



A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club  
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
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### OFFICERS

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



### DIRECTORS

2021-'24	Lon Coppernoll
2021-'24	Ray Szczepaniak
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

May	Chair: <i>Luci Cramer</i>
01 Program	<i>Video History of May Day by Luci Cramer</i>
08 Program	<i>Gettysburg-The Battle by Prof. Dick Haven</i>
15 Program	<i>115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing by Lt. Col. Koob</i>
22 Program	<i>Eagles by Kurt Van Galder</i>
29 Program	<i>Lakesidie Fire and Rescue by Randy Pickering</i>
June	
05 Program	<i>Badger Chordhawks Chorus by Christopher Smith</i>

### MAY CLUB CALENDAR

01	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
08	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
15	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
22	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
29	8:15	<i>Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>
June		
05	9:30	<i>Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens</i>

### GREETERS *Chair: Lon Coppernoll*

May 1	<i>John Sarnow &amp; Mel Lemirande</i>
May 8	<i>Dave Figi &amp; Bob Knudson</i>
May 15	<i>Dave Peterson &amp; Don Anderson</i>
May 22	<i>Roger Willeford &amp; Jerry Langdok</i>
May 29	<i>Ron Shuler &amp; Glen Disrude</i>

### RAFFLE *Chair: Maury Frey*

<i>Linda Bontly</i>
<i>Ryan Lewis</i>
<i>Bob Knudson</i>
<i>John Janes</i>
<i>Lisa Burnside</i>

### DEVOTIONS *Chair: Carl Cramer*

<i>Carl Cramer</i>
<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>
<i>Richard Johnson</i>
<i>Ron Shuler</i>

### SERVER *Chair: Glenn Disrude*

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**May Server: Glen Disrude**



**May 'Juice Man': Maury Frey**

## **Happy Birthday's For May:**

Dick Fay	May 2
Ron Anderson	May 5
Don Anderson	May 23
Ron Shuler	May 26
Linda Bontly	May 31
Mel Lemirande	May 31

## **Meeting Report 4/24/24**

### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

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

### **Attendance:**

### **OFFICERS**

**President:** Robert Wilcox

**President Elect:** Roger Willeford

**Vice President:** Richard Johnson

**Treasurer:** Greg Turco

**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel

### **DIRECTORS**

Lon Coppernoll (Abs), Ray Szczepaniak, Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, and Linda Bontly

**Others Present:** Luci Cramer and Ryan Lewis

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

Paul reminded the board that election of officers and directors needs to take place by May 15th. He presented the dues invoice for our four newest members to Greg Turco. He also provided the treasurer with copies of our Charter, Articles of Incorporation and the club bylaws to Greg for our tax-exempt status. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal..

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

Greg reported that Netsuites renewed our no-fee charitable organization contract for another year. Administrative Checking was down \$313 due to new member breakfasts and speaker gifts. The Service Checking was also down due to Truck on Ice prizes. Greg made a comment concerning the budget. He stated that the weekly meetings have cost \$3960 but baskets, raffle and happy box brought in only \$1960. This means the meetings have cost \$2000 more than our weekly revenue, and potentially \$4000 for the full year. The club and the membership should consider whether to try to increase weekly fund-raising,

or alternatively devote a good fraction of the mid-year appeal to funding the weekly meetings rather than other more appealing options.

Greg made a motion to approve the report as submitted and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Kiwanis Clubs:**

President Wilcox was contacted by the Alpine-Rockford Kiwanis club to give information on how their club operates. They meet weekly and have 7:00 am. meetings plus one evening meeting per month that is done on-line (video) for all day members and older members who normally don't attend regular meetings. Robert said he contacted the Beloit club and will report more next month. They meet twice a month.

#### **SLP:**

It was brought to the attention of the board that since we no longer are involved in the K-Kids and Builder's Club programs, we should maybe consider looking into the high school Key Club programs at Craig/Parker H.S. Ray Szczepaniak said he would volunteer to look into whether these clubs are still active and if not, would there be interest in starting a club again and what would be the financial commitment.

#### **Mid-Year Appeal:**

Dave Thill brought up the idea of having the mid-year appeal again and said he would chair the event if approved by the board. It was mentioned that the appeal is essential to running our club and to help with expenses. The board unanimously approved of the mid-year campaign and appeal letter being sent out.

#### **Kiwanis Park:**

Dave Thill mentioned that it's that time of year again for the ordering and planting of flowers at Kiwanis Park and setting up a watering schedule to take care of the plants. Dave made a motion to budget up to \$200 for the ordering of plants and was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

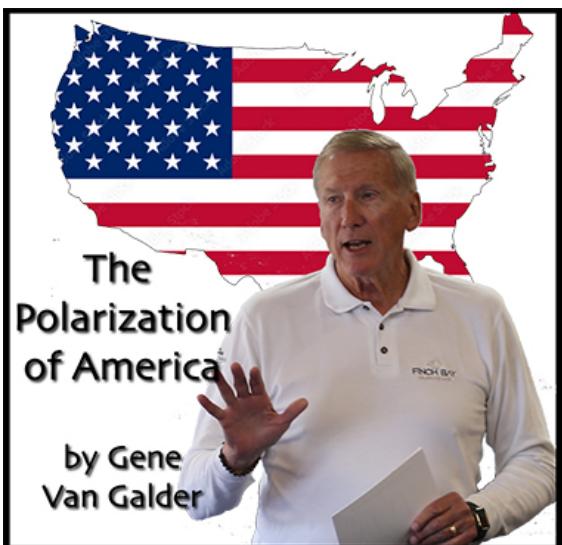
Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

## 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, Richard Johnson, Jerry Langdok, Greg Dickinson, Glenn Disrude, Maury Frey, Ron Shuler, and David Thill have planned for our group.



April 3



April 10



April 17



April 24

## Good News



Linda Bontly announces that the Easter Lily fund raiser she headed up raised \$1761. All of that amount will go to the Easter Seals supported children's Camp Waubeek in Wisconsin Dells.



Tom Neumann helping with the Easter Lily Fund raiser



New member Lisa Burnside looks forward to participation in upcoming events. She and Dennis Hilgendorf have been married 1 year and have a blended family of four grown adults and a combined total of nine grandchildren. She also has 3 dogs and 10 chickens. Her heritage: Lisa Irish, German and French. Dennis German, Italian and Greek. She has always lived in Wisconsin as well as her parents and feels blessed to be retired. Her hobbies: volunteering at church activities, reading theology/history hiking at parks, gardening, cooking, traveling, kayaking and Pickleball.



Kathy Durner

Kiwanis Wisconsin Upper Michigan Governor -Elect Kathy Durner visited our group on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy is a Janesville Parker graduate. She stated that one of my goals as governor-elect is to promote club and district growth. This can be achieved in several ways, beginning with clubs making the decision to grow, to strengthen membership, and to supply new and meaningful service to children in your community.