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“Having Fun Serving the children of the world”***

| <u>PROGR A M S</u> | |
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| <u>Chair: <i>Luci Cramer</i></u> | |
| July 05 | Big Brothers, Big Sisters Kurt S. |
| July 12 | Pain Management Dr. Patel Edgerton |
| | Neuromodulation Ashley Grant Abbot |
| July 19 | Local Author Greg Peck |
| July 26 | UK Vs. USA Jean Martin |
| Aug 02 | Artificial Intelligence Amanda Witt |

| <u>JULY CLUB CALENDAR</u> | |
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| July 05 | 9:30 <i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i> |
| July 12 | 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens |
| July 19 | 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens |
| July 26 | 8:00 <i>Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i> 9:30 <i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i> |

| | GREETERS <i>(Chair: Lon Coppernoll)</i> | RAFFLE <i>(Chair: Maury Frey)</i> | DEVOTIONS <i>(Chair: Ed Timmer)</i> | SERVERS <i>(Chair: Glen Disrude)</i> |
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| Jul 05 | Roger Willeford Dave Peterson | Linda Bontly | Carl Cramer | Glen Disrude |
| Jul 12 | Hamish Martin Dave Figi | Bob Knutson | Lon Coppernoll | Glen Disrude |
| Jul 19 | Ray Cummins Bob Wilcox | John Janes | Richard Johnson | Glen Disrude |
| Jul 26 | Don Kellogg Dick Fay | Luci Cramer | Ron Shuler | Glen Disrude |

Presidents Message

This is the first issue of the newsletter under the direction of Dave Figi.

Upcoming events include the Golf Outing and lunch on July 13. Golfing will be at Blackhawk Golf Course and lunch at Mac's Pizza. In addition, the Buckley Picnic will be held in mid-August.

The Board of Directors will consider the charities we will fund in FY 2024 on July 26. The Year End Appeal will be held for the first time in July and August (Christmas in July). This is being done at this time to avoid overlapping collection efforts traditionally held at the end of the calendar year. This will enable us to send our funds to charities during November and December 2023, as well as in January 2024.

Bruce Jorenby
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Bruce F. Pierson December 15, 1937 ~ May 29, 2023



Bruce Pierson's memory was honored by the Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis at his visitation at the Schneider Funeral Home. Bruce was past editor of the Smoke Signal and was a great promoter of the goals of the Golden Kiwanis Club.

His memorial posted by Schneider Funeral Directors follows:

Bruce was truly a servant leader to his family, friends, business and paternal organizations. He left his legacy of commitment with the Golden-K, Janesville Elks, and Moose clubs and was a member of St John Vianney Church. Bruce dedicated his strong business acumen and organizational skills as president of the Janesville City Council and made a strong showing at his run for state representative in Janesville.

Bruce lived his life as Teddy Roosevelt once quoted "Daring Greatly". He dared to start a custom machine shop on a shoestring budget and run it for over 40 years when others said he would fail. He dared to navigate the Queens Cup Sailing Race across Lake Michigan in some of the worst storms in history. Bruce dared to invest in people with his time and resources when others had given up on them. And he dared to shed credit away from himself so that others could shine.

Yes, Bruce led a big life and tried to make the best of it by serving others. From humble beginnings to a pillar of society Bruce dug deep into life and his impact will live for generations.

Bruce is survived by his wife Joanie Fett-Pierson, his children: Kris (Les) Nickel, Sue Jordan, Rob (Linda) Pierson, Mike (DeAnn) Pierson, Ken Pierson, Cindi Fox and Stefanie (Ted) Roherty; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; his brothers, Dave (Katy) Pierson and Dick (Pam) Pierson; and many extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Katherine Pierson; his first wife, Katherine T. Pierson; son, Tim Fett; grandson, Steve Fett; and son in-law, Verne Jordan



Above: Some of the Blackhawk Golden 'K' Kiwanis who attended the visitation for Bruce Pierson



Happy Birthday **John Sarnow** ~ July 10

Meet Your Fellow Kiwanians

John Sarnow whose birthday is this month is featured in the Meet Your Fellow Kiwanian article for July. John stated the following: "Aint' it great to be a member of Blackhawk Golden K! I joined

in June, 2008 and have enjoyed [just about!] every minute of it. I remember sitting with old timers Frank Douglas and John Dooley and listening to their stories of long ago. It was fascinating for this history teacher to listen to Frank talk about June 6, 1944. What keeps me coming back are the donuts, programs, and camaraderie among group members. I'm currently serving my 2nd term on the Board and have been assistant treasurer, whatever that means.

