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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI
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OFFICERS

President: Bruce Jorenby
Past Pres: Tom Neumann
Pres. Elect: Bob Wilcox
Vice Pres: Roger Willeford
Treasurer: Greg Turco
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Secretary: Paul Neitzel

**DIRECTORS**

2020-2023	Gregg Dickinson
2021-2024	Lon Coppernoll
2023-2024	Ray Szczepaniak
2022-2025	Ron Shuler
2022-2025	Dave Thill

**"KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO
 "Improving the world one child and one community at a time"**

PROGRAMS

September Chair: *Luci Cramer*

6 Program *Roy Chapman Andrews by Greg Geraard*
 13 Program *Womens Fund Of Rock County by Camilla Owens and Teresa Nguyen*
 20 Program *JPD Canine Dog by JPD Canine Handler*
 27 Program *Officer Induction/Awards*
October
 4 Program *My Coin Collection by John Sarnow*

SEPTEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

06	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
03	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
16	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
20	8:15	<i>Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
27	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>

	GREETERS (Chair: <i>Lon Coppernoll</i>)	RAFFLE (Chair: <i>Maury Frey</i>)	DEVOTIONS (Chair: <i>Carl Cramer</i>)	SERVER (Chair: <i>Glenn Disrude</i>)
Sep 6	<i>Mel Lemirande John Sarnow</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Sep 13	<i>Ron Shuler Luci Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Sep 20	<i>Lon Coppernoll Dave Figi</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Sep 27	<i>Tom Neumann Don Anderson</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Oct 04	-----	-----	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
 September: <i>Glenn Disrude</i>		REFRESHMENTS	Octoberr: <i>Glenn Disrude</i>	

Presidents Message

Upcoming events includes the Senior Fair on Friday, September 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM. It will be at the new Rock County resource center on Center Avenue. Shifts will be from 9 AM to 11 AM and from 11 AM to 1 PM.

The Farmers Market will be on Saturday, September 23 or September 30 from 7 AM to 1 PM. The 7 AM starting time is the time to be present to set up the booth. Also on September 23 is the Alzheimer's Association Walk, which conflicts with the Farmers Market. You will be advised of the actual starting date a week prior to the Walk. Shifts will be from 7 AM to 9 AM, 9 AM to 11 AM, and 11 AM to 1 PM.

Other meetings include the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, due to the installation of officers on Wednesday, September 27. The installation will be for FY 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024). Breakfast on the 27th will be served by Knutes Restaurant of Orfordville, beginning at 9:30 AM. Installation will be done after the meal at approximately 10:15 AM. The installation and breakfast will be at Rotary Gardens.

Bruce Jorenby, President

Happy Birthday to:

Jon Flora	September 15
Glenn Disrude	September 26

Secretary's Report

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 8/30/2023

Called to order by President Jorenby

Attendance

OFFICERS

President:	Bruce Jorenby
Past President:	Tom Neumann (Abs.)
President Elect:	Bob Wilcox (Abs.)

Vice President: Roger Willeford (Abs.)

Treasurer: Greg Turco

Secretary: Paul Neitzel

Directors: Gregg Dickinson (Abs.), Lonnie

Coppernoll, Ron Shuler, and Dave Thill

Others Present: Ray Szczepaniak,

Paul reported on ordering the pins for club officers and Legion of Honor certificates for our awards banquet and induction of officers and directors ceremony, which will be held on Sept. 27th. The minutes of the July board meeting were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Turco reported that our administrative checking balance was up by \$3981 due to the August Mid-Year Appeal. Our combined service checking was up by \$9823 due to a \$10,000 donation. (Truck on Ice sponsorship and general purpose). Linda Bontly and Roger Willeford had training on the new NetSuite Accounting Software. Greg said that he expects a surplus in the Administrative Account because of two fund appeals and a surplus in the Service Account. He recommended that the club spend those funds in the fiscal 2024 donation cycle, which happens this fall. Greg made a motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report and was seconded by Paul Neitzel and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAWS:

Linda Bontly will present at our next board meeting the changes to our by-laws for approval and submission to Kiwanis International.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET:

The proposed budget for 2023/2024 will be discussed and voted on at our next board meeting on Sept. 20th.

