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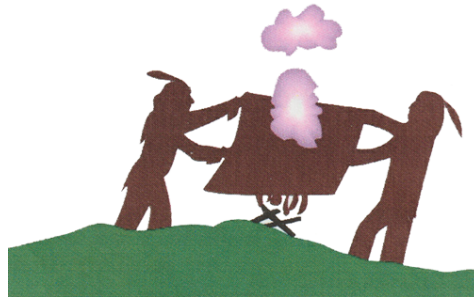
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI  
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***"Improving the world one child and one community at a time"***

**PROGRAMS**

**June Co-Chairs: *Luci Cramer & April Wright***

03 Program Janesville Athletic Club by *Nicole Courtney*  
10 Program Second Harvest by *Kris Tazelaar*  
17 Program Oakhill Chapel by *Richard Synder*  
24 Program Come Sail Away by *Jo-Ann Long*

***July***


01 Program Memory Café by *Amy Christian*

**JUNE CLUB CALENDAR**

03 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
17 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
24 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens  
                         9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

***July***

01 \_\_\_\_\_ 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>
June 03	<i>Jim Farrell &amp; April Wright</i>	<i>Linda Bontly</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Glen Disrude</i>
June 10	<i>Bob Wilcox &amp; Roger Willeford</i>	<i>John Janes</i>	<i>David Calverley</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
June 17	<i>Bruce Jorenby &amp; Tom Neumann</i>	<i>Ray Szczepaniak</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
June 24	<i>David Calverley &amp; Bob Knudson</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Bob Knudson</i>
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			<b>June Juice Man: Maury Frey</b>	

**BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 5/27/26**

[Cancelled: Rescheduled for June 3]

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The May 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting was cancelled so that members could attend the funeral of David Thill..



David Gilbert Thill, age 85 of Janesville, WI passed away at his home on May 18, 2026. He was born in Lake City, MN on August 23, 1940 the only child of Leslie and Jeanive (Gunderson) Thill.

David graduated from Crystal Lake, IL High School in 1959 and later received an associate’s degree in business. He was a veteran of the U. S Army Reserves.

David married Mary A. Vedok on December 3, 1966. He was employed in sales most of his life. He was active in the community and was past president of the Janesville Noon Kiwanis Club and a past member of the Janesville Noon Lions Club.

David’s love of rescuing dogs led him to serve as president of the Rock County Humane Society.

He was an avid stamp collector, especially of Russian stamps. David will be remembered for his great love for the St. Louis Cardinals and for the enjoyment he received from collecting baseball cards and memorabilia.

An avid wood carver, he was the owner of Brown Paw Crafts and a member of Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin. David was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

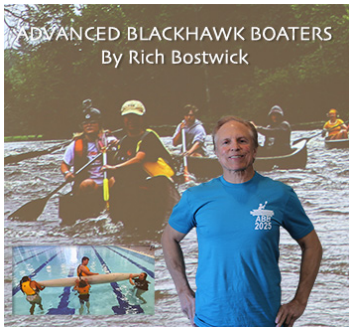
David Thill is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Mary Thill; daughters, Melissa (Steven) Costello, Stephanie Hansen; grandchildren, Beckett (Megan Armstrong) Costello, Ryan (Makinzie Traver) Costello, Nadia Hansen and Catherine Hansen. David’s parents preceded him in death.



David Thill, a member of our Kiwanis group, died on May 18, 2026. He will be missed. His upbeat attitude and helpful projects were highly valued by members.



May 6 ~ Judy Shumway



May 13 ~ Rich Bostwick

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May 20 ~ Katie Myers



**Camp Wawbeek Visit June 25**

The May 27<sup>th</sup> Memory Café program will be rescheduled. Our group plans a visit to the Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells on **Thursday, June 25th**.



Glass cutting art: interesting programs both Inform and involve members each week.

Above L-R: Speaker co-chair April Wright, stained glass artist Judy Shumway, and John Janes.



John Janes helps a customer at the Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> tree sale.




Signs for tree sale ready to be stored.



John Janes is a tireless Kiwanis member who constantly works at promoting our projects.

**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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Mel Lemirande during the "Happy Box" announcement time.



Paul Neitzel administers the American Flags that are deposited in the special mail boxes at Kiwanis Park. Paul then brings the flags to the VFW club to be properly disposed.

**Happy  
Birthday  
Wishes**

**Richard Johnson**  
June 4

**Dave Kemp**  
June 8

**Don Kellogg**  
June 17



Above L-R: Ryan Lewis, Maury Frey, John Janes, and David Calverley working a shift at the Tree Sales held at the Rotary Gardens Horticulture Center. Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern Arborvitae, White Pine, Black Hills Spruce, Dogwood, Red Maple and White Birch trees were for sale.

Below L-R: Maury Frey, Greg Turco, Mel Lemirande, and Tom Neumann helping at the tree sale held at Rotary Gardens. That project is headed up by John Janes.





Our Kiwanis group helped at the Renaissance Faire held at Traxler Park. It was a fun day with attendance of over 5,000 people. Interacting with visitors and seeing the great costumes made for an enjoyable event.



Each Kiwanis meeting has very interesting speakers. Above Kiwanis member Jim Farrell interacts with May 20<sup>th</sup> speaker, Katie Myers. Katie gave a very informative account of the Data Center being proposed for Janesville. Katie's incredible research gave a refreshingly balanced account of this hot topic in our community.



Below: April Wright and her speaker's group is in need of extra members. April and her group are responsible for the outstanding programs each week. Please consider helping April keep that group alive!!

