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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

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

PROGRAMS

October Chair: *Luci Cramer*

02 Program *YWCA by Heidi Deininger*
 09 Program *Janesville Communications by Amanda Gilbert*
 16 Program *Milton City Manager by Paul Hensch*
 23 Program *History of Gerrymandering in WI by Tim Cullen*
 30 Program *Beekeeping by Laura Worachek*
November
 06 Program *Elder Law by Douglas Ley*

OCTOBER CLUB CALENDAR

02	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
09	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
16	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
23	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
30	8:15	Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Garden
November		
06	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

GREETERS

Chair: *Maury Frey*

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Oct 02	<i>Dale Henning & Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Oct 09	<i>Ron Shuler & Jim Farrell</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Oct 16	<i>Hamish Martin & Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Oct 23	<i>Dave Figi & Tom Neumann</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Oct 30	<i>Don Kellogg & Dick Fay</i>	<i>Hamish Martin</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
			October Juice Man: <i>Maury Frey</i>	

Happy Birthday For October

Please see below for the birthday list

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 9/25/2024

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

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Past President:	Bruce Jorenby
President Elect:	Roger Willeford
Vice President:	Richard Johnson
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Secretary:	Paul Neitzel

Directors: Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, Linda Bontly, and Ray Szczepaniak [abs]

Others Present: Glenn Disrude, Maury Frey, John Sarnow, Ryan Lewis, Carl Cramer, Luci Cramer, and Tom Neumann

Secretary's Report:

Paul will be submitting to Kiwanis International the number of members that have paid their dues by Oct 2nd and that number will determine the bill they send to our club in October.

Please pay your yearly dues of \$155 to our treasurer, Greg Turco if you haven't already done so. Make checks out to Blackhawk Golden K. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg reported that our administrative checking account balance was up approximately \$3,000 because of dues income. Special expenses included \$192 for the post office box and \$474 for the Buckley picnic chicken. The service checking account was up about \$1,000 due to sponsorship income for the 2025 Truck on Ice. Special expenses included \$886 for the downpayment on the tree sales sapling trees. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Budget/Charitable organizations:

The charitable organizations and their dollar amounts have been approved and will be printed in an upcoming edition of the Smoke Signal. The administrative items in the budget were discussed and no changes were made. Richard Johnson made a motion to approve the budget and was seconded by Bruce Jorenby and passed.

December Meetings:

The December 25th meeting of the general membership is cancelled and the Board of Directors will meet on the 18th of Dec. instead.

Craig/Parker Closet:

There will be three meetings in November where the can for the closets will be passed around for donations.

Insurance Costs:

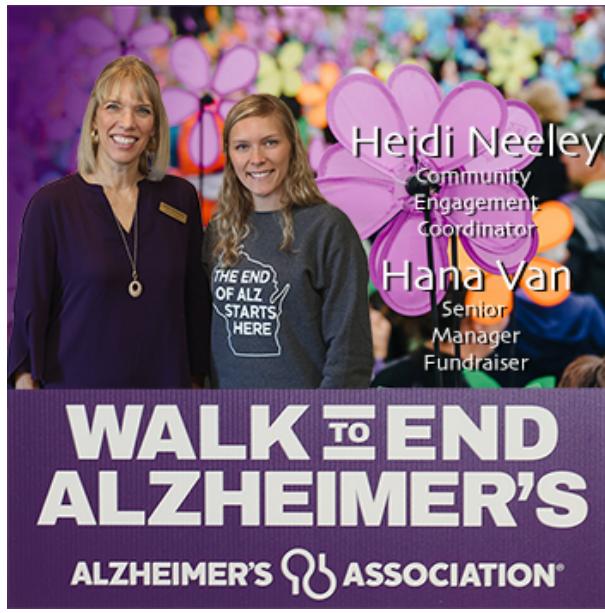
Glenn Disrude discussed the high cost of insurance for our club and said he would be willing to form a committee to look at alternatives such as different insurance companies outside of Kiwanis. Since insurance is part of our yearly dues, that would also mean a reorganization of the club. We will have a year to look at the possibilities and weigh the pros and cons of remaining as we are as a Kiwanis club or rebrand ourselves.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

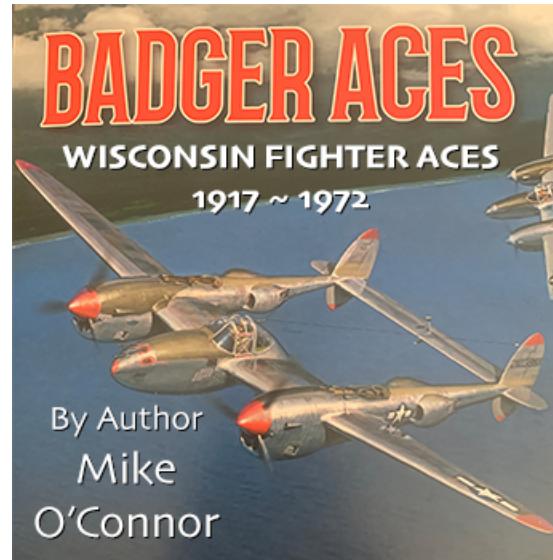
Submitted by secretary,
Paul Neitzel

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. See the next page for September's programs.

