



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

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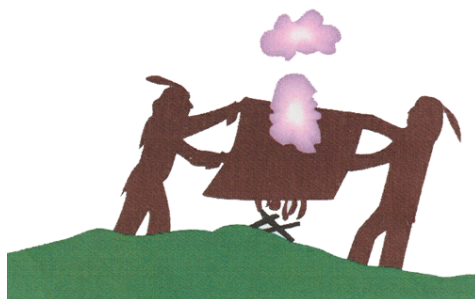
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
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**President:** Roger Willeford  
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**Past Pres:** Robert Wilcox  
**Vice Pres:** Tom Neumann  
**Treasurer:** Greg Turco  
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**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

### March

Chair: *Luci Cramer*


05 Program Rock Co. Finance Dir. By Kristin Vander Kooi  
12 Program Assembly Representative by Ann Roe  
19 Program *Kiwanis Camps by Kathy Durner [WI/UP Gov.]*  
26 Program Craftsman with Character by Deb Prowse

### April

02 Program *Therapeutic Horsemanship by Shelia Martin*

## MARCH CLUB CALENDAR

05 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
  
April  
02 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	<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>
Mar 5	<i>Tom Neumann &amp; Bruce Jorenby</i>	<i>Linda Bontley</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Mar 12	<i>Dave Caverley &amp; Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Mar 19	<i>Jim Farrell &amp; Bob Wilcox</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Mar 26	<i>Bob Knudson &amp; Dave Figi</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
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			March Juice Man: Maury Frey	

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 02/26/2025**

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, John Janes, Dave Kemp, and Ryan Lewis.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul thought it would be a good idea to clarify our cancellation policy due to inclement weather. Whenever the School District of Janesville cancels school the night before we meet on Wednesdays, Rotary Gardens will be closed and there will be no meeting. If the school district cancels on a Wednesday morning, we will have our meeting due to the difficulty of scheduling regarding guest speakers unless notified via email/phone call. There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg's report stated that the administrative checking balance was up about \$300 due to the timing of our bills. The service checking was up about \$5400 due to \$7000 of T.O.I. income and one of our \$1500 scholarships were paid out. Greg made a motion to approve the report and was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Key Club Update:** Ray Szczepaniak informed the board that he heard from all 3 area high schools regarding interest in Key Club. Craig H.S. is interested and will present to the student body for possible involvement but it probably wouldn't begin until next year. Parker was non-committal regarding involvement and Milton has an Inter Act Club with about 10

members. They are not interested in forming a new Key Club but would welcome any financial assistance that we could provide to help them with their community involvement projects. Ray made a motion to allocate \$200 in funds for their Inter Act Club and was seconded by Carl Cramer and approved.

**Aktion Club Update:** Linda Bontly said that all is going well at Kandu Industries and expressed gratitude for our continued support of the Aktion Club with our \$240 a year subsidy.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**St. Pat's Day Dinner:** Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held at the Elk's Club on March 19th with a social hour from 5-5:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30.

**Officer/Director Positions:** The club currently has openings for two director positions starting October 2025. Bruce Jorenby and Ryan Lewis have volunteered to fill those positions but if anyone else is interested, please notify one of our board members before the elections held in May. We also have an opening for the position of Vice President.

**Club Banner:** John Janes said that the club needs a new and better banner for all of our club sponsored events and made a motion to spend \$200 or possibly more to obtain a new banner. The motion was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

**Flag Box:** The flag drop box at Kiwanis Park is starting to look shabby and needs a new paint job. It was suggested that maybe we could make this an art contest at the high schools and get some students involved with this project.

**Future Fundraisers:** Instead of just one big fundraiser in the winter, it was suggested that maybe we could also do multiple projects throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons. Numerous ideas were presented to the board and this is something the board is very interested to look into for raising a considerable amount of money to help kids and our community. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary Paul Neitzel



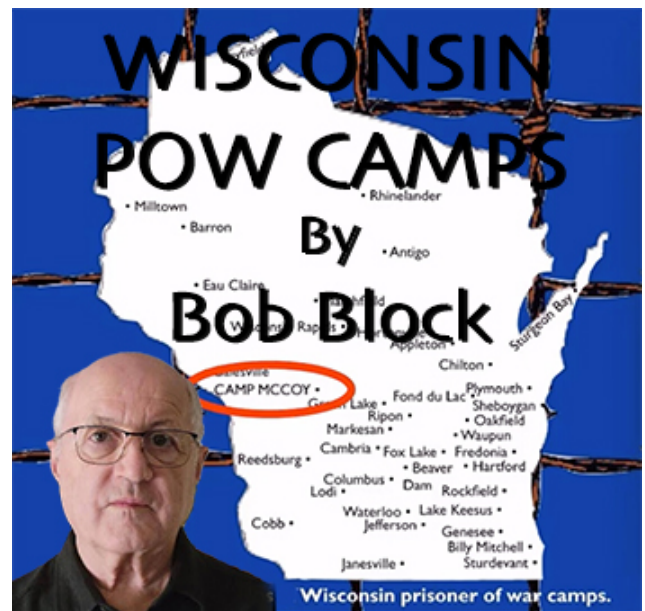
February 5 ~ Justin Makowan



February 19 ~ Duane Jorgenson: Rock County



February 12 ~ Ryan Murphy: Fire Department



February 26 ~ Bob Block

Above are glimpses of the outstanding programs presented to our group at our weekly meetings.

The program committee under the leadership of Luci Cramer arranges to have speakers that give informative and thought provoking programs each week.



## Happy Birthday Wishes

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Jorenby  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Gregg Dickinson  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Lewis



John Janes explaining the procedures for the Truck On Ice contest



Jerry Langdok introduces visiting Kiwanis member Carrie from Rockford, IL.



Kiwanis member Steve Skelly [above] has been featured in a Hawaiian Airlines magazine article. That article can be found at:

[hawaiianairlines.com/hawaii-stories/hana-hou/articles/issue-28-1/brother-in-alms](http://hawaiianairlines.com/hawaii-stories/hana-hou/articles/issue-28-1/brother-in-alms)

You can search the article on Google by using the search phrase: Brother in Alms Joseph Dutton. Dutton was a former Janesville resident who played a significant part in the Civil War and then dedicated his life to helping at a leprosy colony in Hawaii.



Some of the members enjoying conversation prior to the start of our Wednesday meeting at 9:30 at the excellent facilities at Rotary Gardens.



Jim Farrell of the program committee introduces a meeting speaker.



Carl Cramer inducting new member Jenny Turco



Vice-President Richard Johnson



Jenny Turco ~ Newest Blackhawk Golden 'K' member



Dick Fay donating his raffle winnings to a Kiwanis project



Kiwanis treasurer Greg Turco is shown with his wife Jenny at Jenny's induction ceremony