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SIGNAL

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: *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. Secrt: 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

	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 5	April Wright & Nikki Bennett	Linda Bontly	Richard Johnson	Bob Knudson
Nov 12	Dave Peterson & Bob Knudson	Ray Szczepaniak	Ron Shuler	Bob Knudson
Nov 19	David Calverley & Tom Neumann	John Janes	Carl Cramer	Bob Knudson
Nov 26	Ron Shuler & Bob Wilcox	Glenn Disrude-	Bob Knudson	Bob Knudson
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			November Juice Man: Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 10/29/25

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

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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



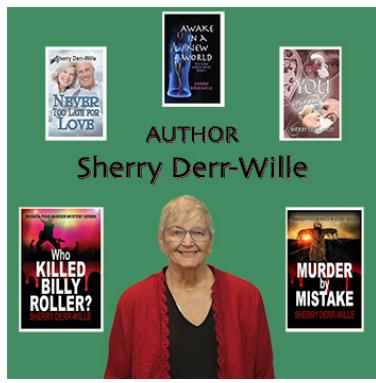
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Stop Human Trafficking



Dawn Fiedler
Community Awareness
and Education Advocate



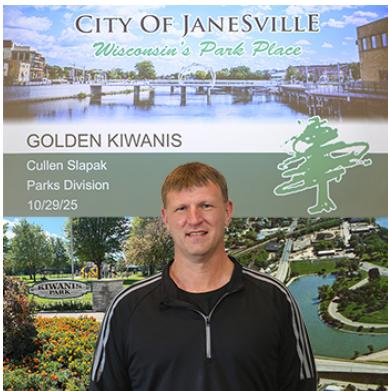
October 15 ~ Dawn Fiedler



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



Don Kellogg donating his raffle winnings.



April Wright introduces a speaker for our meeting.

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	

Mission Statement: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



Jenny Turco Introduces a program speaker



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



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.