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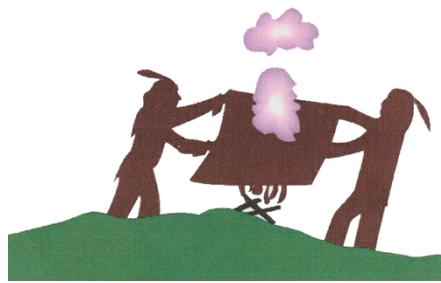
# SIGNAL

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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  
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**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

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

## PROGRAMS

**June** Chair: *Luci Cramer*  
 05 Program *Badger Chordhawks Chorus by Christopher Smith*  
 12 Program *Janesville Police Chief by Chad Pearson*  
 19 Program *Substance Abuse by Matthew Kinder*  
 26 Program *Safer Falls by Doug Anderson*  
**July**  
 03 Program *Janesville Operations Manager by Maggie Darr*

## MAY CLUB CALENDAR

05	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
12	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
19	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
26	8:15	Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
<b>July</b>		
03	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	<b>GREETERS</b> Chair: _____	<b>RAFFLE</b> Chair: <i>Maury Frey</i>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> Chair: <i>Carl Cramer</i>	<b>SERVER</b> Chair: <i>Glenn Disrude</i>
June 05	<i>Ray Cummins &amp; Lisa Burnside</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
June 12	<i>Tom Neumann &amp; Bruce Jorenby</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
June 19	<i>Steve Johnson &amp; Dave Figi</i>	<i>Lisa Burnside</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
June 26	<i>Jim Farrell &amp; Ryan Lewis</i>	<i>Jim Farrell</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
	<b>May Server:</b> <i>Glen Disrude</i>		<b>May 'Juice Man':</b> <i>Maury Frey</i>	

## Happy Birthday's For June:

<b>Richard Johnson</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Dave Kemp</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Don Kellogg</b>	<b>June 17</b>

## Meeting Report 5/29/2024

### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

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

### **Attendance:**

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### **DIRECTORS**

Ray Szczepaniak, Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, and Linda Bontly

**Others Present:** John Janes, Tom Neumann, Carl & Luci Cramer and Maury Frey.

### **Treasurers Report**

Admin Checking balance = \$15779; Service checking = \$46894

Tree sale = \$5948; expenses = \$3870;

Profit = \$2077 (planned profit was \$4000)

Uncashed checks (Service acct: Aktion Club - \$500; Reese Hollendke - \$1000; Brooklyn Zingheim - \$1000  
Linda made a motion to approve the report as submitted and was seconded by Ray and was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **VISIT OTHER CLUBS:**

Alpine Rockford Club has offered an invitation for their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7am with a \$10 breakfast available. Meetings are held at the Rockford Hoffman House on State Street. Lucy will make an announcement at today's meeting.

#### **Rotary Gardens Contribution for Tree sale assistance:**

Maury recommended that a \$500 donation be made to Rotary Gardens for their assistance with the tree sale. It was suggested a \$250 donation would be more

appropriate considering our net sales this year. Bruce made a motion to approve a \$250 donation to Rotary Gardens; was seconded by Ray and approved.

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

Dave Thill is working on the Mid-year appeal letter that will be sent out.

#### **Peanut Day:**

Linda indicated that since we are no longer doing peanut day sales she would like some guidance as to what to do with her garage full of peanut containers and other sales aid items.

It was decided to recycle all peanut day sales items

### **New Business**

#### **Vice President Position**

A general discussion regarding the position of the Vice President and other officers was held that indicated that attending leadership conferences should be emphasized and encouraged. Being on the board of directors is a good way to learn how the club operates.

#### **Member & previous member history retention**

Think about what to do and how to accomplish. Dave Thill is doing "Get to know our members" articles for the newsletter.

