



A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden “K” Kiwanis Club

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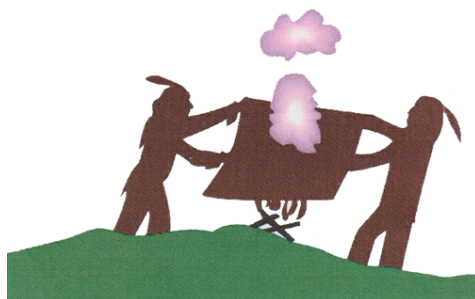
Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI

Wisconsin / Upper Michigan Governor: *Tim Lubinsky*

Division 4 Lt. Governor: *Vacant*

OFFICERS

President:	Roger Willeford
Pres. Elect:	Richard Johnson
Past Pres:	Robert Wilcox
Vice Pres:	Tom Neumann
Treasurer:	Greg Turco
Asst. Treas:	Linda Bontly
Secretary:	Paul Neitzel
Asst. Sect:	Bruce Jorenby



DIRECTORS

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

November	Chair: <i>Luci Cramer</i>
06 Program	<i>Elder Law by Douglas Ley</i>
13 Program	<i>Janesville City Manager Kevin Lahner</i>
20 Program	<i>Medicare Updates by Anita Hawkins and Ronnie Hill</i>
27 Program	<i>Rock County Board by Richard Bostwick</i>
December	
04 Program	<i>Janesville Utility Director Dave Botts</i>

NOVEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

06	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
13	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
20	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
27	8:15	Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
	9:30	Club Meeting @ Rotary Garden
December		
04	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>
Nov 06	Dale Henning \$ Dave Peterson	Linda Bontly	Carl Cramer	Linda Bontly
Nov 13	Mel Lemirande & John Sarnow	Dale Henning	Richard Johnson	Linda Bontly
Nov 20	Ryan Lewis & Tom Neumann	Ray Szczepaniak	Ron Shuler	Linda Bontly
Nov 27	Jim Farrell & Dave Thill	John Janes	Bob Knudson	Linda Bontly
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			October Juice Man: Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 10/30/2024

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

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Directors: Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, Linda Bontly, Carl Cramer, and Ray Szczepaniak.

Others Present: Jerry Burhans, Luci Cramer, Glenn Disrude, Maury Frey, Darlene Johnson, Bruce Jorenby, Ryan Lewis, and Tom Neumann.

Secretary's Report:

Paul updated the board on the status of the current membership and stated that with the two new members that have joined the club and losing two members, we have stayed the same with a membership total of 44. We are still waiting for the bill from Kiwanis International for our club dues. We should be receiving that very soon. The membership will be receiving new address and email listing handouts during the second week of November. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Turco's treasurer's report stated that the administrative checking account was up about \$600 due to the collection of dues. The service checking account balance increased by about \$14,000 due to sponsorship income for the 2025 Truck on Ice.

All accounts are liquid and in good shape and Greg moved to file the report as submitted and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Costs:

Glenn Disrude said he would like to look into the possibility of whether we should remain a Kiwanis Club or form a new club due to the high costs of membership and insurance costs. He would like to have 7-9 members explore this possibility and take a year to study the feasibility of taking on this new role to really see if we are getting our monies worth through Kiwanis International. This committee would meet monthly and explore and determine how the club would function without Kiwanis. After the committee finishes with researching this possibility, their recommendations will be

presented to the board and then to the membership to vote on.

Hixson Award Update:

A committee will be formed of previous Hixson award recipients to determine the next Hixson award winner for 2025. They will meet in the spring at the April 30th club meeting and submit their proposal to the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Interclub Visits:

Luci Cramer has been trying to get in touch with other clubs for interclub visits. She is reaching out to clubs in Division 4 which is our district and Division 5 which includes Monroe and Stoughton. The board thought it was worthwhile to make these visits for what we learn from other clubs and would like to continue this practice.

Kiwanis International Grants:

Roger Willeford mentioned that grants are available to clubs that have projects that can cost a fair amount of money. We would have to have a project in mind and someone to write the grant proposal. Roger said he would look into this and do a little more research.

Vice President Position:

We currently have a position open for Vice President and Tom Neumann said he would take on that responsibility. The club is thankful to Tom for taking on this responsibility and the membership will vote on this matter at the Nov. 6th meeting.

Craig/Parker Closet:

The Parker/Craig closet campaign will begin Nov. 6th and we will take collections on Nov 13th and 20th as well.

