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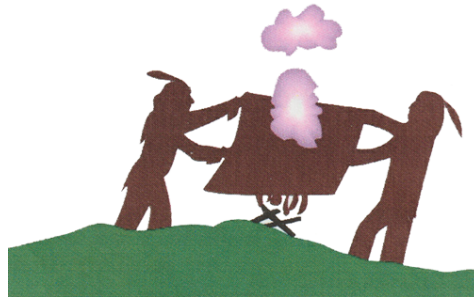
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI
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President: Richard Johnson
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2025-'28 **Steve Skelly**
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

April Co-Chairs: *Luci Cramer & April Wright*
01 Program Rock River Valley Woodcarving by R/T Kautz
08 Program Red Cross Blood Drive by Rachel Badura
15 Program Unconscious Bias by Santo Carfora
22 Program Wanna Build A Model Plane by Larry Nitz
29 Program No Data Center by Cathy Erdman
May
06 Stained Glass Art by Judy Shumway

APRIL CLUB CALENDAR

01 _____ **9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**
08 _____ **9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**
15 _____ **9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**
22 _____ **9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**
29 _____ **8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**
9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
May
06 _____ **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>
Apr 01	<i>Roger Willeford & Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Apr 08	<i>Bob Wilcox & Ryan Lewis</i>	<i>John Bennett</i>	<i>David Calverley</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>
Apr 15	<i>Dave Figi & April Wright</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Apr 22	<i>Nikki Bennett & John Bennett</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
Apr 29	<i>Dave Caverly & Tom Neumann</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
			April Juice Man: Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 3/25/2026

Called to order by President Johnson at 8:17 a.m.

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Directors: Linda Bontly, Ryan Lewis, Steve Skelly, Ray Szczepaniak [abs], and Carl Cramer.

Others Present: Luci Cramer and Bob Knudson.

Secretary's Report: Paul presented to the treasurer a bill from Kiwanis International for \$120 to cover convention fees and a bill for gift pens for guest speakers. The minutes were approved as printed in the March Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report: Greg reported that the administrative checking was up about \$250 but this is temporary because the checks for the St. Patrick's Day party and joker pool payout have not cleared yet.

The service checking was down about \$15,000 due to payouts to eight charities. Greg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

Vanguard Account: After input from the board, it was decided to open up an account to draw interest rather than having this money sit in a checking account and making next to nothing. Greg is working on documentation of our incorporation for our Vanguard Brokerage Account application. In order to open a brokerage account, we need to assign individuals who are empowered to make decisions and sign documents for the club.

We need a document from the club identifying these people to set up a brokerage account. Besides Greg, Tom Neumann, Jim Farrell and Paul Neitzel will be the signers if one or more of the original signers would drop

out of the club. Steve Skelly made a motion to allocate \$25,000 to deposit in this Vanguard Account and was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

Banners/Flags/Recognition Boards: Bob Knudson brought up for discussion and display of old artifacts kept in storage from the Noon Kiwanis Club and Golden K from when we were at the Sons of Norway building. Bob wanted the board to decide what we should keep and figure out what to do with the rest of these items. It was decided to keep the latest Golden K Banner along with the Kiwanis Flag, a Kiwanis brass bell, photo albums and the deceased member plaques.

The rest will be presented to the Janesville Historical Society to see if they would be interested in any of these items. It was suggested to scan the photos to save space. Bob also updated a house maintenance list of the items that should be set out for every meeting and handed this list out to board members for discussion and approval.

Rock University: Ryan Lewis made a motion to donate \$200 to buy signage for the Rock University H.S. Key Club and was seconded by Jim Farrell and approved.

Membership: Tom Neumann suggested having an Open House to increase membership and placing an ad in the Janesville Gazette. The board thought it was a good idea and will look into this regarding cost and how to structure the Open House idea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Paul Neitzel

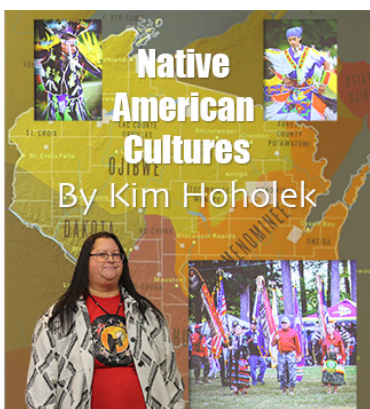


Treasurer Greg Turco giving a budget update

**Van Galder Bus
Tour & Travel
By Burdette Richter**



March 4 ~ Burdette Richter



March 11 ~ Kim Hoholek

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**ROCK UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL
KIWANIS KEY CLUB**



March 18 ~ Amelia Sheridan, Ray Szczepaniak and Jacqueline Marquis

Kiwanis At Work!