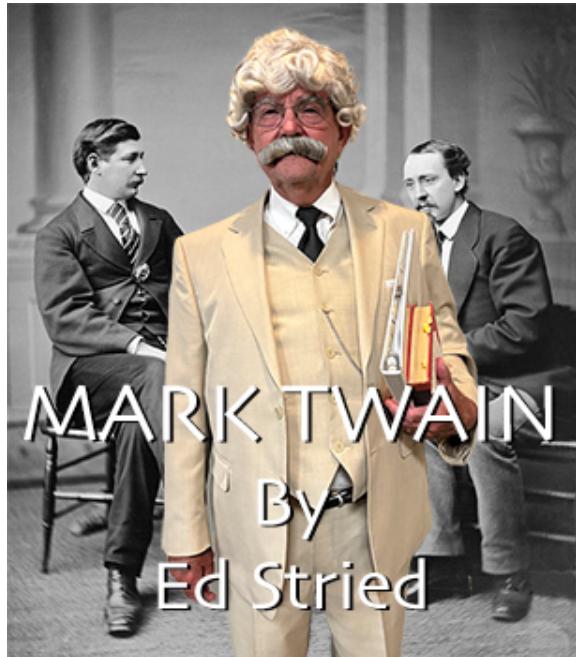


September 4 ~ Heidi Neeley & Hana Van

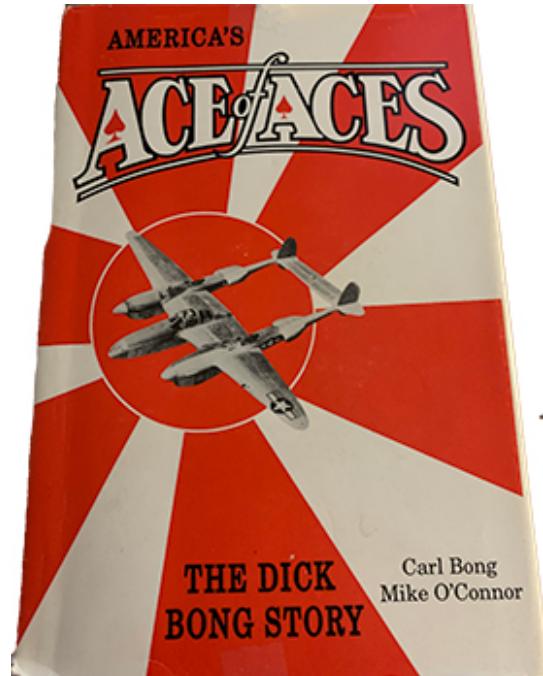


September 18 ~ Mike O'Connor

Mike 's excellent books America's Ace of Aces and Badger Aces were for sale after his talk.



September 11 ~ Ed Stried



September 18 ~ Mike O'Connor

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Jerry Langdok	October 1
Paul Neitzel	October 1
Dale Fulton	October 10
Dick Peck	October 23
Dave Figi	October 24
Robert Wilcox	October 26
Darlene Johnson	October 29

Thanks to the following members for helping man our promotional booth at the Farmers Market : John Janes, Tom Neumann, Bruce Jorenby, Don Anderson, Mel Lemirande, Ryan Lewis, and Ray Szczepaniak.



Tom Neumann and Bruce Jorenby at our booth at the Senior Fair

Budget Approved September 25, 2024

The board approved the charity items in August but not the fund raising expenses. The board approved the whole budget with the fund raising expenses on September 25th. The fund raising items include tree sale expenses, bank fees, truck on ice expenses/prizes, Tree sale expenses 3,880, Bank Fees for Service Acct 10, Echo Donation 3,200, Salvation Army Donation 1,780, Truck on Ice Expenses, Prizes 5,550, Rotary Gardens 2,490, Scholarship expense 3,000, Parks 1,000, District Foundation 620, Early Literacy TF Jnsvl Schools 3,740, Janesville Multicultural Teacher Scholarship 1,420, Blackhawk Tech College 1,000, Craig Cares Annual Support 2,340, Parker

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GOOD NEWS



The Frey family walkers finished the Alzheimer's Walk with a little over \$7200 raised to fight the disease. Of that amount, our club members donated over \$2100 which was matched by an anonymous person which raised our Golden K total to over \$4200. That is super. Give yourself a pat on the back. The \$7200 raised by the Frey family walkers was the highest raised by any team in the Alzheimer's Walk. Hopefully it will help to eliminate this terrible disease ~ Maury Frey
Photo of Maury and Kay by Tom Neumann.

Dick Fay [right] was recognized as a 30 year member and Maury Frey and James Hay were recognized as 25 year members of the Kiwanis Golden 'K' Club.





Carl Cramer our MC



President Roger Willeford [L] and President Elect Richard Johnson.



New president Roger Willeford [L] receives the gavel from past president Robert Wilcox



Secretary Paul Neitzel [L] and treasurer Greg Turco

Below: George F Hixson Fellowship awardees. Hixson was the first Kiwanis president. Awardees of the medal shown below have given \$1,000 or more to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

