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## OFFICERS

**President:** Robert Wilcox  
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**President Elect:** Roger Willeford  
**Vice Pres:** Richard Johnson  
**Treasurer:** Greg Turco  
**Asst. Treas:** Linda Bontly  
**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel



## DIRECTORS

2022-'25	Ron Shuler
2022-'25	Dave Thill
2023-'26	Linda Bontly
2024-'27	Carl Cramer
2024-'27	Ray Szczepaniak

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

## PROGRAMS

<b>August</b>	<b>Chair: Luci Cramer</b>
07 Program	<i>Forward Janesville by Shar Hermanson</i>
14 Program	<i>Dawn Harvest Solar Farm by Stacey Kinkaid</i>
21 Program	<i>Milton's Historic Musings by Doug Welch</i>
28 Program	<i>Hedberg Public Library by Eric Robinson</i>
<b>September</b>	
04 Program	<i>Alzheimer's by Hanna Van</i>

## AUGUST CLUB CALENDAR

07	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
14	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
21	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
28	8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
<b>September</b>	
04	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

## GREETERS

*Chair: Maury Frey*

Aug 07 *Hamish Martin & Tom Neumann*

Aug 14 *Jim Farrell & Linda Bontly*

Aug 21 *Bob Knudson & Ray Szczepaniak*

Aug 28 *Jerry Langdok & Lisa Burnside*

## RAFFLE

*Chair: Maury Frey*

*Ryan Lewis*

*Bob Knudson*

*John Janes*

*Glen Disrude*



## DEVOTIONS

*Chair: Carl Cramer*

*Bob Knudson*

*Carl Cramer*

*Richard Johnson*

*Ron Shuler*

## SERVER

*Chair: Glenn Disrude*

*Jerry Langdok*

*Glenn Disrude*

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*Glenn Disrude*

**August Juice Man: Maury Frey**

## Happy Birthday's For August

Please see list in the Good News section!

## Meeting Report 7/31/2024

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

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

#### Attendance:

#### OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	Robert Wilcox
<b>Past President:</b>	Bruce Jorenby (Abs.)
<b>President Elect:</b>	Roger Willeford
<b>Vice President:</b>	Richard Johnson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Greg Turco
<b>Secretary:</b>	Paul Neitzel

#### DIRECTORS

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

**Others Present:** Carl & Luci Cramer, Glen Disrude, John Janes, Ryan Lewis and Tom Neumann.

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

Paul reminded the board that if they or any member of our organization would like to nominate someone for a Hixson Award, they should do so before the board meeting on Aug. 28th so that the board can vote on it and give the secretary enough time to order the award in time for our annual awards banquet on Sept. 25th. Paul also alerted the board that our dues will increase this year because Kiwanis International voted to increase dues at the annual convention in Denver. They voted to raise dues by \$25. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

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

Greg reported that our administrative checking account was up \$2506 in June due to our wonderful members and their generous contributions to the midyear appeal. The service checking was down due to our annual donations to six local charities including the Boys and Girls Club and the Rotary Gardens Education Program. A forecast for the full year 2024 income & expenses was made. This forecast was used to create two draft 2025 budgets – with and without the tree sale. The key takeaway is that weekly meeting costs are going up and weekly income (baskets/raffle) is going down. The administrative budget will have a loss and not a surplus

as in past years. This is due to the shortfall in the midyear appeal. A motion by Linda Bontly was made to rectify this matter by raising the weekly dues to \$5.00 and was seconded by Richard Johnson. The club has not raised the weekly meeting cost for many years. This motion was passed and will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2024.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Interclub Visits:**

Luci Cramer has contacted the Whitewater club but is still waiting to hear from them.

#### **Midyear Appeal:**

Our midyear appeal has collected \$3810 so far but is down about \$1000 from 2023.

#### **Events Calendar:**

Robert Wilcox mentioned that he would like to have a yearly calendar of events so membership can see what is happening each month and plan ahead. Fundraising events would be included in this calendar. The Buckley Picnic will be on Sept. 11th this year and held at Rotary Gardens. The board voted to approve \$200 for this event. The Senior Fair will be held on Sept. 13th.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Membership Efforts:**

Kiwanis News would like to know what each organization is doing both individually and as a group to promote new membership so that they can promote these ideas in their publication. We will be sending this information to them and hopefully we can also get some new and good ideas to help our club in this endeavor.

#### **Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Convention:**

We will be sending two representatives to the District Convention in Eau Claire, WI. this August and Linda Bontly made a motion to have our club reimburse their expenses and was seconded by Richard Johnson. This motion passed.

#### **Craig/Parker Closet:**

A suggestion was made to match what the club collects in donations up to a certain amount. The board will need to set what that maximum amount will be.

#### **Golf Outing:**

Glenn Disrude proposed an increase of \$250 to cover expenses for the golf outing, luncheon and prizes. The luncheon will be at Mac's Pizza on Aug. 22nd. This outing and meal will be available to all members whether you golf or not. This is one way the club can

thank all of the members for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Linda Bontly made a motion to approve this expense and was seconded by Richard Johnson and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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, Ryan Lewis, Greg Dickinson, Glenn Disrude, Jim Farrell, Maury Frey, Ron Shuler, and David Thill have planned for our group.



