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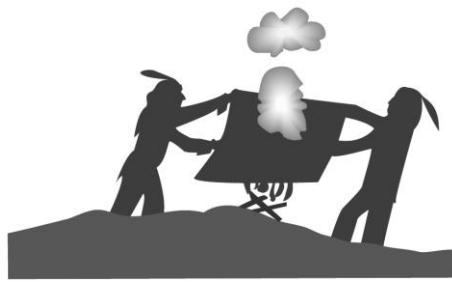
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**Asst. Sec:** Ed Timmer



## DIRECTORS

**2016** Lon Coppernoll  
Dave Peterson  
**2017** Maury Frey  
**2018** John Sarnow  
David Thill

**"KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME."**

## PROGRAMS

**Nov** Chairs: *Luci Cramer, John Nevins*  
04 Turtle Creek Chamber Orchestra *Gregory Roy*  
In Europe 2017  
11 WIC (Women, Infants & Children) *Sue Stein*  
18 Crossing the Driftless *Lynne Diebel*  
25 Special Guest Appearance  
  
**Dec**  
02 Telephone Assistive Devices *Mary Ellen Haas*

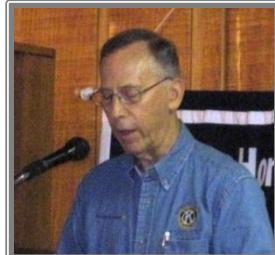
## NOVEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

04	9:30	Club Meeting @ S.O.N.
04	2:00	BINGO @ Rock Haven
11	9:30	Club Meeting @ S.O.N.
14	6:00	Fest of Ale (Noon Club)
18	9:30	Club Meeting @ S.O.N.
25	8:30	Board of Directors Meeting @ S.O.N.
25	9:30	Club Meeting @ S.O.N.

	GREETERS (Chair: <i>Gary Sullivan</i> )	RAFFLE (Chair: <i>Bruce Pierson</i> )	DEVOTIONS (Chair: <i>Ed Timmer</i> )	SINGING (Chair: <i>Phil Selgren</i> )
Nov 04	<i>Richard Johnson</i> <i>Dave Peterson</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Ed Timmer</i>	<i>John Sarnow</i>
Nov 11	<i>Dick Fay</i>	<i>Fred Adams</i>	<i>Bruce Pierson</i>	<i>Phil Selgren</i>
Nov 17	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Wayne Olson</i>	<i>Linda Servais</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>
Nov 25	<i>Linda Servais</i>	<i>Don Anderson</i>	<i>Gil Klukas</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>

## From our PRESIDENT

**Rocke Schroeder**



The days are slowly getting shorter and mornings are dark and the end of the day too. I can't help but remember when I was selling for a firm in the Chicago loop that required me to leave Janesville at four AM and leave for return at four PM

Thank goodness for all the changes in technology in communication and transportation. That's what I get for being too early! Now you can sit at your breakfast table and pull up your client on your I-pad and visually close proofs before your trip to your desk.

You know that you can do the same thing as you're finishing your coffee before you leave for that early tee time. Call a prospective friend to join a foursome and tell him what he's missing by not joining Kiwanis.

Have you tried a one minute presentation in front of your mirror as you freshen up for the day? You are the only one there and nobody but nobody will laugh, ok. Just imagine how polished you will be when someone asks you about Kiwanis. Try it!

Have you ever changed jobs or locations that required a new language or computer program? Well now you know where I am at. We have already approved a new budget and Will Reck assures us that we are solvent. Many things are under way, so be sure to keep track of what's coming up.

Thanks to a great membership and your patience I think we can have a good time and make a difference one community and one child at a time.

Thank you for being the person that you are!

*Rocke*



## ROCK HAVEN NEWS

Thanks to the following members who helped 28 residents with the Bingo event on October 17<sup>th</sup>

*Luci Cramer*  
*Ray Cummings*  
*Sue Mueller*

*Carl Cramer*  
*John Holcomb*  
*Linda Servais*



## Red Cross Blood Drive

The blood drive was held at Faith Lutheran Church October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, the number of units collected was only 40 pints. On Tuesday the number of units collected was 50. The goal was not reached, which may be due to the number of people who were rejected because of lack of iron, etc. The weather may have been a factor as well.

Our next blood drive will be at Bethel Baptist Church on December 29<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday and Wednesday (*Not Monday and Tuesday as normal*). Both days will be conducted from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

We had a total of 17 Kiwanians helping for a grand total of 62 hours. I want to thank our newest member, Ed Waddell and his wife Ginger for helping out as donor room aides.

The following Kiwanians donated blood:

Ron Shuler    Paul Neitzel



Boys and Girls Club  
Trunk or Treat

October 30, 2015

Who's the  
Witch?



## BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting: 10-28-2015

### **Attendance:**

**President:** Rocke Schroeder  
**President Elect:** Richard Johnson  
**Vice President:** Carl Cramer  
**Treasurer:** Will Reck  
**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel  
**Past President:** Ron Shuler

**Directors:**  
Lon Coppernoll  
Dave Peterson  
Maury Frey  
John Sarnow  
David Thill (Abs)

**Others Present:** Gordy Drake Jerry Langdok

**Call to order:** 8:30 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as published.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Will reported that the club is in good financial shape and that our new budget will be based on past financial success and any new budgetary items that the board approves. Will moved that the report be filed as submitted and it was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

### **Club Correspondence:**

Rocke reported on the School District of Janesville holding its seventh annual Employee Food Supply Event "Delivering Bags of Hope". Last year they were able to provide 350 families and 50 senior citizens in Janesville with two weeks' worth of groceries. Their goal is the same for this year. They are asking for a monetary donation to this worthy cause. A motion was made to table the request until the new budget is established and was seconded. After some discussion, the motion was defeated. Carl Cramer made a motion to approve \$200 to "Bags of Hope" and it was seconded by Maury Frey and approved. The contribution will be sent to the School District of Janesville by November 20, 2015 and our club will receive Bronze Level recognition on the School District of Janesville Website/Facebook/Twitter/Delivering Bags of Hope Facebook page.

