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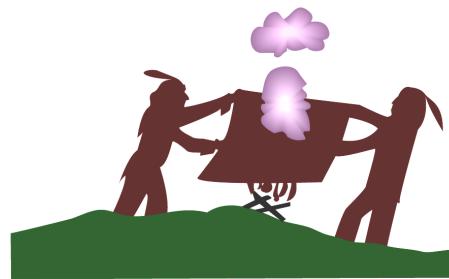
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2021-2024	Lon Coppernoll
2021-2024	John Sarnow
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2022-2025	Dave Thill

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

## PROGRAMS

### Chair: Luci Cramer

May 03	Lift MKE (Veterans Outreach Fitness Center)	Dan Newberry
May 10	Boys & Girls Club	Rebecca Veum
May 17	Janesville & Beloit Symphony Orchestra	Bob Tomarol
Mar 24	WCLO Focus on the facts	Wade Williams
May 31	USS Arizona Last Band	Mike Swenson
Jun 07	Fraud and BSA Officer	Angela Hoium

## CLUB CALENDAR

May 03	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
May 10	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
May 17	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
May 24	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Botanical Gardens
May 31	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:
May 03	Tom Neumann	Dave Kemp	Luci Cramer	Lon Coppernoll	Glenn Disrude	<i>No Singing</i>
May 10	John Janes	Lon Coppernoll	Bob Knudson	Carl Cramer	Glenn Disrude	<i>Until</i>
May 17	Ron Shuler	Lon Coppernoll	Steve Johnson	Richard Johnson	Glenn Disrude	<i>Further</i>
May 24	Steve Johnson	Don Anderson	John Janes	Carl Cramer	Glenn Disrude	<i>Notice</i>
May 31	Hamish Martin	Lon Coppernoll	Bob Wilcox	Carl Cramer	Glenn Disrude	

## May Flowers bring Beauty and Pilgrims

### Presidents Message

One of the items for discussion in recent articles of this newsletter is the election of a new Vice President to succeed Roger Willeford and a new director for succeeding Greg Dickinson. Two members have agreed to stand for election. They are Richard Johnson for Vice President and Linda Bontly as a Director (2024 to 2026).

Also currently being considered is whether or not to take over Pancake Day from the Janesville Noon Kiwanis. There are several issues to be discussed. This discussion will occur over the month of May. The process will end with a vote to be taken at the Wednesday May 31 meeting of the Board of Directors. (If needed, the entire club may vote on this issue.)

The key issue is staffing and member participation. We need a team of 20 members to commit to this endeavor. As in the past, a member's spouse may count in reaching the number 20. We also may use approximately 5 high school students. Without this type of commitment from members, we will not be able to sponsor this event. The prime time for members to serve is from 8 AM to 11 AM. The typical overall time frame to be present is from 7AM to 1 PM, which includes the clean up operations.

We will also need most members to solicit sponsors for this event. This is actually a more involved process than putting on

the event itself. For example, in the past Mercyhealth sponsored \$500, with other amounts being \$50, \$100, and \$250 from other sponsors. Past Pancake Days have used 10 to 20 members to obtain and secure sponsorships.

Jim Damrow from Noon Kiwanis will be sending more detailed information next week. He was in charge of this event for 30 years (1993 to 2022). I will keep the club informed of the status of this process at the regular meetings. We are looking forward to getting the membership involved in this event and their full commitment.

Bruce Jorenby  
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### Happy Birthday

Dick Fay	May 02
Will Reck	May 02
Ron Anderson	May 05
Don Anderson	May 23
Ron Shuler	May 26
Linda Bontly	May 31
Mel Limerande	May 31

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Meeting: 4/26/2023

Called to order by, President Jorenby at 8:15 AM

**Attendance****OFFICERS****President:** Bruce Jorenby**Past Pres****Pres. Elect:** Bob Wilcox**Vice Pres:** Roger Willeford**Treasurer:** Greg Turco**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel**Directors**

Gregg Dickinson

Lon Coppernoll

John Sarnow

Ron Shuler

Dave Thill

**Others Present** Linda Bontly Carl Cramer  
Linda Ross**Secretary's Report:**

Paul suggested that before President Jorenby's term of office expires, the board should consider reviewing and updating if necessary our club's bylaws. Linda Bontly said she would review the document and bring before the board at a future meeting, recommendations for revision. The minutes of the last two board meetings were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Greg Turco's treasurer's report shows that the administrative checking is up \$76 from March and the service checking is up \$791 in April. We spent \$222 on pens for speaker gifts and \$51 for the Square credit card reader. Some of the larger transactions include, \$2206 in Easter lily income, \$1000 donation to ECHO and a \$500 scholarship payout.

