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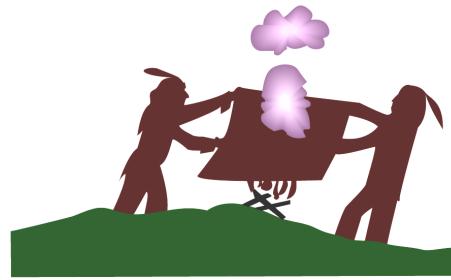
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"Having Fun Serving the children of the world"

PROGRAMS

Chair: *Luci Cramer*

Feb 01	Forward Janesville	Angela Pakes
Feb 08	DNR	Daniel Oele
Feb 15	Book Banning in 21st Century America	Mary Buehlow
Feb 22	Organic Farming	Randy Hughes
Mar 01	Noble Elk Farming	Jade Noble

CLUB CALENDAR

Feb 01	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Feb 08	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Feb 15	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Feb 22	8:00 BOD Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens

DATE	GREETERS CHAIR: LON COPPERNOLL	RAFFLE CHAIR: Maury Frey	DEVOTIONS CHAIR: Carl Cramer	SERVERS CHAIR: G. Disrude	SINGING CHAIR:
Feb 01	Dave Thill	David Kemp	Linda Bontly	Carl Cramer	Glenn Disrude
Feb 08	Bob Wilcox	Curly Bold	Bob Wilcox	Lon Coppernoll	Glenn Disrude
Feb 15	Bob Knudson	Don Anderson	Bob Knudson	Richard Johnson	Glenn Disrude
Feb 22	Don Kellogg	Dick Fay	John Janes	Ron Shuler	Glenn Disrude

Valentines Day—February 14—Don't Forget Your Loved Ones

Presidents Message

Bruce Jorenby

President Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis

Hold on. Six more weeks of winter? Find out on Groundhog Day, February 02.

Thanks to all for support for TOI. We are on our way to a great year.

Please continue the search for new members to make sure of our club's continuation.

Bruce Jorenby

President Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis

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Happy Birthday

Bob Knutson **Feb 13**

Charlie Mobray **Feb 26**



Center Ave. and Five Points. Nine spots in all.

Photos by Dave Peterson

Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. by President Jorenby

Special Meeting

Attendance

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Others Present:

Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Turco reported that the Administrative Checking was down \$250. There was a dues payment of \$375 to Kiwanis International, a late yearend appeal income of \$200 and \$75 for new check printing. The Service Checking was up \$1795. Larger items were the Truck on Ice income of \$3155 and our \$1250 annual donation to ECHO. Greg filed Form 990-EZ with the IRS. No tax was due as we are tax exempt. Greg also filed the required Wisconsin Corporation Report with the Wisconsin Dept. of Financial Institutions. There was a \$20 filing fee. This report requires listing our officers and address with the state. Greg mentioned that this was the first month using the two-person checking account balancing with Roger Willeford's help. This was instituted to help reduce the risk of fraud and theft. Quickbooks 2020 Desktop is being discontinued on May 31, 2023. Greg would like to wait until the fiscal year ends on October 31 and convert at that time.

New Business

New Officers:

Our club will be in need of someone to fill the position of Vice President and Assistant Secretary. It was recommended that a group of Past Presidents form a committee to recommend candidates for these positions and if anyone is interested in volunteering for one of these openings, please inform one of the board members of your desire to serve.

Guest Speaker Gifts:

The board recommended that the Guest Speaker Committee should discuss the parameters necessary to qualify for something more substantial for guest speakers who have to drive long distances to present to our club other than a pen or coffee mug.

Their recommendations would then be submitted to the board for approval.

Donuts

After hearing some criticisms about the quality of donuts being served at our general membership meetings, it was decided that the club would look into other possibilities for price and quality instead of just doing business with Old Fashioned Bakery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel



Fact: The world's oldest wooden wheel has been around for more than 5,000 years

It was found in 2002, approximately 12 miles south of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and is now housed in the city's museum. Radiocarbon dating was used to determine the wheel's age, which is somewhere between 5,100 and 5,350 years old.

