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"Having Fun Serving the children of the world"

PROGRAMS

Chair: *Luci Cramer*

July 06	Janesville Area Stories	Teresa Nguyen
July 13	Janesville Fire Department	Deputy Chief James McManus
July 20	Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce	Kurt Bauer
July 27	Saving the Cranes	George Archibald
Aug 03	Dancing Life's Storms	Leanne Lippencott

CLUB CALENDAR

July 06	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
July 09	Membership booth at Farmers Market
July 13	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
July 20	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
July 27	8:00 BOD Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Aug 01-05	Meals on Wheels

DATE	GREETERS CHAIR: LON COPPERNOLL	RAFFLE CHAIR: Maury Frey	DEVOTIONS CHAIR: Carl Cramer	SERVERS CHAIR: G. Disrude	SINGING CHAIR:
July 06	John Sarnow	Mel Limerande	Linda Bontly	Lon Coppernoll	Ray Cummings
July 13	Ray Cummings	Dave Peterson	Luci Cramer	Carl Cramer	Ray Cummings
July 20	Bob Douglas	Dave Thill	John Janes	Richard Johnson	Ray Cummings
July 27	Dick Fay	Don Kellogg	Glenn Disrude	Carl Cramer	Ray Cummings

July—Birth of our Nation—Let's all stand tall for the Flag

Preidents Message

Greetings Fellow Kiwanians !!

July is upon us and as I keep harping where has all the time gone ?? I hope all of you are healthy and able to enjoy this beautiful weather.

We just concluded our spring golf outing and had a great turnout for golf and lunch. Hats off to Glenn and Jerry for doing all the work. Glenn tells me he plans on going to a different course this fall which will be nice. I have to confess the Dale Henning brownies left me dealing with a chocolate overload but so be it.

Your officers and board members are finalizing plans for upcoming July 9 joint service club lunch at Rotary Gardens. Please consider coming as its always good to have more of us attending than any other club in town. Mark on your calendar the Buckley Picnic Aug. 10 also at Rotary Gardens. Bruce J is working on a Beloit SkyCarp game this summer. Details shortly.

Have you noticed how great our programs have been ? Luci and company doing a terrific job in timely and interesting speakers. Hats off to the program committee !

You have heard Don Hanneman's reports on Flags and how we will move forward working with the VFW club to have them disposed of. This is a huge relief and many thanks for Don in handling this. I know you

all agree flag burning had gotten out of hand with hundreds if not thousands of flags to dispose of.

That does it for me this month. Be safe and take care !!
Regards,

Tom Neumann
President Blackhawk Golden K
608-751-4504 Cell



BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting: 06/29/2022

Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. by President Neumann**Attendance****OFFICERS****President:** Tom Neumann**Past Pres:** David Kemp**Pres. Elect:** Bruce Jorenby**Vice Pres:****Treasurer:** Greg Turco**Asst. Treas:** John Sarnow**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel**Asst. Sec:****Others Present:** *Luci Cramer Jerry Langdock
Dave Thill Carl Cramer
Dave Petersom***Directors**

Linda Bontly

John Janes

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Lon Coppernoll

John Sarnow

New Members:

Carl Cramer brought to the attention of the board that there were 3 new members who have filled out an application to join our club. They are Janet Hay, Hamish Martin and Jamie Sarnow. The board approved them for membership and they will be inducted on July 13th, 2022.

Senior Fair:

Tom Neumann asked for approval to have a booth at the Senior Fair in September.

The cost is \$50. John Sarnow made a motion to approve this expense and was seconded by Linda Bontly and passed.

Service Club Luncheon:

The Noon Rotary Club is making all the arrangements for the Service Club Luncheon to be held at Rotary Gardens on the 13th of July. The cost is \$20

Buckley Picnic:

The Buckley Picnic will be held Aug. 10th at Rotary Gardens and attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. Chicken will be provided by Mac's Pizza

Beloit Skycarp:

Bruce Jorenby gave the board some information regarding the possible costs of a group outing to see a Beloit Skycarp game. The date chosen will be Aug. 24th. A sign-up sheet will be sent around to see if there is enough interest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

OLD BUSINESS**Flag Ceremony**

For the past few years the Golden Kiwanis have retired several hundred flags annually at Kiwanis Park. Boy Scout Troop 539 and the City Parks Department assisted in the ceremony. Many of our members also were invaluable in coordinating the various duties, sometimes during temperatures in the 90's.

