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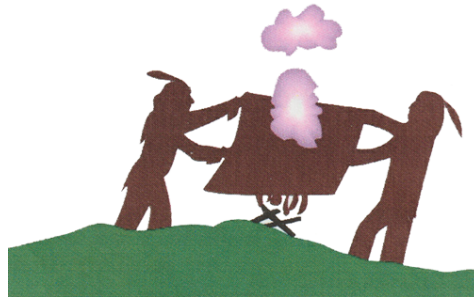
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI
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2025-'28 **Steve Skelly**
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2023-'26 **Linda Bontly**


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

PROGRAMS

May Co-Chairs: *Luci Cramer & April Wright*
06 Program Stained Glass Art by Judy Shumway
13 Program Advanced Blackhawk Boaters by Rich Bostwick
20 Program Research Data Centers by Katie Meyers
27 Program Senior Programs/Memory Café by Amy Christian
June
03 Janesville Athletic Club by Nicole Courtney

MAY CLUB CALENDAR

06 _____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
13 _____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
20 _____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Oak Park Place
Special: Meals On Wheels May 25-29
27 _____ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
June
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>
May 06	<i>Ray Cummings & Roger Willeford</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Glen Disrude</i>
May 13	<i>Jim Farrell & Dave Caverley</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>David Calverley</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
May 20	<i>Meeting @ Oak Park Place</i>	<i>Mtg @ Oak Park Place</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
May 27	<i>Bob Knudson & Tom Neumann</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
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			May Juice Man: Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 4/29/26

Called to order by President Johnson at 8:16 a.m.

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Vice President: Jim Farrell
Treasurer: Greg Turco
Secretary: Paul Neitzel (abs)

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

Others Present: Luci Cramer.

Treasurer's Report: Admin is slightly up, ~+500, mainly due to a fifth meeting in March
Service is down, ~-600, due to Camp Wawbeek and other things

Vanguard is taking their time setting up cosigners. The delay will be investigated.

Meals for tree sales staff was \$38. Motion to accept by Ryan Lewis, 2nd by Carl Cramer, all in favor.

Old Business

Tom: Farmer's Market dates are confirmed, signage is in progress.

The Open House requires planning. Ray mentioned we could tie it to an activity supporting children.

Steve asked about Isaac Strong support. After some discussion, it was discovered to be \$500/m, or sponsorship for \$6,000 yearly. It was proposed that we set up a challenge to other clubs, including Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Lions and etcetera. We could have a community thermometer, maybe in the park next to the Children's Foundation.

Linda Bontly proposed we increase the Camp Wawbeek donation from \$1,8xx to an even \$2,000. Ryan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Ray discussed Washington Elementary school, who he contacted. The basement has a cafeteria, and a deluxe art class which the teach had a great deal of effort into. Can we support it?

The Mid-Year Appeal was discussed. Ray stepped up to take it over, and add in a survey for members, similar to the survey Rock River Aero Modelers' Society mentioned they do yearly.

Ryan asked about the Rotary new horticulture building ribbon cutting. At least three Kiwanians expect to attend, John, Tom and Greg.

Tom mentioned that golf numbers have been sinking. It was decided this year we will instead have a bowling outing.

Steve mentioned that the home school kids forming a Key Club is in the planning stages.

Linda Bontly mentioned the club bylaws need an update. Carl will ask the membership.

Carl motioned to adjourn the meeting, Roger Willeford seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.
Submitted by Ryan Lewis



Larry Nitz of the Rock River Aero Modelers society demonstrates a flying model that mimics a bird. Our Kiwanis speakers committee does an outstanding job of scheduling very interesting presentations.



April 1 ~ Rosie & Tom Kautz



April 8 ~ Rachel Badura

Cultural Competency
UNCONSCIOUS BIAS



April 15 ~ Santo Carfora

S P E A K E R S



April 22 ~ Larry Nitz



April 29 ~ Cathy Erdman



Rock University High School seniors will be presented with these Kiwanis Medals when they graduate this year.



Tom Neumann & Don Anderson helping on Lily Day. Lily Day raised \$1,891 for the Easter Seals **Camp I Can** project.



Both young and old people have benefitted from the Steve Skelly **'Buddy Bench'** project. Members grandchildren and a relatives bench are shown.



Bob Knudson & Steve Skelly assembling a bench

**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.

Dear Kiwanis Club,
Thank you!
I appreciate all the support you've given us like the sign and the \$200 donation!
Also, paying for everyone's membership in key club is very nice and im very grateul. My favorite key club memory is volunteering at Trunk or Treat at Janesville Riverside Park. I dressed up as a monkey and handed out candy. It was fun!
Thank you again!

Forever grateul,
Naema Yasa, member of Rock University High School Key Club.

One of the Thank You letters we received from a student at the Rock University HS Key Club.

**Happy
Birthday
Wishes**

Dick Fay
May 2

Ron Anderson
May 5

Don Anderson

Ron Shuler
May 26

Linda Bontly
May 31

Mel Lemirande
May 31



L-R: Our April 22nd program included Aero Modelers Craig Severson-Publicity. Larry Nitz-Secretary, Dave Hinz-Vice President & President Mike Ast.



Our outstanding speakers committee presents interesting topics and people who give our members a chance at questions. Below Speaker Cathy Erdman taking time to explain the SNOW program.



L-R: Greg Turco, Steve Skelly, Mel Lemirande, and Tom Neumann at the tree sale.

The annual tree sale coordinated by John Janes took place on April 26 and will again take place on May 8th and 9th at the Rotary Garden's Horticulture Center on 825 Sharon Road from 9 am to 4 pm.



2026 Scholarship Recipient Overview for Parker High School, Craig High School and Milton High School

Glenn Disrude is the scholarship chairman.



Paityn Steagall is the Craig High School recipient of our scholarship. She graduated with a GOP of 3.18 and an ACT of 15. She plans on attending the Institute of Beauty and Wellness-Aveda and also plans on attending Cosmetology School in Madison. She eventually hopes to open her own salon. She states that she is determined to achieve the career and financial stability

that eluded her family's ability to help pay for anything in her life. Paityn was involved in student council, participated in homecoming activities and holiday events at the elementary schools.

Shianna Lee is the Milton High School recipient of our scholarship. She graduated with a GPA of 3.78 and an ACT of 19. She plans on attending a four-year college majoring in Graphic Design and Marketing. Shianna was president of the Art Club, Interact Club and National Art Honor Society. She feels that being president is part of her life but not her whole life and will use this experience to ask for help when needed. Shianna volunteered at Project Gratitude, Milton food pantry, Project 16:49 and Saint Martin Church. She worked at K-Alterations, Subway and Diamond Asset. Her parents moved to America during the Vietnam War after being saved by the CIA.

Christian Koker is the Parker High School recipient of our scholarship. He graduated with a GPA of 2.148 and an ACT of 18. He plans on attending University of Whitewater majoring in Business Marketing. He is employed at Taco Bell,



and active in his Church Group. Christian has been active in sports at Parker High School and played varsity soccer, basketball, baseball and is a member of Avid. He states that this scholarship is his bridge between his work ethic and educational goals,