I was born and raised in Janesville. My father's family moved considerably when he was school aged, and he wanted to provide a stable setting for his 7 children. I grew up in a time when things were not as structured, and enjoyed the out of doors and everything found there. I met my wife while on a date with her friend which didn't work out (thankfully!). My first date with Barbara was on a Friday, May 13, 1966. We have two children, Amy and Andrew. Amy was a stellar curler and Andrew was heavy in sports, winning 10 varsity letters while in HS. They both followed me into education. After testing job waters for a few years, I settled in teaching, my vocation of choice. I taught Social Studies at Marshall Junior High School in Janesville for six years before being asked to temporarily fill an Asst. Principal's slot at Parker High School. I think it was the most demanding job I've held. After two years, I needed a change and was offered the high school principal's position in Poynette, just north of Madison. That, too, was demanding, but a welcome change. In general, I found parents more supportive. When my boss retired, I applied for the District Administrator's position. I was mildly surprised when the Board offered it to me. This was the best job I've ever held!

Retirement has been fun. I like biking, walking, viewing wildlife, reading, and spending time with three grandchildren. We recently purchased 42 acres of land on a a good trout stream near Friendship, WI, and are currently having a 2nd home built on the parcel. Can't wait until it's finished....

Board of Directors Meeting 6/28/2023

Called to order by President Jorenby at 8:15 AM

Attendance

OFFICERS

| | | Directors |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| President: | Bruce Joreby | Greg Dickenson (abs) |
| Past Pres: | Tom Neumann | Lon Coppernoll |
| President Elect: | Bob Wilcox | John Sarnow |
| Vice Pres: | Roger Willeford | Ron Shuler |
| Treasurer: | Greg Turco | Dave Thill |
| Secretary: | Paul Neitzel | |

Others Present: Linda Bontly, Luci Cramer, Richard Johnson

Secretary's Report

Paul informed the board that going forward, each member will receive one hard copy of the members addresses, phone numbers and email addresses per year and any changes to this list will be updated and sent out to the membership in the form of an email document. There will be extra hard copies at Rotary Gardens for anyone that wants one and for those members without an email address, a paper copy will be provided to them. The minutes from the May board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Greg Turco presented the treasurer's report, which showed the administrative checking account balance to be down \$553 from May due to normal meeting expenses and two Rotary Garden payments. The service account checking was down \$3117. The larger transactions consisted of \$561 from donation of the joker prize, \$2250 budgeted annual donation to Rotary Gardens and a \$2206 annual donation to Camp Wawbeek/Easter Seals WI.

Our new NetSuite Accounting Software will go live on July 3rd. Last day for Quickbooks is June 29th. NetSuites will import the Quickbooks month-end summaries for fiscal 2023, but not all of the

individual transactions. We will have summary level reports for year-end. Backup users are John Sarnow and Roger Willeford. Training for the backup users is free in July. Lonnie Coppernoll made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Golden K Bylaws Updates:

The optional club policies were presented to the board by Linda Bontly for discussion, revision and updating. Among the changes to the bylaw club policies was the removal of Peanut Day from the Major Fundraising category. The board also removed Kiwanis One Day, which is an International initiative. We haven't participated in this in the past so it was decided to remove it from our policies. We added the Aktion Club at Kandu as a school project for the purpose of being a liaison between the mentally and physically challenged children and adults.

The board will also look into the possibility of getting involved with participation in the Kiwanis Key Club that involves local high school students.

Discussion about getting back to having an annual meeting was also brought up.

These and other revisions will be written up and presented to the board for approval and then sent to Kiwanis International for approval. Once approved, a new copy will be given to each member of the club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

Other News

Summary of Tree Sale 2023

Chairperson Report by John Jaynes

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| Cost of trees: | \$3,096.01 |
| Income: | \$6,593.00 |
| Profit: | \$3,497.00 |
| Credit Card Sales: | \$822.35 |
| After fees: | \$796.95 |
| Pick up trees: | No charge |
| Posters (75 copies) | \$17.88 |
| Rotary Gardens: | \$250.00 |
| Man hours: | April 23-28, May 5-6, 61.5 |

Sunday, April 23-Start setup at 7 am loading. Arrive 7:45. Set up in front of Rotary Gardens by 8:30. Steady sales all day. Temp 35-40 and overcast. Last sale at 3:50. All trees fit in refrigerated trailer at end of day.