July 3



July 10

## ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS



July 17



July 24



July 31



Kiwanis member John Janes talked about the July 10<sup>th</sup> GIFT's program. John was one of the original four people who started that program back in 2007 at St. John Vianney parish.



Bob Wilcox Kiwanis President emphasizes a meeting objective.

## Good News!!!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Tom Neumann	August 06
Maury Frey	August 07
Dan Heerey	August 10
Carl Cramer	August 13
Luci Cramer	August 16
Dave Peterson	August 21
Jim Farrell	August 22
Dave Thill	August 23
Greg Turco	August 29

### July 13 Farmers Market Promo Booth



Above L-R: Greg Turco, Bruce Jorenby, and Tom Neumann.

Below L-R: Ryan Lewis and Ray Szczepanieck



### Our Club's Generosity: 2024 Donations

Treasurer Greg Turco reported the following organizations received donations from our Kiwanis group: Aktion Club of Rock County, Badgerland Girl Scouts, Blackhawk Tech College, Boys and Girls Club, Camp Wawbeek [Easter Seals], Craig's Closet, District foundation, Early Literacy TF Janesville Schools, Echo, High School Scholarships, Glacier's Edge Boy Scouts, Homeless Education Fund, Janesville Multicultural Teacher Scholarship, Janesville Parks, Janesville Schools/Bags of Hope, Kiwanis Children's fund, Parker Holiday Gifts "Closet", Pregnancy Helpline, Rotary Gardens, Salvation Army,

## A Look Back: Past Kiwanis Members



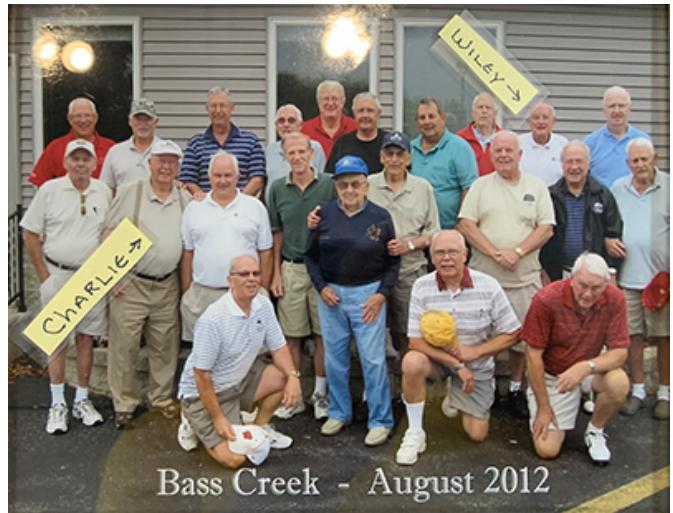
In the photo above past members shown in row 1 L-R: Charles Mowbray and Wiley Kessinger. They are shown with present members in row 2 L-R: Dale Henning, Maury Frey, and Jerry Langdok. Below is a look back at Charles and Wiley.

On January 13, 2024, Charles Mowbray died. He entered the military in 1944, serving in the Army's 87th division in WWII where he received the Purple Heart while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge in 1945. He was a long-time member of the Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis

Wiley Kessinger was a long time member of the Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis where he received the Kiwanis George F. Hixson Fellowship Award. He was 97 when he died on July 28, 2024. He was also a veteran of World War II. Wiley's funeral services will be on August 9th, 2024, at 11:30 at Janesville's First Lutheran Church with visitation from 10 to 11:30.

### Golf Memories From The Past

In the August 2012 photo [above right] 12 Kiwanians pictured are deceased. Bill Bessire, Wiley Kessinger, John Macdonald, Charlie Mowbray, John Olson, and Sam Thurner were World War 2 veterans. Also, no longer living are: Jim Clark, Dewey Cooper, Dick Creek, John Holcomb, Curt Larson, and John Nevins. We honor the memory of these former members who helped keep the great traditions of the Kiwanis community alive in Janesville and the surrounding area.



Bass Creek - August 2012

A special thank you to Jerry Langdok who provided the memories of past members as displayed in the golf photos shown in this newsletter.

### Save the Date

August 22, 2024

### Golf in the AM

**Lunch** at Macs  
starting at 11:30 AM



We are having our annual golf outing on August 22 with the first tee time at 9AM. Golf and cart will cost \$22.00. There will be prizes awarded on all holes. Par 3's will be closest to the pin. Par 4's & 5's will be longest putt with lowest team score earning a team member prize.

Sign up for the 22nd golf and lunch or lunch only will be August 7th and August 14th. Golfing teams will be handed out on Wednesday August 21st. The club will cover the cost of the luncheon buffet at Macs. The board looks at this luncheon as a way to provide members time to celebrate and recognize all for the resources each has provided on club projects throughout the year.