

# SMOKE



# SIGNAL

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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
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## 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

**December**      Chair: *Luci Cramer*  
 03 Program Fermenting Cellars Winery by Mary Eckert  
 10 Program Janesville Business Academy by HS students  
 17 Program 30 Haunted Nights In Wisconsin by Mitch Goth  
 24 No Meeting  
 31 Program Isaac Strong Foundation by Justin Stubbendick  
**January**  
 07 Program Wis. Dept Ag & Consumer by Jeff Kersten

## DECEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

03	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
10	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
17	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
24	No Meeting
31	8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
<b>January</b>	
07	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>
Dec 03	Roger Willeford & Dave Figi	Ryan Lewis	Richard Johnson	Bob Knudson
Dec 10	Bob Knudson & Tom Neumann	John Janes	Ron Shuler	Bob Knudson
Dec 17	John Bennett @ Nikki Bennett	Bob Knudson	Carl Cramer / Bob Knudson	Bob Knudson
Dec 24	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 31	Dave Calverley & April Wright	Glenn Disrude	Bob Knudson	Bob Knudson
			<b>December Juice Man:</b> Maury Frey	

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 11/26/25**

Called to order by President Johnson at 8:20 a.m.

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**Directors:** Linda Bontly, Ryan Lewis, Steve Skelly.

Absent: Ray Szczepaniak and Carl Cramer.

**Others Present:** Glenn Disrude.

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

Paul informed the board that as soon as he has all of the information he needs, he will be updating all of the member address and email lists. There is a correction to the minutes. At the October board meeting, the board voted to discontinue funding for the high school scholarships. A week later, the board held a special meeting to hear concerns and was presented with new information regarding scholarships and voted to reverse its decision. Glenn Disrude gave some clarification on the selection process for scholarships and created a committee to help with this process to help ensure that the money goes to students who really need the money. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

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

Greg stated that the administrative checking was up by about \$2000 due to income from dues payments and a \$500 member grant. The service checking account was up by almost \$15000 primarily due to Truck on Ice sponsorship payments. Also included in the report was a down payment on the tree sale and Key Club dues. Greg moved to approve the report and it was seconded by Richard Johnson and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bookmobile:** Rene Bue from the Hedberg Public Library made a presentation to the board to see if we would be interested in helping to sponsor the new bookmobile. The old

bookmobile was built in 1997 and has over 100,000 miles on it and needs frequent maintenance.

The new one has been fully funded thanks to the generous gifts of the Hedberg Library Foundation and the Friends of Hedberg Library totaling \$250,000. The library's board of trustees voted to fund the remaining \$80,000 using fund balance monies. To keep the bookmobile on the road to support underserved communities, including rural areas, senior centers, schools, and neighborhoods with limited library access, they are looking for sponsors to help fund the remaining budget of \$30,000 that will go towards technology and connectivity, books, movies, community engagement and programs.

The board will discuss this matter at a later board meeting.

### **Audit Report:**

Jim Farrell gave an update and clarification on his 2023/2024 audit report to the board.

Jim said that he talked to the treasurers of numerous clubs and the only treasurer to use computer checks was the former treasurer of Noon Kiwanis. He felt there was an advantage to doing computer checks because of a better audit trail. Jim conceded that this may not be practical for Golden Kiwanis. Jim also stated that per best accounting practices for service clubs, the treasurer should receive and reconcile bank statements or write checks, but not both. Currently the treasurer is doing both.

The treasurer has recommended these duties be split and Jim agrees with that. Tom Neumann made a motion to approve the report and was seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

### **Christmas Party:**

This years Christmas party will be Dec. 17th at the Elks Club beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Details to follow at the next membership meeting.

### **Kiwanis International Convention:**

For anyone interested in attending the convention, it will be held June 24th-27th in Manilla, Philippines. Registration opens on Dec. 1, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by secretary, Paul Neitzel



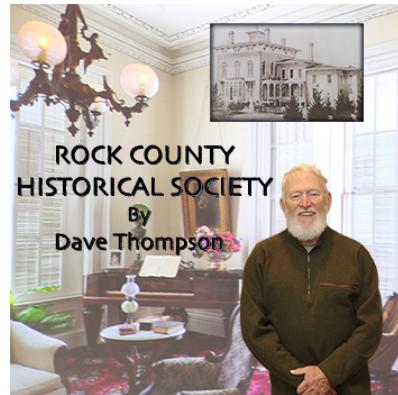
November 5 ~ Michelle Laube



November 19 ~ Melissa Wilbanks



November 12 ~ Scott Skelly



November 26 ~ Dave Thompson



John Janes [left and far right] has announced sponsors of the Truck On Ice fund raiser as of November 19<sup>th</sup>: Seneca, Rock road, 24HR Home Comfort, Janesville Pediatric Dental, Silha & Sons, Elks Club, JP Cullen, Home Town Pharmacy, Harris Ace hardware,

