



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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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

September **Chair: Luci Cramer**

04 Program *Alzheimer's by Hanna Van*
 11 Program *Mark Twain by Ed Stried*
 18 Program *Badger Aces 1917-72 by Mike O'Connor*
 [Badger Aces book for sale will be about \$27]
 25 Program *Officer Induction and Awards*

October

02 Program *YWCA by Heidi Deininger*

SEPTEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

04	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
11	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
18	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
25	8:15	Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
<i>October</i>		
02	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	GREETERS <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	RAFFLE <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	DEVOTIONS <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	SERVER <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
Sep 04	<i>Ray Cummings & Dave Figi</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
Sep 11	<i>Lisa Burnside & Tom Neumann</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
Sep 18	<i>Jim Farrell & Dave Peterson</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniek</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Jerry Langdok</i>
Sep 25	<i>Bob Knudson & tom Neumann</i>	<i>Ryan Lewis</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
			September Juice Man: Maury Frey	

Happy Birthday For September

Glenn Disrude September 26

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 8/28/2024

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

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Treasurer: Greg Turco

Secretary: Paul Neitzel

Directors: Ron Shuler, David Thill, Linda Bontly, and Ray Szezepaniak.

Others Present: John Janes, Tom Neumann, Ryan Lewis, Bob Knudson, Glenn Disrude, and Maury Frey.

Secretary's Report:

Paul informed the board that the annual dues notices will be handed out on Sept. 4th. Kiwanis International raised the annual fee by \$25 so this year our club dues will be \$155. Please pay your dues by Oct. 1, 2024. Kiwanis will bill us based on the number of members on that date. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report from Greg stated that the administrative checking account was up \$3,404 due to the generous contributions from the midyear appeal. The service checking account was down \$1,891 primarily due to the annual donation to Rotary Gardens. Greg moved that the treasurer's report be approved as filed and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Weekly Expenses: After much discussion and debating the pro's and con's of what to charge the membership for weekly meeting expenses, Richard Johnson made a motion to rescind the \$5 weekly fee that was passed last month and change it to \$4 per week and was seconded by Bruce Jorenby and passed. This new fee will go into effect on Oct 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Charities to Fund: The annual budget and how much to fund each charity is impacted by whether or not we do a tree sale. After hearing from John Janes that he put in a preliminary order for the trees, Greg Turco moved that we go ahead with the tree sale for 2025 and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

Bruce Jorenby made a motion to contribute \$1,500 for scholarships to each high school. That motion was seconded by Linda Bontly but was vetoed by the board. Scholarships for Craig/Parker/Milton H.S. students were approved at \$1,000 for each school.

Key Club is a new charitable item that involves students at the high school level that our club thought would be a worthwhile project to get involved with. Parker H.S. is not interested at this time but Craig H.S. is. Ray Szczezepaniak is spearheading this project and said there are over 30 students in the club. Greg Turco made a motion to fund \$1,000 to help the club with expenses and was seconded by Ron Shuler and passed. Part of this funding is coming from the reduction to the Blackhawk Tech Scholarship fund. Instead of \$1,400, we will be donating \$1,000 to Blackhawk Tech.

The Craig/Parker closets are budgeted for but how to implement the collection of donations and the amount payable by the club has yet to be determined. Greg Turco made a motion to delete the Kiwanis District Foundation from our list of charities and add \$1,000 instead to Kiwanis Park and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved. The rest of the budgeted items on the 2024/2025 charities list were approved as listed with the stated dollar amounts.

The topic of the Hixson Award was discussed and the board approved the expenditure to the Kiwanis Children's Fund for that purpose but the recipient for this award has not been determined yet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