### **Old Business:**

#### Financial Review – Board Response to Recommendations:

Rocke recommended that the Board forward the recommendations of the Audit Committee to a sub-committee. Dave Peterson volunteered to head the committee that will include Will Reck, Glen Jablonka and Glenn Disrude. They will then report back to the board their response for approval.

#### End of Year Appeal Letter:

Maury Frey stated that he would be willing to facilitate the End of Year Appeal letter to members to help raise funds for the Administrative Account/Project Eliminate or any other worthy cause. Lonnie Coppernoll made a motion to approve this project and it was seconded by John Sarnow and approved.

#### Kiwanis Park Proposal:

Gordy Drake announced that the Kiwanis Park Proposal is on hold since we haven't heard anything.

### **New Business:**

#### Craig Care Campaign:

Jerry Langdok stated that he received an e-mail from Cristal Lippincott who is the Craig Closet Coordinator. She is seeking contributions to help sponsor a needy child during the Christmas season and is requesting \$100. Lonnie Coppernoll made a motion to approve the expenditure and it was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved. The club will also be passing the can for additional donations.

#### New Chairperson:

Rocke announced that Linda Servais has graciously accepted the position of Chairperson for Meals on Wheels.

#### November & December Meetings:

The Board agreed to hold Board of Directors and regular meetings on Nov. 25th and Dec. 30th during the holidays.

#### Bell Ringing:

The Blackhawk Golden K Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army is scheduled for Dec. 22nd and 23rd.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 9:13 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary: Paul Neitzel



As editor, I am privileged to share with you a speech from Victoria Pulcine. Victoria is one of the young ladies in the picture from the umpire class appearing in the October Smoke Signal. Her speech was given at the Steak & Burger Banquet (Boy & Girls Club) on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pontiac Convention Center. I believe her story is an example of what can happen when we strive to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

*Dave*

Good Evening everyone. My name is Victoria Pulcine and I am a senior at Edgerton High School. Thank you for having me here tonight to discuss the process of becoming an umpire and how this job has affected me.

When I was sixteen years old, I heard about an umpire class at the Boys and Girls Club taught by Jerry Burhans. Since I have played softball since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, I thought that it would be a great job to have. At that point, I thought that umpiring was just calling balls and strikes, outs and safes. However, the first day of class when everyone failed the pretest, I realized that I was extremely mistaken. There was much to know about both softball and baseball. We had to study the ASA rule book, and know it inside and out. We met every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours where we would be quizzed on our knowledge. Once we knew most of the rules, we started to spend time in the gym learning how to make calls and the different positions on the field and behind the plate. Jerry started to offer Sunday practices at Craig High School where we would put on gear and call balls and strikes using a pitching machine. With a couple weeks left of class, Jerry prepared us for the final step to becoming an umpire – the exam. He did everything possible to prepare us, but in the end, it was our effort that determined if we passed or not. Upon passing the exam, I started an adventure that I hardly knew would change my life.

Since Jerry's class, I have achieved more than I had thought I could when I signed up. Shortly after I graduated from the umpire class, I attended the National Umpire School in Baraboo. After a grueling weekend of slideshows, drills, and practice behind the plate, I received a certificate and a special flipping coin for my work. This was a great honor, since I was one of the youngest umpires there. Over the past year and a half, I have worked approximately 150 games. Some of those games were for the Class B State Tournament in Wausau last year, some were for the Class A State Tournament in Watertown this year, and most of those games were for the many tournaments in Janesville, along with some games during the week in Edgerton, Milton, and the Burlington area. Just a week and a half ago, I umpired three college-level games in Madison. Next year, I am on track to umpire a national tournament. I never thought umpiring would take me this far.

Working these games has greatly impacted my life. To begin with, umpiring has helped me to be financially independent. Being paid \$35 per game, I can make around \$500 for tournaments that last two and a half days, which is more than many fast food, serving, or retail positions pay their employees in two-weeks time. Secondly, umpiring has built and developed many aspects of my character. To be an umpire, one must be able to be outgoing, make quick decisions, resolve conflicts, and show professionalism, punctuality, and confidence. Although I already possessed some of these qualities, it took me many, many games to finally obtain the others. Best of all, I have found that these qualities have transferred into my everyday life, particularly my communication skills. Now that I've been an umpire, I can hold a conversation with people I've just met because I'm not as shy as I was when I started. This job has taught me skills that I will use for the rest of my life. In addition, being an umpire helped me to be a better softball player. After watching thousands of pitches and knowing all of the rules, I can see the ball easier when I am up to bat and also see the plays in the field from all different perspectives, giving me the upper hand to a favorable outcome for my team. Lastly, my favorite part about being an umpire is the support system I have become a part of. Because we have endured the early mornings together, shared countless stories, and experienced the love of the game with one another, we umpires have a unique bond. I know that I will be able to count on these people for years to come.

Taking Jerry's class has truly changed my life. As a 16-year-old, I pictured myself working a couple games in my hometown every once in a while. Now, as an 18-year-old, I see myself continuing this job as long as I possibly can and traveling many places to do it. I have had these incomparable experiences due to the guidance and faith from Jerry. He is not only my employer, but the best mentor I could ask for.

*“Great Job Jerry”*