Friday, May 5-Start at 7 am. Set up at Rotary Gardens Horticultural building. Two long tables, plus one card table. Ready to start at 8:30 am. Packaged pre-orders, selling at 8:45. Temperature was 72 with light breeze. Very busy on first shift with plenty of help. Second shift was slower and third shift was slow. 400 trees plus pre-orders left.

Saturday, May 6-Start at 9:30 am. Temperature around 56 and misty rain. Set up by 9. Slow sales and the pre-orders were not being picked up. Called people to remind them. All left over pre-orders trees went on sale at noon. Sold everything by 2 pm.

Refrigerated trailer was picked up and everything was packed by 2:30 pm. Returned home, made SOLD OUT sign to place at Rotary Gardens. Picked up 4 large signs from locations in Janesville.

PROBLEMS: Pre-order tags . We could have sold 300 to 400 more trees. Cut back on Oak. Add Arborvitae and Black Hills Spruce.

How is Kiwanis Involved In The Community

By John Janes

May: Tree Sale.

June: Blood drive, Renaissance Faire, Bike Race, and Farmers Market.

July: Milton 4th of July Parade.

Aug: Blood drive 7th, 8th.

John thanks everyone for their help throughout the year.

Officer and Directors

Program Information

GOLDEN KIWANIS GOLF OUTING THURSDAY JULY 13TH

1 NEW LOCATION-BLACKHAWK GOLF COURSE & MAC'S PIZZA SHACK

2 TWO SIGNUP SHEETS. ONE FOR (GOLF & LUNCH) OR (LUNCH ONLY)

3 SIGNUP SHEETS ON (WED JUNE 28) & (WED JULY 5)

4 FORESOME SHEETS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON (WED JULY 12)

5 GOLF IS \$21.50. INCLUDES 9 HOLES OF GOLF & CART.

6 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY GOLDEN KIWANIS.

7 BEST BALL FORMAT AS ALWAYS. PRIZES ON ALL THE HOLES. LONGEST PUTT OR CLOSEST TO THE PIN & TEAM PRIZE.

8 TEE TIME START APPROX 8:45/9:00. LUNCH TIME APPROX 11:15.11.30.

9 MAC'S PIZZA HAS DONATED 2 BUCKY BADGER BOOKS FOR DOOR PRIZES

COME JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN. MAC'S HAS A GREAT LUNCH OF CHICKEN, SALAD BAR & PIZZA. LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

THANKS GLENN, TOM & JERRY

GLENN, HOME 608-868-3091

JERRY, HOME 608-754-4836

TOM, CELL 608-751-4504

LIVING TWO LIVES. – ENGLAND AND USA

Hamish Martin's wife, Jean, is doing our program on July 26th. Jean and Hamish live in Janesville for four months each year and in Blackpool, England the other eight months. She will be presenting her views on the similarities and differences of living in both countries pertaining to education, health, crime, taxes, etc.

If you have any particular item you would like Jean to discuss, let Hamish or Maury Frey know. It should be an interesting program.

June 17th Janesville's Farmers Market



John Janes, Tom Neumann, and Gregg Turko helped set up the Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis information booth at the June 17th Farmers Market held in Festival Square in Janesville.

2023 Blackhawk Golden "K" Scholarship Report

Our club sponsored three scholarships this year, one at Milton High School, Parker High School, and Craig High School. Recipients of our Black Hawk Golden "K" Memorial Scholarship for the

2022-2023 school year were Brooklyn Zingsheim from Milton, Nomar Conte from Parker, and Reese Hollendyke from Craig.

Brooklyn Zingsheim plans to attend UW Whitewater/Edgewood Nursing Program. She also plans on working towards a major in American Sign Language interpreting. Her end goal is to be a pediatric nurse at the Children's Hospital in Madison.

Brooklyn played volleyball for 3 years, was involved in Psychology Club for 2 years and American Sign Language club for one year. She was the leader for both clubs. She worked at the Milton KOA Campground from 2019-2022 as a Kid's activity director. She also is currently working at Brandy's Hallmark as a cashier.

Normar Conte plans to attend UW Whitewater and major in Computer Science with emphasis in computer programing.

Nomar was in the middle school Challenge Program. Participated in Craig's High School FFA Program for one year and Parker High School's musicals for 2 years. He has worked at Home Depot from 2021-2022 and is currently working at Hy-Vee.

Reese Hollendyke plans to attend Carroll College and major in Psychology with emphasis in therapy or Psychiatrist.

Reese was part of the Link Crew 2021-2022, Leo Club 2022-2023, National Art Honor Society 2022-2023, National Spanish Honor Society 2022-2023, and Red Cross Club-2022-2023. She is currently working at Chick-Fil-A.