#### **K Club**

Ray Szepaniak reported that currently there is no K Club at Parker, but indicated that one is possible. Craig does have a K Club advised by Crystal Lipenkote with Katlin as president. Ray indicated he would act as the Kiwanis liaison with the K Clubs.

#### **Miscellaneous**

John Janes indicated that the tree sale effort accomplishes several things in addition to funds for our service effort.

~our name into the community  
~make things green

We will need a replacement for Lon Coppernoll on the Truck On Ice committee and a representative on the Board of Directors.

Ray will contact potential new board members.

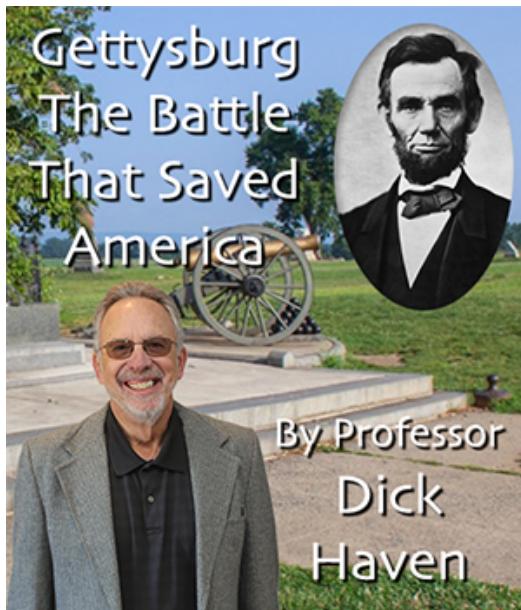
Submitted by Roger Willeford

## 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, Ryan Lewis, Greg Dickinson, Glenn Disrude, Jim Farrell, Maury Frey, Ron Shuler, and David Thill have planned for our group.



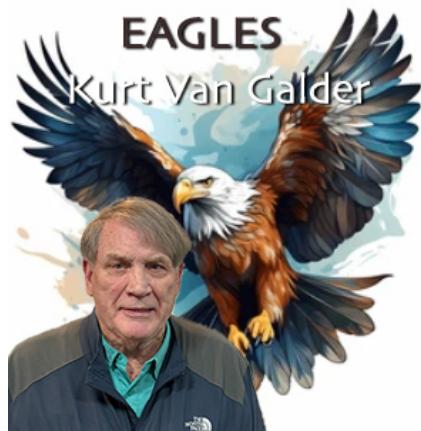
May 1



May 8



May 15



May 22



May 29

## Travel News



### Kiwanis Lose A Valuable Member

Lon Coppernoll 1949 - 2024

Lonnie L. Coppernoll, 74, passed away at his home with his family by his side. He was born August 26, 1949, in Hazel Green Wisconsin to the late Rev. Darold B. and Nona M. (Watson) Coppernoll. He graduated from Mount Carroll high school and went to UW-Richland Center, before transferring to UW-Platteville. It was here that he would meet Patricia Briggs and they would marry on September 25, 1971 at the First Baptist Church, Waukesha.

Lon would go on to UW-Whitewater where he would receive his master's degree in mathematics education. His career spanned 37 years at Milton Middle School where he taught mathematics, algebra, computers, and reading.

In retirement, he served the community through the Janesville Blackhawk Golden K in various leadership roles, Meals on Wheels, The Red Cross bloodmobile, and Gifts Men's shelter.

Lonnie is survived by his wife Tricia Coppernoll; daughters: Jennifer (Edward) Schroeder and Melissa (Samuel) Meister.

Memorials are appreciated to the Janesville Blackhawk Golden K, Agrace Hospice, or Compass Church – Janesville.



Members Bruce Jorenby and Tom Neumann on the USS Wisconsin at Norfolk, VA

## Tree Sale Project



Above L-R: Tom Neumann, Greg Turco, and Glen Disrude. Right: John Janes who organized the project. Below L-R: Lisa Burnside, Bob Knudson, and Ryan Lewis. John Janes incredible energy helped our group raise funds for our projects.