CLUB DUES:

Kiwanis International voted not to raise dues this year and in an effort to retain members and keep membership expenses stable and also appealing to acquire new members. Paul made a motion to keep our dues at \$130. Lonnie Coppernoll seconded that motion and was passed.

Dues slips will be handed out at the Sept. 13th meeting and should be paid by Oct. 1. You can pay your dues to Greg Turco. Checks should be made out to Blackhawk Golden K. If you can't attend a meeting to pay your dues, you can mail them to Greg Turco.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

September 20th at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel.

Meet Your Fellow Kiwanis Member

Robert D. Wilcox

I am a Wisconsin native who grew up in West Salem



which is near La Crosse. My family includes my wife Anita of fifty-two years. She was a teacher for Blackhawk Tech. We have two children: Amy who lives in Geneva, IL and works for McDonalds. Our son Christian, lives in Evansville, WI and works for Electronic Theater Controls in Madison. We have three

grandchildren. We are fortunate that they and their children live close enough for us to see regularly.

West Salem had a population of less than a thousand when I was growing up. A good number of those residents were my relatives which made it difficult for me to do anything that didn't get back to my parents. West Salem was a child friendly area. We had hills to climb, a lake to swim and fish in, a cave down by the La Crosse River to explore and bikes to get wherever we wanted to go. Later I hunted deer, duck, geese, squirrels and pheasant but that is now in the past.

After high school I attempted to get a higher education. College academics required personal discipline so after three uninspired and disorganized semesters I moved on to get some military discipline. In those years if one wasn't in school the military was watching and inviting young men to join.

While it took a number of enlistments I am retired from the U.S. Army. After separation from my first enlistment, I went back to college at UW-La Crosse and then UW-Madison.

I then went to work for Rock County evaluating social service programming and later managing a program for people exhibiting, antisocial behavior ie. violent behavior.

Eventually, I left there and started "All Pest Control" a business that I have owned for thirty plus years and will be retiring from by the end of this year.

My hobbies have included: photography, running, motorcycling, hunting and fishing. I fished with a group of guys for 30 years. We fished a number of lakes in northern Wisconsin and eventually settled at a resort near Hayward on Nelson Lake. We also went to Canada a few times. That group ended the fishing trips this past spring. A sad day. My current hobbies include, reading, fixing things around the house, bicycling, golfing poorly and traveling with Anita. We are headed to France which includes a boat trip on the Seine, visiting some sites and finishing at Normandy and then a week in Paris.

I joined the Kiwanis because former member Dan Heerey asked me to visit/join. He said I would like the members and the club. He was right

Weekly Programs

One of the many advantages of being a Kiwanis member are the many programs that both enlighten and entertain members. Following is a brief glimpse back at the August programs.



August 2, 2023.



August 9, 2023



August 30, 2023

Good News

David Thill announced that the 'mid-Year' fund appeal to support local Kiwanis programs resulted in \$5,850 being donated by members.



August 16, 2023.



August 23, 2023

Maury Frey announced as of August 30th, the campaign to raise funds for Alzheimer's research has received \$4600 in donations. Of that, \$1870 was donated by Golden K members. That is great and makes me proud to be a member. Thank you. If you still wish to donate, cash or checks can be given to Maury Frey. His family has taken this project on because of their experience with Alzheimer's. They are shooting to raise \$10,000.

This campaign is part of the Alzheimer's walk which is being held at Palmer park on Saturday, September 23rd. It is a two mile walk. A lot of walkers do not walk the entire distance. They do part of it and then turn back for a program and refreshments at palmer park. There is no cost to participate. The Frey family will have 30 to 40 family members doing the walk.

Upcoming event:

September 27 – Installation of Officers and Luncheon at Rotary Gardens. Spouses are welcome. All food and drinks will be provided by the restaurant Knutes of Orfordville.