



# SMOKE SIGNAL



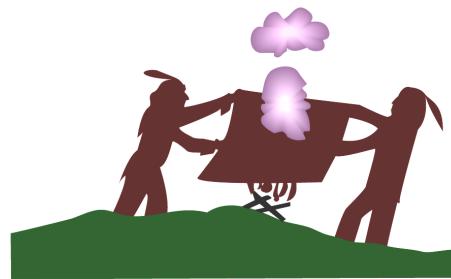
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2021-2024	John Sarnow
2022-2025	Ron Shuler
2022-2025	Dave Thill

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**"Having Fun Serving the children of the world"**

## PROGRAMS

Chair: *Luci Cramer*

Apr 05	Parkinson's	Patti Burhans
Apr 12	Janesville Gazette	Karyn Saemann
Apr 19	Rotary Gardens	Becky Kronberg
Apr 26	Echo/Farmers Market	Jessica Locher Emily Archer
May 03	Lift MKE (Veterans Outreach Fitness center)	Dan Newberry

## CLUB CALENDAR

Apr 05	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Apr 12	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Apr 19	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
Apr 26	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:
Apr 05	David Kemp Tom Neumann	Linda Bontly	Carl Cramer	Glenn Disrude	<b>No Singing</b>
Apr 12	Dave Peterson Ron Shuler	Hamish Martin	Lon Coppernoll	Glenn Disrude	<b>Until</b>
Apr 19	Wiley Kessinger John Sarnow	Bob Knudson	Richard Johnson	Glenn Disrude	<b>Further</b>
Apr 26	Richard Johnson John Janes	Steve Johnson	Ron Shuler	Glenn Disrude	<b>Notice</b>

## April—Bring on the Showers, Flowers and Baseball

### President's Message

**Bruce Jorenby**

President Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis

Upcoming events for the spring and summer of 2023 include the following:

April 8: Easter lily sales.

1. April 23 (Earth Day) and May 5,6,&7: will be the Annual Tree Sale at Rotary Gardens.

2. Summer weekends: Janesville Farmers Market for new member search.

3. Summer: Senior Fair at new Rock County building on Center Avenue for new memberships.

4. June/July: Renaissance Fair near Traxler Park.

5. July/August: Buckley Picnic at Rotary Gardens (catered meal at Noon time after regular meeting).

6. July: Christmas in July. New event: Annual Appeal drive for raising funds for our charities. This was previously held in November and early December.

We encourage each member to participate in at least one of these events, during the spring and summer.

**Bruce Jorenby**

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### Happy Birthday

Don Hanneman	Apr 05
Dale Henning	Apr 20
Ray Cummings	Apr 28

### International Convention

June 21-28 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Meals on Wheels

Volunteers Needed:

June 26-30 2023

July 03-07 2023

Routes A,B and C

See Linda Bontly

### Lily Day

Volunteers needed:

April 08 2023—10:00 AM-4:00PM

See Linda Bontly

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Wednesday: 03/29/2023

**Call to Order:** 8:15 a.m. by President JorenbyAttendance

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**Others Present:** Linda Bontly Luci CramerSecretary's Report:

Due to the ice storm, the minutes from the March 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting didn't get published for approval and will be up for approval at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Both the administrative and checking accounts are liquid and in good shape. Greg Turco informed the board that the Quickbooks 2020 Desktop is being discontinued on May 31, 2023 and that the alternatives are much more expensive because they are monthly licenses. Greg recommended two options.

Option 1 is Oodo.com. which is online and professional software, that is free right now but we don't know how long that will last.

Option 2 is Software4Nonprofits, which is \$200/yr. It is custom designed for nonprofits and easier to use. It allows more than one user so we can have a back-accountant. Greg requested board approval to begin a free trial with Software4Nonprofits for one month. Tom Neumann seconded this motion to approve this trial and it was approved

Old BusinessWEBSITE STATUS:

Greg Turco stated that our new website is up and running and you can go to our new site by logging in to [janesvilleblackhawkgoldenk.blogspot.com](http://janesvilleblackhawkgoldenk.blogspot.com). Thank you Greg for all of your time and talent in doing this for the club. Greatly appreciated.