During a recent weekly meeting we unanimously agreed to seek an alternative to that ceremony that still respectfully retire the "Stars and Stripes". Knowing that the VFW Post in Janesville had 2 flag collection boxes at the VFW Club on Center Avenue and also collected and retired flags, they appeared to be a possible alternative. Fortunately Bruce Pierson was able to provide the contact with a VFW officer. He was very receptive to helping us. Like us, they collect several hundred flags yearly. They store those flags in the Club's basement. After collecting a large number of flags, they burn them in a local farm field.

It was mutually agreed the Golden Kiwanis will transfer flags to the VFW as they accumulate, possibly once a week or month. Hopefully, the convenient location of our collection box will be maintained, for it has proven to be a favorite with 600-800 flags collected yearly.

Ideally, we need volunteers to go weekly to collect flags from a usually full box. No long term storage will be required, as phone numbers for the VFW Club will be provided to arrange for transfer to their flag storage area. The collection process from the Kiwanis box to grocery bags takes only about 10 minutes. Details will be determined later and a sign-up sheet will circulate at future meetings. Stay tuned for more info!

Pregnancy Helpline:

The board has decided to defer donations to the Pregnancy Helpline until after the club has a chance to hear a speaker from the organization who is scheduled for a presentation at our Aug. 17th meeting. This will give our club a chance for feedback on whether or not to donate funds to this organization.

Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis I-Plan:

Luci Cramer led a discussion to help finalize changes to the Clubs I-Plan. The I-Plan focuses attention on Inspiration, Impact, Image, Investment and Initiative. Members will receive a copy of this plan at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS**Website:**

Dave Peterson presented to the board a website committee update report which you can read in its entirety in this months issue of the Smoke Signal. Besides Dave Peterson, other members on the committee include Glenn Disrude, Greg Turco and Paul Neitzel.

After some discussion and feedback from the board, the main issues for the board to consider include staffing and succession planning, and funding the website. Based on other hosting sites and their costs, an acceptable highpoint monthly cost was determined. Tom Neumann made a motion to accept \$35 per month or \$420 per year as the highpoint and was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved. The committee will now explore potential hosting sites and estimate their ease of use and on-going expense.

Farmers Market:

The club will have a booth at the Farmers Market at no cost on July 9th.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE - UPDATE REPORT

June 29, 2022

Website Issues that were addressed by the committee:

Obsolete: Our current website is 16 years old, and challenged with technical issues that will soon make it unavailable. At some point, it will go dark without warning.

Insecure: Our website is not structured in a way where we can have "member only information" separate from "public information." This limits the benefits it could be providing our club.

Staffing and succession planning: One person maintains our current site, and he has no back-up, and outside technical support. If our website is an important asset to our club, the committee believes it is in the club's best interest to have more than one member capable of operating the website and/or other internet presence.

Dave Peterson told us that he no longer has the passion for the website as in the past, but is willing to help develop a successor.

The committee worked to develop the following information:

We developed a table of contents identifying what information and features we believe are good to be openly available to the public from our website, plus what information and new features should only be available to our members. Features suggested for members only, include such things as paying dues, signup sheets, etc.

Path Forward:

Replacing our current website requires evaluating and choosing a new hosting service.

The committee is in the process compiling a list of features to be considered in this selection process.

The committee will identify potential hosting sites and estimate their ease-of-use and on-going expense.

We are at a point where we need to know what club members may be interested in the development and ongoing support of a new website. Being involved in design and set-up of the new site would be a good training activity.

The board should provide the committee an acceptable highpoint monthly cost.