## "Meet Your Fellow Kiwanians"

My name is Wilson Claude 'Ryan' Lewis, and this is a page about my upbringing and life until now. My name came after a grandfather I never knew, and my recently deceased father. My early on family-only name has stayed with me.

The eldest of three boys, I was born in Waukegan, Illinois. I lived with my parents in a house next door to my grandmother's house and not far from my other grandparents' home for a few years. Much of my early life following kindergarten and the first grade was spent in Paddock Lake, WI, where friends and I bicycled or swam every inch of the village and a few miles surrounding in the following six years. We personally had a pool, were a block over from Paddock Lake, and a half a mile down the road, a cousin lived on Hooker Lake. My hook-setting skills and to some extent gills remain.

In grade school, I won my classroom pre-qualifier for a spelling bee after a lengthy showdown and made it to the school-wide, before falling to a word I knew due to not hearing it. I was a few years a decent saxophonist, was and am a fantastic mini-golfer, and twice won a school candy bar sales competition. In the late '80s, my grandparents purchased a computer, which fascinated me. My first-grade year was the school's first to have a computer class, where I learned touch typing (and Oregon Trail).

My grandparents, Dick and Jean Hadden, moved to Janesville during that time, where I have additional family. My grandfather and I were close. Not long after they moved, my grandparents took me along for a three-week driving tour around Europe, and again a few years later with my immediate family.

My family followed suit by moving to Janesville before I began the eighth grade. My first half year was in the old Marshall Middle School, previously Janesville High School, climbing three flights of stairs between some classes. My class was the inaugural (half) year for the brand-new facility on the East side.

My Grandpa was once a Freemason lodge master. He was active in many organizations. My early memories

of Janesville are Happy Joe's Pizza, where I later had my first job, and assisting Grandpa with making 'Truck on Ice' badges, and editing the Golden K newsletter, something for which he won a national Kiwanis award.

In high school my love of technology took its grip, and I started a business repairing computers. The governor sent a letter to congratulate me. My technology consulting company, Red Moon Computers, exists today.



After high school, the bachelor's life fit. While a few girlfriends were close, none stayed the course. Like my grandparents, I am a devoted Episcopalian. I am an active member of Trinity, and all are welcome to enjoy our internet-streamed Sunday services, which I generally operate.

My two pets, Amos and Solomon, are an 18-year-old and a 1-year-old Siamese. Amos' temperament from living with my grandmother as an only cat is generally visible dealing with the kitten. They are both talkative, shy lap cats.

In recent years, I have gone to URock shortly, and then BTC, part time. For less than a year, I was president of the student government. My passions are gardening, beekeeping (and am a board member of the Rock County Beekeepers), some mycology, fishing, and any information technology.

Kiwanis has always been a goal of mine. My family and fellow parishioners led the way. I look forward to being a productive member of our service-based organization, and doing some good.

## More Good News!!!



Blackhawk Golden 'K'; member Greg Dickinson and his wife Helen [above] were recognized for their years of generous support to the Boys and Girls Club. They are pictured getting their award with Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Veium [right].

[Photo by Tom Neumann]

Members Dave Peterson, John Janes, Roger Willeford, Dan Heerey, Dick Fay, Bob Knutson, and Tom Neumann represented the Golden Kiwanis at the presentation.



Linda Bontly announcing the health status of certain members. Also, Linda organizes the Meals on Wheels service that our group provides.

### Future Events

Luci Cramer would like to know of those interested in future visits to other cities and their Kiwanis Groups.

Ron Shuler announced the Janesville Library wishing Well earned \$82.50 each for the library and Golden 'K.' Ron also oversees the Wishing Well at the boys and Girls Club where proceeds are also split.

John Janes will need help with the Milton Parade during July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Truck On Ice fund raiser is promoted at the parade.



John Janes announces the results of the tree sale. Behind John is club president Bob Wilcox.