Kandu Industries:

Linda Bontly presented a project for our club to get involved with involving the Aktion Club of Kandu Industries which we support. This year the Aktion Club is looking for sponsors for the first "Kandu Festive Forest Extravaganza". This involves a donation of \$250. They would furnish the tree and we would supply the decorations. These trees will be auctioned off and the proceeds will benefit the Kandu clients. These are pre-lit trees and would be decorated sometime between Nov 19th-22nd. The event takes place on Dec 7th at Kandu Industries in Milton. Our Kiwanis Club name would be associated with our tree as a sponsoring organization. Ron Shuler has graciously consented to come up with a theme for this tree and help with the decorating. This proposal was seconded by Bruce Jorenby and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

Who We Are

The **YWCA Rock County** is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

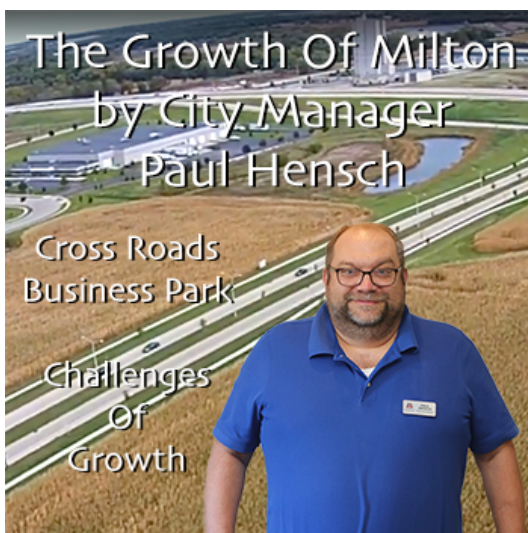
By
**Heidi
Deininger**
Executive
Director
Rock County
YWCA



October 2 ~ Heidi Deininger



October 9 ~ Amanda Gilbert



October 16 ~ Paul Hensch

HISTORY OF
GERRYMANDERING
IN WISCONSIN



By
Ex-State
Senator
Tim
Cullen

October 23 ~ Tim Cullen

Ex Wisconsin State Senator and lifelong Janesville resident Tim Cullen highlighted his book **Wisconsin Gerrymandering: The Fight for Permanent Fair Maps and Why it Matters.**



October 30 ~ Laura Worachek

Weekly Programs: One of the many advantages of being a Kiwanis member are the programs that both enlighten and entertain members.



"What do you get when you cross a pine tree with an apple tree?" [See Mel for the answer!]



L-R: Carl Cramer initiates new member Steve Skelly shown with his sponsor Tom Neumann.



New Kiwanis member Steve Skelly

The Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville has added to its grounds "False Indigo: A Legacy Leaves Memorial," a sculpture designed by acclaimed artist CJ Rench.

Commissioned by long-time Gardens supporters Gregg and Helen Dickinson, the sculpture was created in loving memory of their son, Ben Dickinson, and will stand as a lasting tribute to his life and legacy. Gregg is a Kiwanis club member. Our club holds its weekly meetings at the Rotary Gardens Conference Center



"False Indigo: A Legacy Leaves Memorial," resides in the Rotary Gardens.



Veterans Day is observed on November 11th.

All Americans are indebted to those who have served our country. Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day, a day to honor those who served in World War I. In 1978 Congress returned the observance of Veterans Day to November 11th. November 11th was the day that world War I ended. Present Kiwanis members who are veterans are Row 1, L-R: Don Kellogg, Dick Fay, Bob Knudson, Dale Henning, and Glenn Disrude. Row 2, L-R: David Kemp, Dan Heerey, Paul Neitzel, John Sarnow, Jerry Langdok, Robert Wilcox, David Thill, and John Janes.

WW 2 MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

About 10 ½ years ago we had 8 of our WW 2 veterans tell us about their experiences during WW 2. Unfortunately, we have lost all 8 of our hero's. Take a look, how many do you remember? Jerry Langdok provided a glimpse of the past with the photo below. Past Kiwanis members who were veterans are shown. Seated below right to left are 1. Don Schaffner 2. Charlie Mowbray 3. Bob Homan 4. Frank Douglas [standing], 5. Wiley Kessinger, 6. Sam Thurner 7. John Olson, and 8. John Macdonald. Moderator in background: Jim Hay





Maury Frey [L] and Jim Hay [R] presented 25 Year Awards by President Roger Willeford [Center].



Weekly program chair Luci Cramer announces future speakers.



John Janes gives Truck On Ice update



Glenn Disrude with a 'Happy Box' donation



Linda Bontly giving member health updates