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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI
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President: Bob Wilcox
President Elect: Roger Willeford
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Vice Pres: Richard Johnson
Treasurer: Greg Turco
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Secretary: Paul Neitzel



DIRECTORS

2021-'24	Lon Coppernoll
2021-'24	Ray Szczepiak
2022-'25	Ron Shuler
2022-'25	Dave Thill
2023-'26	Linda Bontly

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 "Improving the world one child and one community at a time"**

PROGRAMS

October Chair: *Luci Cramer*
 04 Program *Officer Induction/Awards*
 11 Program *TBA*
 18 Program *1871: Hinge Year of the Victorian Era by David Desimone*
 25 Program *A Bewitching Tale by Tom Skinner*
November
 01 Program *UK Vs. USA [continued] by Jean Martin*

OCTOBER CLUB CALENDAR

04	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
11	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
18	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
25	8:15	<i>Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
November		
1	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>)
Oct 04	<i>Mel Lemirande & John Sarnow</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
Oct 11	<i>Ray Cummings & Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
Oct 18	<i>Don Kellogg & Dick Fay</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
Oct 25	<i>Hamish Marti & Curly Bold</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
	 <i>October: Glenn Disrude</i>	REFRESHMENTS	November	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>

Presidents Message

This past year has been a good one for the Blackhawk Golden K club. It has been both interesting and challenging as your president.

The program committee has selected interesting topics and people to make presentations at the weekly meetings. The Truck On Ice project had a very good year of fundraising, both in terms of ticket sales and sponsorships.

The Year End Appeal was held in July 2023 for FY 2024 charities, with successful results. Members also participated in Tree Sales, Renaissance Fair, two times at the Farmer's Market, and once at the Rock County Senior Fair. Progress was also made in terms of adding new members to the club.

A Thank You is due to all members who participated in the club activities outlined above.

We also need to acknowledge members and officers leaving the board this year, who included directors Greg Dickinson and John Sarnow, and past president Tom Neumann. It is also noted that Bruce Pierson passed away this summer.

Bruce Jorenby, President for FY 2023

Happy Birthday to:

Jerry Langdok	October 1
Paul Neitzel	October 1
Dale Fulton	October 10
Dick Peck	October 23
Dave Figi	October 24
Robert Wilcox	October 26
Darlene Johnson	October 29

Secretary's Report

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 09/27/2023

Call to Order: 8:15 a.m. by President Jorenby

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President: Bruce Jorenby

Past President: Tom Neumann

President Elect: Bob Wilcox

Vice President: Roger Willeford

Treasurer: Greg Turco

Secretary: Paul Neitzel

Directors: Gregg Dickinson [abs], Lon Coppernoll, Ray Szczepaniak, Ron Shuler, and David Thill

Others Present: Linda Bontly Luci Cramer Carl Cramer John Janes Richard Johnson

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report showed an increase of \$69 to the administrative checking account due to the collection of \$708 in dues with expenses that included \$320 in free t-shirts, \$176 for the post office box and \$403 for rent and refreshments. The service account checking was up \$110 from last month. Greg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as filed and was seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

BUDGET

Greg went over the 2024 budget that was approved on 7/26/23 for any possible changes before the writing of checks begins. The miscellaneous expenses in the administrative account budget were increased from \$30 to \$180. The peanut day donation of \$100 was eliminated.

Carl Cramer made a proposal to award two Hixson awards this year. Kiwanis International requires a \$1000 donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund to be eligible for this award. The club had already budgeted for one award and it was suggested that we could move \$1000 from the administrative account to the service account for this purpose. Carl's motion was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved. Lonnie Coppernoll made a motion to approve the budget as presented to the board and was seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

BYLAWS

Linda Bontly went over the changes to the bylaws for the board's final approval before submission to Kiwanis International. The changes included the removal of Peanut Day as a fundraiser and the removal of Kiwanis One Day. Until further notice, the Lincoln K Kids program has been eliminated from our school projects and the Aktion Club at Kandu has been added for the purpose of being a liaison between mentally and physically challenged children and adults.