In regard to the accounting software, Quickbooks 2020 Desktop is being discontinued on May 31, 2023. Last month's favored replacements, Odoo and Software4NonProfit are not working well with Johnson Bank. The new prospect is Oracle's NetSuite. Non-profits get it for free. Greg proposed that we apply for it and just needs the board's approval.

This is top-quality software that has many new advantages such as databases for our donors and fund-raising letters. We could also have a member's database that allowed for end of the year donation statements and invoices for dues. Greg also asked the board to give Bruce Jorenby the power to approve the contract when it is received to save time and get it up and running sooner. John Sarnow moved to approve the contract for the club during the months of April-June on a trial basis and was seconded by Ron Shuler and approved.

**—NEW BUSINESS—****Tree Sales:**

Bruce gave an update on the tree sales from Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The club did \$2448.50 in sales and sold 979 trees. We paid \$3098 for the trees so we need about another \$600 in sales to break even and the rest will be our profit.

**Speaker Gifts:**

Carl Cramer spoke on behalf of the guest speaker committee to address their concern regarding speakers who travel a long distance to give a presentation to our club. He suggested that the board consider gas gift cards to help cover expenses. This could also be an option for guest speakers who have given multiple presentations instead of giving them another pen or mug. The board will take this up at our next board meeting and vote on it

**Kandu- Aktion Club:**

Linda Ross from Kandu presented a proposal to the board regarding sponsorship of the Aktion Club that was part of the Noon Kiwanis Club.

Aktion Club is the social life for many of Kandu's clients. Membership is open to any adult living with a disability who desires to become a leader in his/her community and wishes to provide service to others. Each Aktion Club is sponsored by a Kiwanis club and is a service leadership program of Kiwanis. Aktion Club can't exist without a Kiwanis Club sponsoring them. Kandu provides a support role for Aktion Club, but Aktion Club is not part of Kandu. One of the benefits of sponsoring this club is the assistance this club can give our club with our service initiatives. The Noon Kiwanis Club was the sponsor of this club but they are disbanding. If we are interested in being a sponsor, we need to send a request to [memberservices@kiwanis.org](mailto:memberservices@kiwanis.org) and mention that the Janesville Noon Kiwanis Club no longer exists. The board will take up this matter at the next board meeting and vote on it.

**Pancake Breakfast:**

Bruce Jorenby presented the board with an opportunity to take over the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser from the Noon Kiwanis Club. He gave the board some information regarding what is involved in this endeavor and the manpower needed to do it and the costs involved. The board needs more information on this topic and further discussion before deciding to take this massive project on and then presenting their findings to the full membership to see if it is feasible for our club to take on this responsibility. It could be a potential huge fundraiser for our club.

**Truck on Ice:**

Ron Shuler suggested to the board that we should consider an alternative method for deciding winners when the truck does not go on the ice so that there is not so much work involved in writing all the ticket stubs. Perhaps we could come up with a numbers generating system, using technology to determine winners or perhaps some other method that is less laborious in administering. The board is intrigued by this idea and wouldn't mind looking into the possibility of coming up with a new method of selecting winners

**Officer and Directors:**

We are in need of someone to fill the position of Vice President for the 2023-2024 term of office and one new Board member to serve from Oct. 2023- Sept. 2026. If interested, please contact one of the officers or directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

**Program Information****USS Arizona Last Band**

Mike Swenson will present a program on May 31 about the Navy Field Band serving on the USS Arizona at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, Dec. 7, 1941. Mike will provide information about the 20 member band, plus their bandmaster, all of whom were lost in the attack

## Easter Lily Day Summary

### 2023 Easter Lily Project Summary

On Sat., April 8, 2023, twelve Kiwanians and 2 Friends of Kiwanis participated in our Easter Lily promotion program. Easter Lily lapel flower pins were handed out at 3 local grocery stores in the city of Janesville. All proceeds will go to Easter Seals' Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells. Funds are used for scholarships for handicapped individuals from southern Wisconsin.

