

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

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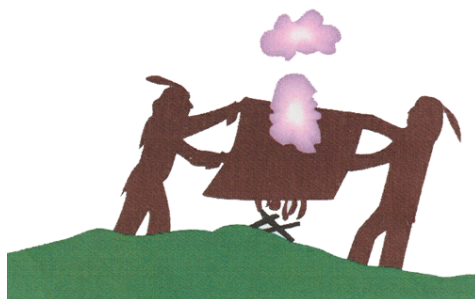
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
Wisconsin / Upper Michigan Governor: *Kathy Durner* Division 4 Lt. Governor: *Vacant*

### OFFICERS

**President:** Richard Johnson  
**Pres. Elect:** Tom Neumann  
**Past Pres:** Roger Willeford  
**Vice Pres:** Jim Farrell  
**Treasurer:** Greg Turco  
**Asst. Treas:** Linda Bontly  
**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel  
**Asst. Secr:** Bruce Jorenby



### DIRECTORS

**2025-'28** Ryan Lewis  
**2025-'28** Steve Skelly  
**2024-'27** Carl Cramer  
**2024-'27** Ray Szczepaniak  
**2023-'26** Linda Bontly


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**"Improving the world one child and one community at a time"**

### PROGRAMS

**November** Chair: *Luci Cramer*  
**05 Program** Janesville City Assessor by Michelle Laube  
**12 Program** Skelly Farm Market by Scott Skelly  
**19 Program** Ronald McDonald House by Melissa Wilbanks  
**26 Program** R.C. Historical Society by Dave Thompson  
**December**  
**03 Program** ????

### NOVEMBER 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  
**December**  
**03** \_\_\_\_\_ 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>
Nov 5	<i>April Wright &amp; Nikki Bennett</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Nov 12	<i>Dave Peterson &amp; Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Ron Shuler</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Nov 19	<i>David Calverley &amp; Tom Neumann</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Nov 26	<i>Ron Shuler &amp; Bob Wilcox</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude-</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
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			<b>November Juice Man:</b> Maury Frey	

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 10/29/25**

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

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President Elect: Tom Neumann  
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Asst. Secretary: Bruce Jorenby [Abs]

**Directors:** Linda Bontly, Carl Cramer, Ryan Lewis, Steve Skelly, and Ray Szczepaniak.

**Others Present:** Luci Cramer.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul gave an update on the membership status of who didn't renew and the addition of two new members. The club is currently at 41 members. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg reported that the administrative checking was up about \$1000 due to the dues payments and the two Rotary Garden rent bills, payout of the Joker Pool and the installation breakfast. The service checking was up about \$5000 mostly due to Truck on Ice sponsorships. Greg said he would look into the possibility of parking the money from the service account into an interest bearing account since there is a substantial amount of money that could be generating additional income for the club. Greg made a motion to approve the report and was seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2025-2026 Budget:** After much discussion by the board, the topic of scholarships and doing the most good with the money we have was raised and Ryan Lewis made a motion to discontinue funding the high school scholarships and use this money to fund other projects that effect more children. This motion was seconded by Steve Skelly and passed. Ray

Szczepaniak made a motion to tentatively approve the 2025-26 budget and was seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023-2024 Audit:** Jim Farrell presented the audit for 2023/2024 to the board along with Ray Szczepaniak. In Jim's report, he stated that he audited the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Cash Statement Detail for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2024. Jim said he and the treasurer agreed that an improvement to cash controls would be to use computer checks rather than handwritten checks and that another member does the cash reconciliations monthly. Because cash accounts make up 96% of the Balance Sheet assets, it's important that accounts be reconciled by a member monthly. Jim and Ray looked at internal controls for the weekly cash deposits and Truck on Ice. They both agreed that processes were followed. There is not a written procedure for tree sales. They recommend a process be written up by a designate on the board and also recommend a process for Truck on Ice be reviewed during an upcoming audit.

It is the opinion of the auditing committee that the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects the financial position of Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis as of September 30, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Jim made a motion to approve the audit report and was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

**Rock University H.S. Key Club:** Ray Szczepaniak made a motion to fund \$350 for the new Rock University H.S. Key Club for t shirts with the Kiwanis logo on them for all 33 students that have joined the club. They are an active group in the community and will be a great asset to our club in the future. Carl Cramer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel



October 1 ~ Ben Reese



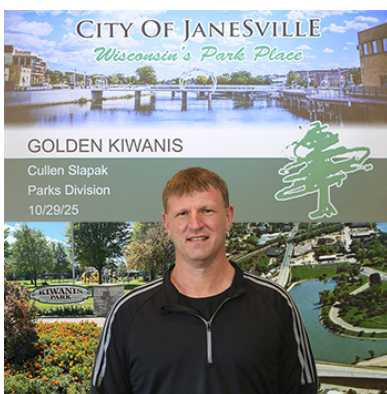
October 15 ~ Dawn Fiedler



October 8 ~ Sherry Derr-Wille



October 22 ~ Holly Shrum



October 29 ~ Cullen Slapak



April Wright and John Janes present new members Nikki and John Bennett with their membership certificates



## Happy Birthday Wishes

No November birthdays to announce!



The special bench project headed up by member Steve Skelly offers individualized benches with inscriptions.



Members Bob Knudson and Steve Skelly working on bench construction.



New members John and Nikki Bennett



L-R: President Richard Johnson, and members John Janes and Steve Skelly discuss promoting our major fund raiser Truck On Ice.


Steve Skelly wore a newly designed T-shirt that promotes the Truck on Ice fund raiser.





T-shirt design Truck On Ice

# Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis



## Serving Children of the World

**SUPPORTING**

- High School Scholarships
- New Teacher Scholarships
- Early Literacy for Preschoolers
- Boys and Girls Club
- Craig and Parker Closets
- Camp Wawbeek for the Disabled
- Homeless Students (Project 16:49)
- Aid for New Mothers & many more

**FUNDRAISERS**

- Truck on Ice | Lily Day | Tree Sales

**COMMUNITY ACTION**

Blood Drives	Bike Race
Bell Ringing	Kiwanis Park
Meals on Wheels	Kiwanis Pond
Flag Retirement	Kiwanis Trail
Renaissance Faire	

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Jenny Turco Introduces a program speaker



Don Kellogg donating his raffle winnings.



John Janes announces new sponsors for the **Truck On Ice** promotion.



April Wright introduces a speaker for our meeting.



Steve Skelly with **Truck On Ice** sweatshirt.





George F Hixson Fellowship awardees: Hixson was the first International Kiwanis president. The Fellowship is a way to honor significant generosity to youth projects often in honor of another person.



Past president Roger Williford (L) and future president Tom Neumann.



Past president Roger Williford and future vice-president Jim Farrell.



John Janes alerting members on how to meet the food needs of area residents



Nikki Bennett explaining how members can meet the food needs of area residents.