Membership Committee:

Tom Neumann made some suggestions to the board with input from the committee on attracting new members. Some of the recommendations suggested included reduced dues, family membership discounts, free donuts and getting all the membership to invite at least one member to a club meeting. A free shirt and hat was also suggested. These are just some of the ideas to think about and more ideas from club membership is greatly encouraged.

Kiwanis Convention:

The board thought it would be a good idea for our new officers to attend the Kiwanis 2023 Convention in Minneapolis. The convention runs from June 21-24 but not all of the days need to be attended. There will be reimbursement of convention fees and expenses through our club for anyone interested in attending. For more info on registering and what will be offered at the convention, go to [kiwanis.org/convention](http://kiwanis.org/convention)

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NEW BUSINESSE.C.H.O.

Tom Neumann suggested that due to the elimination of the SNAP program or what was once known as food stamps, food distribution programs are being swamped and he proposed that our club make an additional contribution to ECHO of \$1000 to help a very worthy cause. The motion was seconded by Greg Turco and passed.

Elks Club:

A suggestion was made to provide an additional contribution to the Elks Club for providing their facility for our use as a club for occasional dinners. After some discussion, it was felt that it was unnecessary since they are already making a profit from us.

New Bylaw (International/Regional)

Bruce Jorenby brought up the request from Kiwanis International that we need to approve the new wording to the bylaws. After studying it further, we will bring it up again and vote on it at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

March 04/01/2023 BOD minutesBOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 03/01/2023**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m. by President JorenbyAttendance:

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Luci Cramer Carl CrameSecretary's Report:

A reminder to the membership that in the event of the Janesville Public School System cancelling school due to inclement weather, Rotary Gardens will also be closed and there will be no Kiwanis meeting.

The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

Lonnie Coppernoll made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Bob Wilcox.

The Treasurer's report was approved as electronically submitted to the board.

OLD BUSINESSWebsite Development

Greg Turco presented to the board a proposal for a new website due to the fact that our current platform is old and will stop working at some point. His idea is to rebuild the current website on a different platform such as Google's Blogspot with Google's Blogger software. It is currently free with no fees. Only public information will be on the website. Private info could be stored on Google Drive. When fully implemented, the people who regularly generate new content will update their pages on the site themselves. There will be no need to email to someone else to log info onto the site.

- 1) Consolidate Kiwanis Park, Trail and Pond to one page.
- 2) Consolidate Smoke Signal and Kiwanews page....
- 3) Programs to become Meetings and Programs.
- 4) Contact us and Popular links will be merged.
- 5) Truck on Ice will be expanded.
- 6) New Members Page.
- 7) Our Stories Page will have human interest stories about our members and include items from our history page and from old Smoke Signals.

The plan and hope is to have the website up and running by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Drive:**

Tom Neumann and John Sarnow would like anyone who is interested in this committee to contact them if they would like to volunteer to help with new member recruitment. The committee would start the week after the Truck on Ice drawing.

**Annual Dues:**

There was much discussion about whether or not the club should consider paying the Liability Insurance portion of our dues, which currently is \$18 for each member in an effort to keep the dues payment at a reasonable level for the membership. We won't know until late summer what Kiwanis International decides in regard to the raising of dues and what the Wisconsin/Upper Mich. District dues will be. A decision about this option will be further explored once we know what International and the District decide to do regarding the raising of dues and by how much

**Gift Cards:**

To show our appreciation and gratitude for all that Davis Citgo does for the club during our Truck on Ice Fundraiser, the board decided to present two \$50 gift cards to the Davis brothers. A motion was made by Tom Neumann to approve this expenditure and was seconded by Bob Wilcox and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

**Congratulations**

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Thank you again from Mercy Hospital and me for delivering Meals on Wheels for the last week in February and first week in March. Golden K is recognized by Mercy Hospital for their dependable service of delivering the meals and serving our community.

Those delivering meals were:

Dave Peterson	Luci Cramer	Glen Disrude
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Dale Henning	Carl Cramer	Greg Turco
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Linda Bontly	Bob Wilcox	Bob Knutson
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Also, Friends of Kiwanis were:

Mary Peterson	Arlene Knutson
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Doris Henning	Anita Wilcox
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Thank you all again for your generosity, in giving your time and talents!

Linda Bontly, MOW coordinator