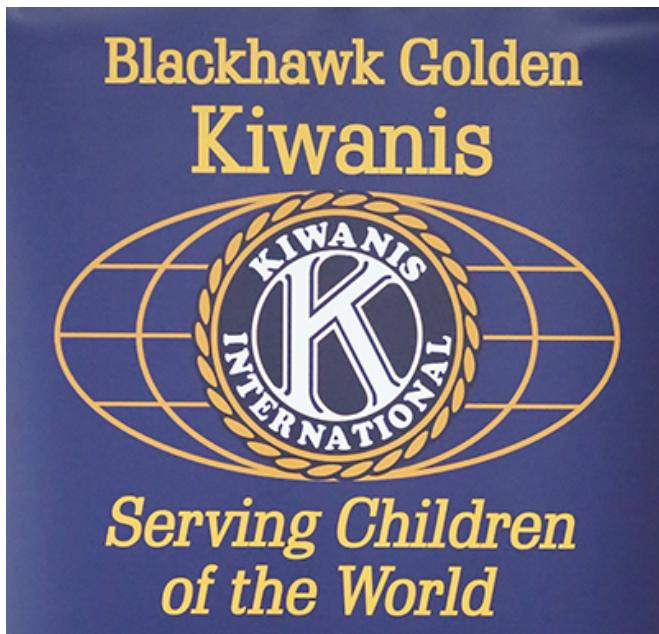


American Family insurance, Camillo Owen, Glenn Disrude, Anonymous, Centerway Auto Repair, Mac's Pizza Shack, Angus-Young Associates, Westphal Company, and the David Tilton Memorial fund.

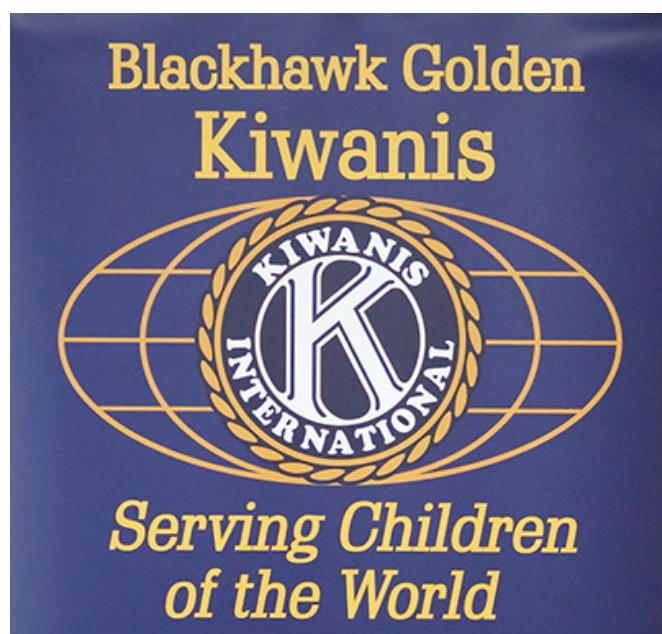
## Special Events

### Happy Birthday Wishes

Jerry Burhans      December 5



December 6<sup>th</sup>: Jolly Jingle Parade  
December 10<sup>th</sup>: Kickoff for Truck On Ice  
December 29-30: Blood drive at St. Pauls



### SPONSORS

Seneca  
Rock Road  
24HR Home Comfort  
Janesville Pediatric Dental  
Silha & Sons  
Elks Club  
JP Cullen  
Home Town Pharmacy  
Harris Ace Hardware

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American Family Insurance  
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Glen Disrude  
Anonymous  
Centerway Auto Repair  
MAC's Pizza Shack  
Angus - Young Associates  
Westphal Company  
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Truck On Ice Sponsors as of November 19

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Greg Turco ~ Treasurer



V.P. ~ Tom Neumann



Happy news as Richard Peck announces he and his wife Karen will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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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Kiwanis member Ray Szczepaniak has worked hard to re-establish a local high school Key Club



Happy News: Former Smoke Signal editor Dave Peterson announces that he and his wife Mary are celebrating their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary



Happy News: Greg and Jenny Turco have celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.