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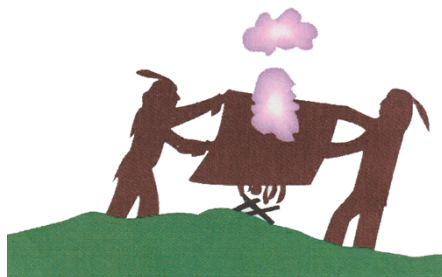
Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI

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## OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	Bob Wilcox
<b>President Elect:</b>	Roger Willeford
<b>Past Pres:</b>	Bruce Jorenby
<b>Vice Pres:</b>	Richard Johnson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Greg Turco
<b>Asst. Treas:</b>	Linda Bontly
<b>Secretary:</b>	Paul Neitzel
<b>Asst. Secr:</b>	Bruce Jorenby



## DIRECTORS

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


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“Improving the world one child and one community at a time”***

# PROGRAMS

<b>January</b>	<b>Chair: <i>Luci Cramer</i></b>
<b>03 Program</b>	<b><i>School Board Update by Cathy Myers</i></b>
<b>10 Program</b>	<b><i>Janesville Community Center by Niqui Linneman</i></b>
<b>17 Program</b>	<b><i>WI DNR Fisheries by Mitchell Trow</i></b>
<b>24 Program</b>	<b><i>ECHO by Jessica Locher</i></b>
<b>31 Program</b>	<b><i>Salvation Army by Lt. Jason Rysdyk</i></b>
<b>February</b>	
<b>07 Program</b>	<b><i>Cedar Crest by Ben Reese</i></b>

## JANUARY CLUB CALENDAR

03	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
10	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
17	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
24	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
31	8:15	<i>Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
<i>February</i>		
07	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	<b>GREETERS</b> <i>Chair: Lon Coppernoll</i>	<b>RAFFLE</b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	<b>SERVER</b> <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
Jan 03	<i>Dave Figi &amp; Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>
Jan 10	<i>John Sarnow &amp; Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>
Jan 17	<i>Bob Knudson &amp; Roger Willeford</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>
Jan 24	<i>Bruce Jorenby &amp; Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>
Jan 31	<i>Tom Neumann &amp; Dave Peterson</i>	<i>Glen Disrude</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>
 <b>January:</b> <i>Linda Bontly</i>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	<b>February</b> <i>TBA</i>		

## Happy Birthday's For January:

Janet Hay	January 3
John Janes	January 6
Stephen Johnson	January 12
Roger Willeford	January 17
Jim Hay	January 26

## Secretary's Report

**BOARD of DIRECTORS** Meeting: 12/20/2023

Called to order by President Wilcox at 8:15 a.m.

### **Attendance:**

### **OFFICERS**

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### **DIRECTORS**

Lonnie Coppernoll, Ray Szczepaniak , Ron Shuler [Abs], Dave Thill, and Linda Bontly [Abs].

**Others Present** Luci Cramer and Tom Neumann

### **Secretary's Report:**

Paul reported on some billing issues from Kiwanis International regarding Builders Club and K-Kids. We no longer sponsor those activities but are still getting billed for them. Paul will contact International and try and get those issues resolved. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Greg stated that our accounts are liquid and healthy to sustain our club and fund our various charitable organizations. Greg also reported that the NetSuites accounting software is working and that account reconciliation is much easier due to a new file download

format with Johnson Bank. Greg said that he finished and submitted the IRS Form 990EZ and that he still needs to file State of WI financial report in Q1 2024. As far as donations, the plan is to make about 6-7 additional donations in December and most other donations in January.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Parliamentary Procedures:**

After some discussion, it was determined that it would be a good idea to follow the rules of parliamentary procedure during board meetings to prevent any feelings of unfairness or slighting any members in attendance. Non board members are welcome to attend any meetings and voice their concerns or to bring up issues for discussion. Even though non board members are not allowed to vote, the board values their opinions and input and will be recognized by the president.

### **Membership:**

Tom Neumann expressed some frustration by the membership committee that all of the proposed ideas to increase membership have not resulted in any tangible results so far and would really appreciate it if any member has any new ideas for increasing membership to please forward them to him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel.