Bingo at Rock Haven was removed from the service projects. Bruce Jorenby made a motion to approve these changes and they were seconded by Ron Shuler and approved.

SPONSORSHIPS

John Janes stated that in addition to the current sponsors for Truck on Ice, contacts were made to the sponsors of the Kiwanis Noon Club projects in the hope of raising more money for our signature Truck on Ice fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

October 25th at 8:15 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

NEW BUSINESS

Summary of Tree Sale 2023 by John Janes

Cost of trees—3096.01

Income—6593.00

Profit—3497.00

Credit card sales—822.35

After fees—796.95

Pick up trees—no charge

Advertising—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 set up 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. 2 long tables plus 1 card table.

Ready to start by 8:30. Packaged pre-orders, selling by 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. May 6—start at 8 am. Temperature 56 and misty rain. Set up by 9. Slow sales and pre-orders were not being picked up. Called people to remind them. All left over pre-order trees went on sale at noon. Sold everything by 2.

Refrigerated trailer was picked up and everything was packed by 2:30. 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.



Tom Neumann and Bruce Jorenby at the Senior Fair

Meet Your Fellow Kiwanis Member: Greg Turco



Greg and Jenny Turco

I was born in Kenosha Wisconsin and went to Tremper High School. I went to study at UW-Madison where I met my future wife, Jenny, who is from Beloit. We met at church, and we got married the fall after graduation.

I got a job as paint chemist at PPG Industries in Pittsburgh. PPG soon moved us to Houston Texas because there was an oil boom going on, and they need help with protective paint for the oil industry. We bought a little house with a mortgage at 16.5%. When oil boom busted, PPG moved us to Oak Creek which is near Milwaukee. We lived in Union Grove is a little town west

of Racine. I got my MBA at Marquette at that time, and then we had our two kids there, Michelle and Nick.

PPG agreed to give me leave of absence for me to work on a doctorate in chemistry. We moved to Madison and I got a PhD. PPG reneged on their deal hire me back.

We moved to White Bear Lake, which is a nice town north of St Paul Minnesota. I got a job at HB Fuller cooking paint and adhesive latexes, like in latex paints. This lasted for four years, but they didn't pay very well.

Eastman Kodak was trying to go digital, and I got a job making dry ink for photo quality printers. That only lasted a year because Kodak was downsizing, and we didn't like update New York.

A recruiter called me with a job at SC Johnson in Racine. I had been trying to get in at SC Johnson for years. This was closer to home. I worked on floor wax materials and related products for ink and paint. After old man Johnson passed away, his kids were mismanaged the company, and they sold off our division to BASF, the giant German chemical company. BASF relocated us to Wyandotte Michigan which is an industrial town just south of Detroit. BASF is global company so I got to travel a lot. I stayed there 12 years, and then I retired.

We relocated to Janesville because my wife's family is here. My parents had already passed, and my brothers aren't Kenosha anymore. My wife found a house she loved and here we are.

Our daughter is married and has two kids, Orion and Juniper. They live in El Cerrito California, which is near San Francisco. It is way too expensive for us to retire there. Our son lives in Los Angeles and has a boy, River, who is an energetic three year old. .

I joined the Kiwanis Club to meet people. I am active with a Citizens Climate Lobby and with the Rock County Democrats.

I am Packer fan and Cubs fan. Go UW.

I have made home-made wine for years, and I have a dozen vines in the yard. Recently I quit drinking. Lately I

have been dealcoholizing wine to have something to drink. Not as good as the real thing.

Weekly Programs

One of the many advantages of being a Kiwanis member are the programs that both enlighten and entertain members. Following is a brief glimpse back at what program chair Luci Cramer and other Kiwanis members planned for September.



Kiwanis member Mel – Tour dates to follow

Mel auditioned for the Heavenly Harps and Hammer Dulcimer group after their August 23rd program.



September 6, 2023



September 13, 2023

My Coin Collection By John Sarnow



September 27, 2023

Good News



September 20, 2023



Sept. 23 Alzheimer's Walk

Twenty-seven Frey family members participated in the Rock County Walk To End Alzheimer's. The Frey's raised over \$7,600. Of that amount local Kiwanis members donated \$2,000.