For questions on our report, and inquiries about becoming our new webmaster,

please contact one of the committee members:

Glenn Disrude, Greg Turco, Paul Neitzel,
Dave Peterson

2022 Craig and Parker High School Scholarship Recipients

Craig High School

Madelyne Mayer was the recipient of the Golden "K" Memorial Scholarship. She plans to attend either UW LaCrosse or Whitewater. Madelyne plans to study Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting. While at Craig she was a member of Student Council for 4 years and was treasure for 2 of the 4 years. She also was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Letterman's Club, Octagon club and Link Crew. Madelyn participated in Softball for 4 years. She was also a student of the month and currently is employed at Subway. Madelyne will graduate with a 3.93 GPA

Caitlin Werner was the recipient of the Golden "K" Frank Douglas Memorial Scholarship. Caitlin plans to attend UW Madison and study Psychology and Pre-Law. While at Craig she was a member of the student council for three years and was class president her sophomore year, school board representative and executive board president. She also was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Global Scholars Club, DECA, Octagon Club, Kiwanis Key Club, Sierra Club and Link Crew. She is currently employed at Hedberg Public Library. Caitlin will graduate with a 3.97 GPA.

Mitchell Bauer was the recipient of the Golden "K" Bob Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Mitchell plans to attended either UW-Whitewater or Platteville and study Pre-Law. While at Craig he was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Octagon Club and Kiwanis Key Club. He was a student of the month. Mitchell also participated in Hockey and Tennis. He completed his Eagle Scout requirements and received the 4H Merit Award. Mitchell works as a referee for hockey and soccer and is active in his church group. Mitchell will graduate with a 4.00 GPA

Parker High School

Logan Risseeuw was the recipient of the Golden "K" Memorial Scholarship. Logan plans to attend UW-Whitewater and study Business/Marketing. While at Parker he was a member of National Honor Society, DECA and made state DECA competition during his Sophomore, Junior and Senior year. Logan also participated in Track/Field and Cross County. He was captain of the Cross-Country team during his Junior and Senior year. He is a manager at The Barn (Parker's school store) and works at Risseeuw Concrete. Logan will graduate with a 3.65 GPA.

Amber Schoville was the recipient of the Golden "K" Hugh Horswell Scholarship. Amber plans to attend UW-Whitewater and study Business Marketing. While at Parker she was a member of the National Honor Society and Link Crew. She participated in Swim, Gymnastics, Track and Field and she was voted the most dedicated in Track and Field and Gymnastics. Amber was a member of the Band and Pep Band. She received academic excellence recognition for 4 years. She participated in 4H and was parliamentarian for one year. Amber works at Rock Valley Services. She will graduate with a 3.91 GPA.

Brandon Zimmermann was the recipient of the Hugh Horswell Memorial Scholarship. Brandon plans to attend UW-Whitewater or LaCrosse and will study Business Administration. While at Parker he was a member of National Honor Society and DECA. Brandon participated in Baseball, Basketball and Track and Field. He has worked at Woodman's. He has had several medical issues that has restricted his participation and has him looking at life from a different parameter than other students. He will graduate with a 3.85 GPA.

Submitted by Glenn Disrude

Golden "K" Golf Outing

The Golden "K" held their summer golf outing on June 23 at Bass Creek Gold Course. Eleven golfers, two foursomes and one threesome participated in a nine-hole best ball round of golf. The weather was great along with course conditions and as it turned out all were winners. A big thank you to Tom Neumann for providing golf ball prizes for all golfers and Mark Steinke for providing the special orange golf balls.

We had 24 members and guests have lunch with us and inspite of a disappointing meal all seemed to enjoy each other's company. So, we had great weather, good course conditions, super golfers, fantastic company and marginal food. However, we had unforgettable brownies, cookies and trail mix prepared by Doris Hennig along with sugar cookies from Cass Neumann to cap off the outing.

Happy Birthday

John Sarnow July 10

Interesting Fact

The top 50% of all taxpayers paid 97% of all individual income taxes while the bottom 50% paid 3%

The top 1% paid 38% of all taxes.



Bass Creek Golf Outing—June 23,2022—Lunch Group



Bass Creek Golf Outing—June 23,2022--Players Group



Jerry Langdock and
Maury Frey visit Art
Castro. Art is on the
mend.