### **Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be Jan 31st at 8:15 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

## 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, Jerry Langdok, Greg Dickinson, Glen Disrude, Maury Frey, Ron Shuler, and other Kiwanis members have planned for our group.



### How To Avoid Scams & Fraud By Angela Hoium Fraud & BSA Officer Blackhawk Community Credit Union

December 6th

## Childrens Museum Of Rock County



Presentation  
By  
John Westphal

December 20th

## Good News



## Making The Holidays a Little Brighter

Black Hawk Golden "K" members Jerry Langdok [L] and Bruce Jorenby [R] presented a check to Parker Closet/Caring Advisor Deri Eastman [2<sup>nd</sup> from left] and Craig Closet/caring Advisor Heather Last during our regular club meeting on December 6.

Each school will receive \$2500 which will help these high school students find some joy this holiday season. Each participating student receives a gift card along with other small items such as earbuds, lip balm, personal care items, bus tokens and other teen friendly items. We hope this helps to make the holiday season one of smiles and not frowns.



December 13<sup>th</sup>





President Bob Wilcox



Committee report by Ron Shuler



Richard Johnson leading devotions



Tom Neumann Reports on sweatshirt orders [above] .Tom helping the Salvation Army Fund Drive [below].



Treasurer Greg Turco





John Janes [L] and Ray Szczepiac [R] are shown preparing the “Truck On Ice” for the parade.



Davis Citgo provided the transportation for our float in the annual Janesville Christmas Parade



Children enjoying the Christmas Parade



Truck On Ice – 2024 Christmas Parade







### **Truck On Ice 21<sup>st</sup> Season ~ 2024 Season**

Janesville Blackhawk Golden 'K' member John Janes is shown above with the Truck On Ice at Davis Citgo on December 22, 2023. The truck will begin its tour on December 29, 2024 when it will be displayed at Sam's Pizza on Milton Avenue.

The Truck On Ice raffle committee consisting of John Janes, Greg Turco, Luci Cramer, and Ron Shuler have distributed "TOI" tickets to all members.

Early in December, John Janes, Ray Szczepaniack, and Dave Figi prepared the truck for Janesville's annual Jolly Jingle Parade. A huge crowd gathered in downtown Janesville to view the parade. This marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year that the Truck on Ice fund raiser has been held. When the ice is thick enough the truck will be placed on the frozen surface of the Traxler park lagoon.

### **Important 'TOI' Details** by Glenn Disrude

The red Suburban is ready to travel. Thanks to Davis Citgo, the first stop will be to Sam's Pizza at Milton Avenue and Mt. Zion on December 29-Jan. 2. From January 3-8 it will be transported to Buzz Impressions at Centerway and Delavan Drive. Davis Citgo will continue to relocate the Suburban every 3 to 4 days to different locations throughout the city, eventually ending up at Mac's Pizza Shack from February 1-10. You will have to see if you can spot the Suburban at the other 5 locations between January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>.

You should have received your initial supply of tickets and if you need additional tickets contact your team leader. We need to sell as many tickets as we can and as you are aware that the more, we sell, the more we can help the children of Rock County. Collection for tickets will begin on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. The last Wednesday for member collection will be February 10, 2024.

You might be asked where tickets can be purchased. Tickets can be purchased from any Golden "K" member, or every day at Rotary Botanical Gardens and Mac's Pizza Shack. We will also be selling tickets at Daniel's Foods on West Court Street January 4,5,6 and 18,19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, at Lions Quick Mart at Highway 14 & 51 on January 25 & 26 and the Janesville Athletic Club at Black Bridge Road on February 1,2,3. Please sign up to work the sales table at these locations for a two-hour shift.

We also have 14 sponsors this year. Do you know who they are. Please review the sponsor list on your WIN-Sheet and thank them if you happen to have contact with them.

We all need to promote and do what we can to make the 21<sup>st</sup> year of Truck on Ice the best ever.

### **Blackhawk Golden 'K' Secretary**



Paul Neitzel is our secretary and smoothly keeps the wheels moving with important information and summaries of board meetings. Also, Paul is the Acting Principal percussionist with the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra.