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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

April **Chair: Luci Cramer**
 02 Program Therapeutic Horsemanship by Shelia Martin
 09 Program Care Patrol by Carrie Grubanowitch
 16 Program HPL Director by Eric Robinson
 23 Program UW-Whitewater Chancellor King & Dean Clasen
 30 Program United Ethanol by Dan Wyck
May
 07 Program BCCU Fraud Security Officer by Angie Hoium

APRIL 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 Gardens
May	
07	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>
Apr 02	<i>John Sarnow & Mel Lemirande</i>	<i>Linda Bontley</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Apr 09	<i>Hamish Martin & Tom Neumann</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Apr 16	<i>Bob Knudson & Dave Figi</i>	<i>Ryan Lewis</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Apr 23	<i>Dave Caverley & Rich Johnson</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
Apr 30	<i>Jim Farrell & John Janes</i>	<i>Glen Disrude</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>
			April 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: Ryan Lewis.

Treasurer's Report

Checking is up ~\$300 due to late deposits from snow days.

Service checking is down ~\$5,000 due to payouts after Truck on Ice.

Gravity wells were collected: Library, +\$143 – Boys and Girls Club, +\$20.

Two Truck on Ice winners have offered to donate their winnings to Project 16:49.

Motion to approve by Greg, and seconded by Linda. All agreed.

Youth and other clubs

Ray reported:

We are pursuing a Rock University (at BTC) Key Club (14-18yo only per bylaws). Key Club are celebrating their 100th anniversary. If we can organize soon, they will waive their \$100 dues.

Aktion Club

Linda reported:

They are doing well. "Let's have an event we do together" is being pursued.

Buddy Bench

'No news is good news.' Glenn Disrude reported (remotely) progress will be made next month.

Membership Committee

Tom reported:

Upcoming are two Farmer's Markets and a Senior Fair (which is \$100). Scoopie Nights, at any of the four (including Newville) locations, and maybe a Rock County Brewing "Smoker" night may be good future fundraisers and/or get the name out there.

Other Business

Lions is doing their Chicken Roast. The 2025 event will be towards the end of the year. They'd like a commitment by April 15th, for which discussion led to support. A donation was suggested to the Janesville Traxler Park Fund (not Riverside this year). The event is 11a-3p and requires sponsors to be present, and if needed bring a pop-up tent. Music, games and the playground are part of the goings-on. The Lions expect over 500 chicken dinners sold.

Linda motioned and Tom seconded participation and a \$250 donation. All approved.

Upcoming conventions were discussed including International, in Pittsburgh this year. Carl volunteered, historically the club would support up to two officers for \$1,000 each to attend, which was a fraction of the total cost. It was discussed the International tickets alone are \$399 each, before lodging, meals, transportation and etcetera.

Tom motioned and Carl seconded an increase (from \$200) in funds offered to officers to attend events. Greg voiced concern the money is not in the budget. All ayes except Greg's nay.

Tom spoke upon the Murder Mystery event. It sounds fun! It is expensive. Between the Chicago or Milwaukee entertainment company with food and the venue, tickets might be \$100. Sponsorships were touched upon. The item was tabled until such time as funding is more readily available.

Other topics included new club signage in the works, and nominations for upcoming elections which include confirmed interest by Ryan Lewis and Steve Skelly in being Directors.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15a

Submitted by Ryan Lewis



March 5 ~ Kristin Vander Kooi



March 19 ~ Kathy Durner



March 12 ~ Lisa Tollefson



March 26 ~ Deb Prowse

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

April 5 th	Don Hanneman
April 12 th	David Caverley
April 20 th	Dale Henning
April 28 th	Ray Cummings



President Roger Willeford reading letters of thank you from some of the organizations that our group has contributed to.

From the president

Could our club use a boost? Some things to consider:

1. What kind of club do we really have? Are there enough "Kiwanis" in our club?
2. What makes us different from other community organizations? Are we leveraging that difference to grow our club and make a greater impact?
3. Who do we know who will bring fresh ideas, perspectives, and causes to our club? How will we make that connection?
4. How can each member use their strengths, skills, and interests to drive the Kiwanis mission?
5. Do locals know our club exists? If so, do they know what we do and what impact we have? If not, how do we tell them?



At our March 19th meeting Kathy Durner the Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula Kiwanis Governor presented Distinguished Awards to four of our members:

Linda Bontly ~ Community Improvement
Greg Dickinson ~ Support
Luci Cramer ~ Membership and Education
John Janes ~ Kiwanis Image



Alice In DairyLand Ashley Hagenow sent an autographed Thank You poster to our club.

Ashley wrote "Dear Blackhawk Golden K Kiwanis, Thank you for your support of Wisconsin agriculture. It was an honor to visit you all."



L-R: Members Bruce Jorenby and Greg Turco along with Johnson Wealth Management's Tyler Mosley and Joel Bailey prepare for the Truck On Ice prize drawing.



John Janes reads the name of a winning \$250 ticket that was drawn by vice-president Richard Johnson. That ticket was sold by Dave Figi.



Bailey, Mosley and Ice On Truck organizer John Janes prepare tickets for the drawing.



Winfred 'Curly' Bold
December 31, 1929 ~ March 4, 2025

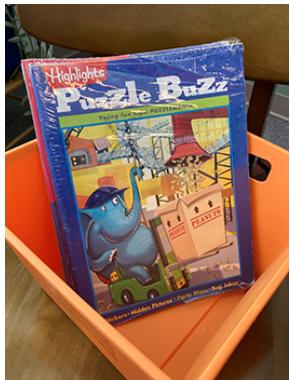
'Curly' a long time Kiwanis member is shown in a 2024 photo after he won a raffle at a weekly meeting. Curly then drew a 'Joker' to win the cumulative Jackpot. Curly died at Skaalen Nursing Home in Stoughton on March 4, 2025.



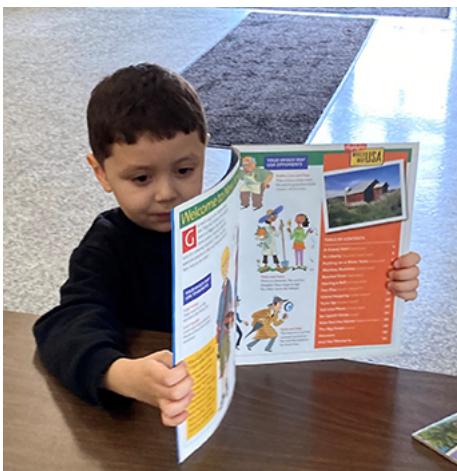
President Roger Willeford draws the winning \$3,000 ticket. That ticket was sold by Kiwanis member John Sarnow.



David Peterson with good news on his surgery



Roger picked up two boxes of books from the Kiwanis District warehouse. He returned with them, and they were given to kids at Rock County, Walworth County Head Start / Early Head Start.



Kiwanis Head Start Book Project