Thank you letters were received from **Asbury UMC** [A Kiwanis member bought tickets for that church] and **Big Radio** for their winnings in the Truck On ice contest. Big Radio then donated their winnings back to our club.

Letters of thanks were received from **Rotary Gardens, Blackhawk Technical College, Pregnancy Helpline and Resource Center** and the **Hedberg Public Library Bookmobile** project for our clubs generous donations to their projects.



L-R: Ariana Wilson, Nikola Palmer, President Amelia Sheridan, Vice-President Jacqueline Marquis, Emma Cugno-York, and Des Holloway.

The above Key Club Group gave a very energetic and informative program that left our group enthused about the future that these young leaders will influence.



Linda Bontly [R] announces Luci Cramer [L] as the raffle jackpot grand winner!




Rock University HS staff member and Key Club advisor Stephanie Villarelo.



Rock University HS student Nikola Palmer addresses our Kiwanis group. Each of the six RUHS students gave an excellent summary of their accomplishments and goals.

**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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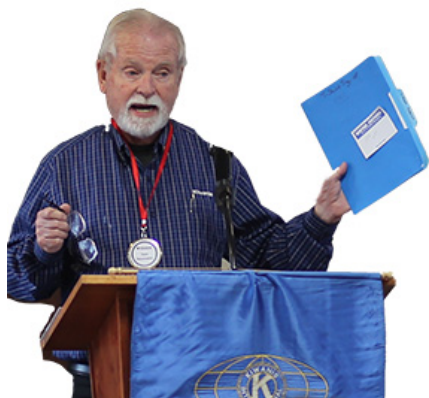
Ray Szczepaniak gives information on the Easter Lily project.



Fund Raiser: Tree sales at Rotary Gardens on April 25 and May 8,9,10. Also at Renaissance Faire May 16-17.

**Happy
Birthday
Wishes**

- David Calverley**
April 12
- Dale Henning**
April 20
- Ray Cummings**
April 28



Vice President Tom Neumann is shown giving information on what our Kiwanis group gave the Janesville Public Library bookmobile project. Our group donated \$10,000 to this local project that will benefit children in our area. Below is a **Thank You** letter

sent to our group from Eric Robinson, the Library Director of the Hedberg Public Library.

“On behalf of Hedberg Public Library and the entire Janesville community, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your extraordinary generosity in funding the new Bookmobile. Your gift does far more than place a vehicle on the road – it opens doors to learning, connection, and opportunity for thousands of residents.

Thanks to your support, our new Bookmobile will help us bridge current gaps by bringing library services directly to people where they live, work, and gather.

Thank you for believing in Hedberg Public Library’s mission. Thank you for believing in Janesville. And most of all, thank you for helping us ensure that knowledge truly knows no boundaries.”

*Eric Robinson ~ Library Director
Hedberg Public Library*



Truck On Ice Winners

Sinking time: 8:25 PM, February 17, 2027

Place	Winner	Difference in Minutes
1.	Don Kellogg-Janesville	16
2.	Steph Figi-Milwaukee	25
3.	Gregg Dickinson-Janesville	70
4.	Jim Laack-Janesville	215
5.	Aimee Coover-Lafayette, CO	217
6.	Matt Hoff-Janesville	219
7.	WCLO Radio	234
8.	Gregg Dickinson-Janesville	263
9.	Ev Kealey-Janesville	275
10.	Nicole Turco-Janesville	288
11.	Hana Figi-Singapore	289
12.	Ev Kealey-Janesville	292
13.	Tim Bremel-Janesville	319
14.	Maury Frey-Janesville	320
15.	Asbury UMC [donated by member]	334



Two keys to the Truck On Ice success were: John Janes and Davis Citgo. Above Davis Citgo’s Matt Davis and below L-R: Davis Citgo’s Bill Rowin and Dave Davis.





Truck On Ice ~ March 4, 2026

