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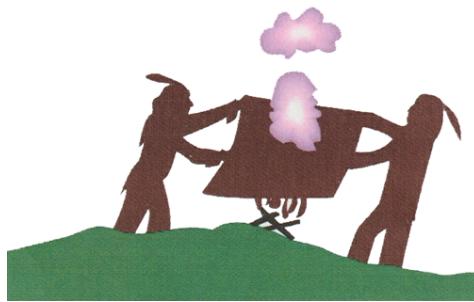
SIGNAL

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
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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
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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

January Chair: *Luci Cramer*

07 Program Wis Dept of Ag. Trade by Jeff Kersten
 14 Program Balloon Art by John Bennett
 21 Program The Art of Community by Nikki Bennett
 28 Program Alaska by Char Smith

February

04 Salvation Army of Rock County by Lieutenant Jason

JANUARY CLUB CALENDAR

07	9:30 Club Meeting @ Oak Park Place
14	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
21	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
28	8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

February

04 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

GREETERS *Chair: Maury Frey*

Jan 07 Roger Willeford & John Janes

Jan 14 Tom Neumann & Ryan Lewis

Jan 21 Bob Knudson & Dale Henning

Jan 28 Dave Figi & Dave Calverley

RAFFLE *Chair: Maury Frey*

No Raffle @ Oak Park

John Janes

Maury Frey

John Bennett



DEVOTIONS *Chair: Carl Cramer*

Richard Johnson

Ron Shuler

Carl Cramer / Bob Knudson

Bob Knudson

SERVER *Chair: Glenn Disrupe*

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January Juice Man: Maury Frey

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 12/31/25

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

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

Others Present: Luci Cramer, John Janes, and Bob Knudson.

Secretary's Report: Paul discussed some billing issues with Kiwanis International and said that as soon as he gets the updated information from current Kiwanis members, he'll be able to update all the member files and get them printed and handed out to the membership. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report: Greg informed the board that the administrative checking was down due to our annual dues payment of \$5684. The service checking was also down due to the Parker & Craig holiday donations. Greg stated that Jim Farrell will be briefing the board next month on the just completed audit of fiscal 2025 and that Greg will be filing IRS Form 990 now that the audit is done. The last item will be to write the donation checks. Greg moved to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Kiwanis Signature Project: Tom Neumann brought up for discussion the idea of submitting to Kiwanis International a signature project for club recognition and possibly to win some prize money. Some ideas that were discussed included our Truck on Ice Project and the Buddy Benches being installed in schools. The Project is open for submission beginning Jan. 6, 2026.

The board didn't decide on if it wants to pursue going ahead with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Shirts: New members receive a club shirt paid for by the club but instead of having to wait until we get enough orders, it was decided to go with another vendor where you can pay for individual orders in order to get them in a timely fashion.

Co-Chairs on Committees: John Janes brought up the topic of having co-chairs on every club activity. In the event that the club can't get a volunteer to co-chair an activity, he felt that every board member should be available to help co-chair a project. Carl Cramer will be working on updating the member committee list along with a description on what the responsibilities are.

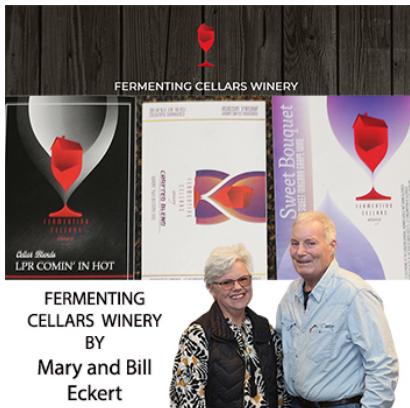
New Member Sponsors: In an effort to increase membership and reward the member who brings in a new member to the club, Tom Neumann made a motion to give a \$50 gift card to the sponsor. This motion was seconded by Ryan Lewis and approved.

Lily Day: Bob Knudson is resigning from the committee chair of this activity and is looking for a volunteer to take over this responsibility. The responsibilities include finding businesses willing to let us collect donations at their place of business and organizing volunteers for each station.

Club Website: Ryan Lewis presented the board with a handout describing the website maintenance involved and what the website can do for us as individuals and as a club.

He also expressed help for including information on a variety of topics to be included on the website such as the Constitution and By-Laws, member directories, other area clubs and their projects, history, member photos and biography (password protected) along with the committees they are on and why you should join Blackhawk Golden K. Ads could also be created for such events as the Tree Sale. Another priority would be to have debit payment processing, fee free, which we could use for a variety of projects without transaction surcharges.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel



December 3 ~ Mary & Bill Eckert



December 17 ~ Mitch Goth



December 10 ~ Janesville Business Academy



December 31 ~ Justin Stubbendick



Members promoting the Truck On Ice contest with special sweatshirts are shown above.

Steve Skelly [standing 2nd from right] and his daughter were behind the neat sweat shirt promotion.



President ~ Richard Johnson.



Jim Farrell introduces a speaker.



John Janes giving an update on the Truck On Ice program.

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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Maury Frey informing members of health concerns.



Tom Neumann helping with the Salvation Army Christmas Fund Drive

**Happy
Birthday
Wishes**

John Janes

January 3

Jennifer Turco

January 17

Roger Willeford

January 1