Weekly Programs

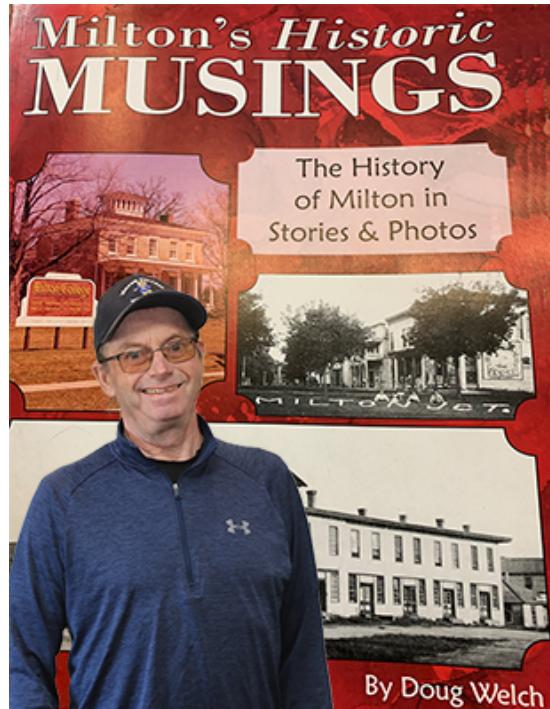
One of the many advantages of being a Kiwanis member are the programs that both enlighten and entertain members. Following is a brief glimpse back at what program chair Luci Cramer, Richard Johnson, Jerry Langdok, Ryan Lewis, Greg Dickinson, Glenn Disrude, Jim Farrell, Maury Frey, Ron Shuler, and David Thill have planned for our group.



August 7 ~ Shar Hermanson



August 14 ~ Stacey Kincaid



August 21 ~ Doug Welch

Doug 's excellent book was for sale [\$20]



August 28 ~ Rebecca Veium



President Elect Roger Willeford



Tom Neumann promoting the golf outing



Dale Henning Interacting with our August 21st speaker



On Sept 11th, we will be taking up a collection for Alzheimers, which is a terrible disease. We did this last year and our Golden K members raised close to \$3,000. That was outstanding.

In addition, the 27 members of the Frey Family Walkers raised another \$5,000 for a total of \$8,000. That was the most raised by any

team in the annual Rock County Walk. This year the goal is \$10,000. To encourage donations, any made by our members will be matched up to \$5,000. For example, If \$3,000 is donated again by our members, it will be matched to make a \$6,000 donation. Let's hope for more.

Donations can be by cash or check. If by check it should be made out to Alzheimers Assn or Maury Frey. Thanks for your help in trying to defeat this terrible disease.



Hamish Martin sharing humor with the group

Hamish is a British citizen who splits time between the United Kingdom and Janesville



One of the foursomes at the August 22 Golf activity



Golf organizers Jerry Langdok & Tom Neuman



Approved Charity Budget for 2024

Aktion Club of Rock County, Badgerland Girl Scouts, Bank Fees, Blackhawk Tech College, Boys & Girls Club, Camp Wawbeek (Easter Seals), Children's Museum of Rock County, Craig's Closet, District Foundation, Early Literacy Janesville Schools, Echo Donation, Glacier's Edge Boy Scouts, High School Scholarships, Homeless Education Fund, Janesville Multicultural Teach Scholarship, Janesville Schools Bags of Hope, Key Club, Kiwanis Children's Fund, Parks - Janesville, Parker Holiday Gifts "Closet", Pregnancy Helpline, Rotary Gardens, Salvation Army Donation, and Truck On Ice expenses and prizes.

This year's **Buckley Pot Luck Picnic** will be **September 11th**, after our meeting at Rotary Garden. Chicken and potato salad will be provided. Please bring your guest and a dish to pass. Below is a memory that member David Peterson shared. The Buckley Picnic invited spouses of deceased members as a way to continue social friendships.

The Buckley Picnic 2011

The Buckley Picnic, held in honor of our first club president, William Buckley, was a great success with 45

people in attendance. The weather was great, the food was wonderful and plentiful.

It was a very pleasant evening at Palmer Park.



The picnic started at 5 p.m. with an opening prayer by Carl Cramer and food was served immediately after.

Ruth Hauser was a special guest who thanked us and expressed her thoughts on how much Marvin truly enjoyed Kiwanis.



After the meal, Steve Weber performed many hits from various eras which had the crowd either singing along or tapping their feet.

Thanks to all who helped with set up and clean up



John Janes



Member Linda Bontly is pictured giving health updates on current and past members.



Member Dick Fay announcing where he is donating his raffle winnings to.