#### DONATIONS COLLECTED:

Stores: \$1743.42  
Farm and Fleet donation: \$50  
Kiwanis member: \$400

**Total: \$2193.42**

- 22 hours of collecting on 2-hour shifts at 3 stores
- 11 hours of counting money
- 9 hours of administrative business, both pre and post

42 total hours volunteered for the project

Our collections were at Festival, HyVee, and Sentry grocery stores. We also received a check from a member who was unable to help due to family commitment.

#### Participating Kiwanians:

Paul Neitzel	Hamish Martin
John Janes	Bruce Jorenby
Don Anderson (2 shifts)	Tom Neumann
Dave Thill	Jim Hay
Bob Knudson	Janet Hay
Ron Shuler	Linda Bontly

**Friend of Kiwanis:** Mary Thill

Banker: Linda Bontly and Friend of Kiwanis: Dan Servais

Thanks to all who stepped up to help. A special thank you to Don Anderson for doing a double shift!

Lily Day Chairperson: Linda Bontly

#### Website Update

Hard to believe but it has been 16 years that I have served our club as website editor. Don Eckert began our current site in 2006. That was a time when websites were gaining in popularity for clubs, and a great way to bring their message to communities. Don was a very active Kiwanian, serving as past president, the Smoke Signal editor and dedicating himself to doing everything possible to promote our Blackhawk Golden K. The website was his latest venture. And as all new ventures encounter challenges, I had the pleasure to work with Don thru several of these. When Don was no longer physically able to continue these commitments, I was positioned to continue his commitment to the club for both the newsletter and website.

However, over time everything ages, which is especially true with technology. Since 2015, it was obvious the software used to maintain the current website would soon no longer function. If we wanted to create a new website, our website committee identified the information we wanted only available to our members, and that information we wanted openly available to the community. Greg Turco, Luci and Carl Cramer have volunteered to champion this new web presence for our club. I know they will receive the same great support that you have provided me in the past. More detail will be provided as they near the time to make the transition.

Maintaining our website over the years has been both fun and an educational journey. I thank you for giving me the privilege.

Dave Peterson

#### What does it take to do T.O.I?

We start with the Jolly Jingle parade. The truck is pulled from Davis' locked storage area. Then it is washed and decorated with about 500 lights for the parade. After the parade the truck is brought back to the

storage shed and lights are removed and the signs are put on the top in anticipation of the Truck on Ice Campaign.

In October sponsorship letters are written and mailed out or delivered to ensure pledges are received by November enabling sponsors names to be printed on banners.

Tickets and banners are printed, and permission for table sales locations are sought.

A schedule is made and delivered to Davis Citgo showing the dates and locations they will be moving the Truck on Ice during the campaign.

A permit is filled out to the city of Janesville for use of the Traxler Park Lagoon. This needs to be submitted in enough time to insure the permission to put the truck on ice if it is thick enough. We also have to show proof of insurance to the city.

Ticket sales by members, table sales in different locations and sponsorship monies coming in is collected and recorded.

Weather permitting, we contact the city to check for thickness of the ice and if OK, a date and time to put the truck out on the ice. Davis is contacted and we put the truck on the ice.

When the weather warms and the truck sinks, Davis comes and pulls the truck out. The clock is read and a team of people go to the bank where all tickets are kept and sorted to determine the winners.

The truck is washed and put back in storage.

If no ice, we go to a raffle. We number all tickets sold, then make out 8 stubs each per \$20 ticket and 3 stubs each per \$10 ticket with the same number that is written on the tickets. The drawing takes place on the second Wednesday of March at the regular Kiwanis meeting. Numbers are placed in a raffle barrel and drawn to determine winners.

Thank you letters are sent to sponsors and business locations where the truck was displayed during the campaign. Special thank you's go to Davis Citgo, Mac's Pizza Shack and friends of Kiwanis who have given large donations.

This process takes about 5 months and many, many man hours to ensure a successful campaign.

Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

The winners this year are:

Bruce Jorenby—3000	Jan Willeford—100
Ruthann Potts—250	Doris Henning—100
Edie Baron—250	Heather Walker—100
Robert Knudson—250	Doris Hennig—100
Claire Olsen—250	Paul Ryan—100
Patsy Sarnow—100	Barbara O'Brien—100
Marcelle Jordan—100	Mindy Remley—100
Tricia Coppernoll—100	

Chairperson John Janes

Tom Neumann and John Janes return with trees



#### One Last Thought

Have you tried blindfolded archery? You don't know what you're missing.