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CAR-ON-ICE

Co-Chairmen:
Pete Kealey & Bob Johnson

"CAR-ON-ICE" COOPERATION

The Golden "K" Kiwanis Club "Car-On-Ice" fundraiser has become the cooperative effort of many Janesville people. The idea of putting a car out on a frozen lake or lagoon and charging participants a fee for the opportunity of guessing when the ice will melt and the car sink is not new. The way it came about in our town is unique. Many entities had to cooperate.

Approval was obtained from Shawna Kerndt Conservation Warden from the local DNR. Next, suggestions and approval were obtained from Tom Presny of the City Parks Dept. Then, approval was obtained from the City Council. The approvals were dependent upon the condition of the vehicle. It must be nonpolluting and safe.

After the approvals came the problem of the car. The requirements were a car shell on a frame and wheels without a motor, drive train, upholstery, battery, radiator, glass, grease, oil or anything else that might pollute the Traxler lagoon. The doors must lock and the windows must be covered to prevent access to the passenger compartment. In addition our Club wanted it to be realistic and attractive. We respect nature's gifts to our town. We didn't want to put a shoddy old junk vehicle on top of the ice at the lagoon.

GM Janesville Assembly solved our biggest problem by volunteering to donate a "set aside" Suburban shell. This is an SUV body that has been accidentally damaged during assembly. In the same way they donated all the other body parts necessary to create the illusion of a brand new 1994 Suburban SUV. The parts were collected over a period of two months and stored within the plant. The metal only hood, doors, and rear gate were stored inside the car body and when all was ready this accumulation of parts without frame or wheels was put on a flatbed for transport to the next step.

Art Knilans is a GM employee. He owned a car towing & repair shop in Janesville for many years before going to work for GM. He still has all his body shop tools. He also is a generous man who had a 1992 Suburban. He was willing to give us the wheels and frame from this vehicle for attachment to our new Shell. He supplied us with

wheels, frame, tools, advice, and labor. Club volunteers worked several days a week for 3 to 5 hours a day under Art's direction. The old SUV cab was removed. The motor and drive train were removed. High pressure washing was done to the frame. It was then sand blasted, undercoated and painted. The frame was modified to fit the new shell and the two were united. The windows and sun roof now needed to be closed.

CB & K volunteered to supply us with much of the expanded metal needed to cover the window openings, rear gate, and sunroof. We also needed expanded metal to enclose the timing device which will determine the hour and minute when the car has sunk. A shore security post was also donated by CB & K. The image now looked like an SUV. The problem was that the hood was white. The front fenders were black. The front doors were white. The rear doors were gray. The body was brown. The striping was blue. The wheels were red. We needed more help!

Bob Clapper, Vice President, at Fagan Chevrolet-Cadillac volunteered their help. Dave Welton, their body shop foreman and his employees gave the shell 2 coats of red paint. The pollution free, shiny new SUV illusion was born and is now ready for the ice.

Steve Davis of Davis Citgo & Towing, has agreed to move the Suburban illusion wherever it needs to go. Where the Suburban illusion goes between now and the time the ice freezes depends upon the willingness of Janesville merchants to display it in their parking lots and allow weather predicting lottery tickets to be sold at their outlets.

When it rolls onto the ice, it will stay there until the ice melts and it sinks. The winners will be declared. The Suburban illusion will be removed and stored and will reappear the next winter, only to sink again. All the people of Rock County are challenged to show their weather forecasting skills by purchasing the opportunities to predict the month, day, and time of day of the sinking. The proceeds go to assist the Children of Rock County. It is the hope of the Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club that the good people of Rock County will help keep the Suburban illusion sinking and rising for many years.

 **Pete Kealey and Bob Johnson**

