



**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  
**Asst. Sectr:** Bruce Jorenby



**DIRECTORS**

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

***"KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO"***  
***"Improving the world one child and one community at a time"***

**PROGRAMS**

**February Co-Chairs: *Luci Cramer & April Wright***  
 04 Program Balloon Art by John Bennett  
 11 Program HPL Shop/Book Mobile by *H. Hoyt & R. Bue*  
 18 Program Beavers by Amy Mueller  
 25 Program Data Center Update by Kevin Lahner

***March***

04 *Van Galder Tours and Travel* by Kim Dooley

**FEBRUARY CLUB CALENDAR**

04 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
 25 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

***March***

04 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b><u>RAFFLE</u></b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b><u>DEVOTIONS</u></b> <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	<b><u>SERVER</u></b> <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
Feb 04	<i>April Wright &amp; John Janes</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Feb 11	<i>Bob Knudson &amp; Dale Henning</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>David Calverley</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Feb 18	<i>Don Kellogg &amp; Dick Fay</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Feb 25	<i>Dave Figi &amp; David Caverley</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
			<b>February Juice Man: Maury Frey</b>	

## BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 1/28/26

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

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

**Others Present:** Luci Cramer.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul stated that there were no corrections to the December minutes and they were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg reported that the administrative checking was down about \$600 due to supplemental dues payments to Kiwanis International, meeting snacks and speaker gifts. The service checking was up about \$3800 due to Truck on Ice donations and sponsorships. Greg also stated that now that the audit is done, he was able to file IRS Form 990 to comply with government regulations. Greg would like to send the majority of our donations out by the end of February and that he needs another person to take Ron Shuler's place as a signatory for the bank account. Greg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

### 2024-2025 Audit Report

Jim Farrell presented to the board a summary of his audit report involving the balance sheet, income statement and cash statement for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Jim sent to the treasurer a list of 12 questions concerning processes and the financial statement. The treasurer responded to these questions and the answers were satisfactory. Jim made a recommendation that an additional member have access to the bank statements and to be able to see all

transactions made to the accounts. He also recommended that this person perform cash reconciliations monthly. This would provide transparent oversight and conform to best accounting practices. Jim felt that since we have an excess balance in cash, we should discuss in future meetings ways of reducing the cash balance to help more children. In summary, it was Jim's opinion that the financial statements referred to in the report present fairly in all material aspects the financial position of Blackhawk Golden Kiwanis as of September 30, 2025 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

**Boy Scouts:** A presentation by a member of the Boy Scouts about an Eagle Scout project that could benefit from some financial help to complete the project was brought up for discussion. Steve Skelly made a motion to fund up to \$500 and was seconded by Ray Szczepaniak and approved. Steve will look into this matter to see how much is still needed to complete the project.

**Wishing Well:** Someone is needed to take over the responsibilities of collecting the coins from the two wishing wells from Ron Shuler. If interested, please contact a board member.

**Meals on Wheels:** Linda Bontly suggested that it may be time to discontinue this activity due to the lack of volunteers. She mentioned doing the month of May routes if we can get enough help.

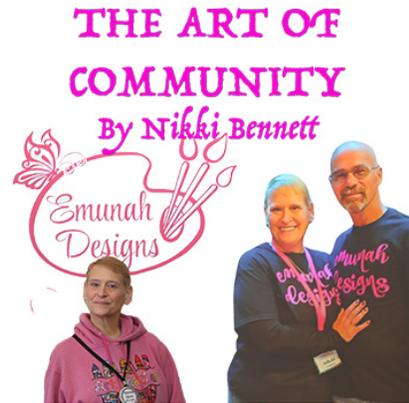
**Easter Seals:** Linda Bontly brought up the fact that no one has volunteered to take over the responsibility of running the Lily Day campaign from Bob Knudson. She would be willing to help but needs someone to volunteer to take over for Bob. It involves getting the locations and manning the stations with volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by secretary, Paul Neitzel



January 7 ~ Jeff Kersten



January 21 ~ Nikki Bennett



January 14 ~ Lieutenant Jason



February 28 ~ Charlotte Smith



The accounting part of the Truck On Ice fund raiser is shown above. They are shown recording weekly ticket sales.

L-R: Luci Cramer, David Peterson, Linda Bontly, and Ray Szczepaniak overseeing the record keeping part of the Truck On Ice ticket sales.



Bruce Jorenby [L] and Tom Neumann selling TOI tickets at Daniels Sentry.



Ryan Lewis who sets up the tech part of programs and produces an outstanding website.



Mel Lemirande works on the Nikki Bennett art project.

**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. The speaker committee schedules outstanding weekly programs



April Wright from our Speakers Committee introduces a speaker.

**Happy  
Birthday  
Wishes**

**Nikki Bennett**  
February 5

**Ray Szczepaniak**  
February 6

**Bob Knudson**  
February 13



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## **Former Kiwanis Scholarship Recipient Attends January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Janesville Parker HS student Ryan Hahn from the Class of '25 who received a Kiwanis Scholarship sent the following letter on January 16, 2026 to Publicity and Area Scholarship chairman Glenn Disrude:

Luke Schwantes a former Kiwanis Scholarship winner from Janesville Craig HS [class of '94] attended the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting in which his mother, Charlotte, gave a presentation about life in Alaska. Luke and his brother are commercial fisherman out of Dillingham, AK.

*I would like to thank you again for selecting me as a recipient of the Janesville Blackhawk Golden 'K' Memorial last spring. I have included in this letter an official enrollment verification from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, including verification for the Spring of 2026 Semester and for the Fall of 2025 semester with academic standing. I hope this will be satisfactory evidence of my work and devotion to learning.*

*Gratefully, Ryan Hahn*

