretary's report of 11/26/08 was submitted at an earlier date. Motion made by Jerry Langdok, seconded by Bob Knudson to approve the report as submitted.

*Motion approved.*

Treasure's report was submitted and discussed by Will Reck. Motion made by Will Reck, seconded by Bill Bessire to file the treasure's report as submitted.

*Motion approved.*

Will has sent the down payment check for the trees to the nursery for our upcoming tree sale.

Bill Bessire had a pamphlet made up that will be distributed to organizations introducing our Wishing Well. It looks good. Bill also said we now have a wishing well at Rotary Gardens Club. It was delivered on 12/25/08.

Pete Kealey adjourned the meeting at 8:50 am.

Report by: *Jerry Langdok*