



## A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club

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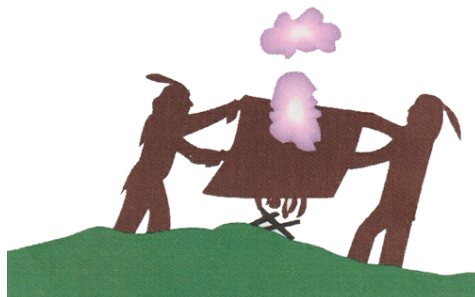
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
Wisconsin / Upper Michigan Governor: *Tim Lubinsky* Division 4 Lt. Governor: *Vacant*

### 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. Secr:** 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

**December Chair: Luci Cramer**  
04 Program Janesville Utility Director by Dave Botts  
11 Program Janesville Business Academy by Craig & Parker Students  
18 Program Ukraine by Yuri Rashkin  
25 Program No Meeting Family Time ~ Merry Christmas  
**January**  
01 Program No Meeting: Family time ~ Happy New Year

### DECMBER CLUB CALENDAR

04 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
25 \_\_\_\_\_ Merry Christmas  
**January**  
01 ----- Happy New Year

	<b>GREETERS</b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b>RAFFLE</b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	<b>SERVER</b> <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
Dec 04	<b>Dave Figi &amp; John Janes</b>	<b>John Janes</b>	<b>Carl Cramer</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
Dec 11	<b>Bob Knudson &amp; Stephen Skelly</b>	<b>Maury Frey</b>	<b>Richard Johnson</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
Dec 18	<b>Tom Neumann &amp; Bruce jorenby</b>	<b>Bob Knudson</b>	<b>Ron Shuler</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
Dec 25	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
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			<b>December Juice Man: Maury Frey</b>	

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 11/27/2024**

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

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**Directors:** Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, Linda Bontly [abs], Carl Cramer [abs], and Ray Szczepaniak [abs].

**Others Present:** Bruce Jorenby, Ryan Lewis, and Jerry Langdok..

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

Each year, Kiwanis clubs in Wisconsin Upper Michigan are assessed a convention assessment of \$90 per club. This helps to cover expenses related to the District Convention in August and makes registration free for all members of our club. This assessment used to be included as part of our invoice from Kiwanis International. Effective this year, International no longer collects assessments on behalf of the districts and are being billed directly from the Kiwanis District Office. Paul submitted the bill to Greg Turco for payment. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

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

Greg Turco reported that the administrative checking is up about \$2,000 and the Service checking is up about \$8,000 primarily due to sponsorship income for the 2025 Truck on Ice and also the Craig/Parker Closet holiday gifts. Greg made a motion to approve the report and was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Key Club:**

Ray Szczepaniak is still looking into the matter of possibly having Milton H.S. participate in a key club.

**Vice President:**

The position has officially been filled by Tom Neumann.

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

After much discussion, the board took a motion by Richard Johnson to donate \$1,500 to each of the two high schools and was seconded by Tom Neumann and passed. The budget uses Truck on Ice funds to supplement the Craig/Parker collection. No matching fund calculation is being used this year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Inter Club Visits:**

Luci Cramer has a Beloit Club visit scheduled for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the El Ray Bowl parking lot at 11:30 for car pool to Beloit.

#### **Kiwanis Grants:**

We as a club can apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 but we need to identify a project if we want to proceed and have someone write the grant proposal. Roger Willeford said he would look into this matter further.

#### **Brat Stand:**

Roger Willeford mentioned that we could get involved with Festival Foods for a fundraiser involving running a brat stand at Festival Foods. They would provide the stand and the food at cost and it would involve cooking and selling the brats and other items. We could identify what the money would be used for and it would be good publicity and a chance to raise more money. This project could take place anytime from May until the end of summer.

#### **Kandu Christmas Tree:**

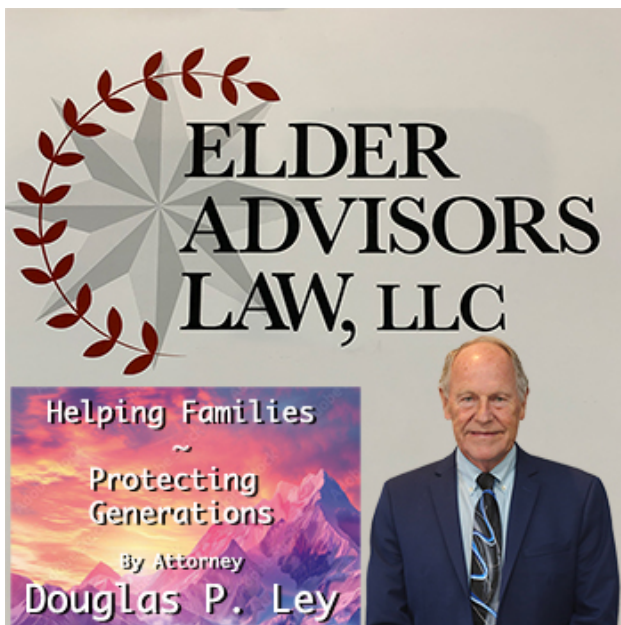
Ron Shuler said the Blackhawk Golden K Christmas tree is up and available for viewing at Kandu Industries in Milton.

#### **Wisconsin/Upper Michigan District:**

If anyone is interested, there will be a midyear conference in Brookfield, WI on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be free to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel



November 6 ~ Douglas Ley



November 20 ~ Ronnie Hill & Anita Hawkins



November 13 ~ Kevin Lahner



November 27 ~ Richard Bostwick

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



## Happy Birthday Wishes

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Jerry Burhans

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Hamish Martin



New member Nancy Tarco [11/04/24]



John Janes gives Truck On Ice update while  
Luci Cramer updates new program schedules



Linda Bontly [L] sponsor of new member Nancy Tarco



Members listen to and then asked questions  
to Janesville City Manager Kevin Lahner.

