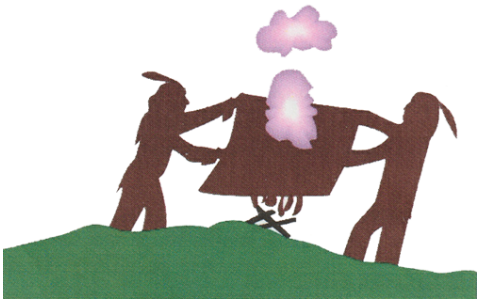
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2024-'27	**Carl Cramer**
2024-'27	**Ray Szczepaniak**
2025-'28	**Ryan Lewis**
2025-'28	**Steve Skelly**
2026-'29	**April Wright**

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"Improving the world one child and one community at a time"

PROGRAMS

October Co-Chairs: *L. Cramer & A. Wright*

07 Program Kwik Trip Organization by David Niemi
14 Program Right At Home by Katie Villal
21 Program Janesville Jets by Andy Zwicki
28 Program Medicare by Anita Hawkins

November
04 Program Edgerton Hospital Wellness by Mark Dwyer

OCTOBER CLUB CALENDAR

07 _____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
14 _____ 9:30O Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
21_____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
28 _____ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

November
04 _____9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	GREETERS *Chair: Maury Frey*	RAFFLE *Chair: Maury Frey*	DEVOTIONS *Chair: Carl Cramer*	SERVER *Chair: Glenn Disrude*
Oct 07	*Don Kellogg & Dick Fay*	*Linda Bontly*	*Richard Johnson*	*Bob Knudson*
Oct 14	*Jim Farrell & Bruce Jorenby*	*Ray Szczepaniak*	*David Calverley*	*Bob Knudson*
Oct 21	*Ray Cummings & Roger Willeford*	*Ryan Lewis*	*Bob Knudson*	*Bob Knudson*
Oct 28	*Doris Henning & Bob Knudson*	*John Janes*	*Carl Cramer*	*Bob Knudson*
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			**October Juice Man:** Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 9/23/26

OFFICERS

President:	Richard Johnson
President Elect:	Tom Neumann
Past President:	Roger Willeford
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, Bruce Jorenby, and April Wright.

Secretary's Report: Paul reminded the board of the September 30th deadline for annual dues payment. Kiwanis International will bill us based on those members who have paid and are listed on the Kiwanis International members website. The bylaws that were submitted to International two months ago have not been formally approved yet so Paul will look into what's holding up the approval. Key Club dues renewal is set for Dec. 1, 2026. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report: Greg informed the board that the administrative checking was up about $1200 due to member dues that were paid. There was an increase to the service checking of about $400 because of income from the Wishing Well. Greg made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

2026-2027 BUDGET: The entire meeting was devoted to the proposed budget for the fiscal 2026/27 year. The board went through the entire proposed new budget and made some changes that are outlined below.

Internet/Social Media: $100 - Steve Skelly made the motion for approval and seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.

Key Club: $1500 – Ryan Lewis made the motion for approval and seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.
Aktion Club (Rock County): $500 – Linda Bontly made the motion for approval and seconded by Roger Willeford and approved.

National Honor Society Rock University H.S. - $400 – Steve Skelly made the motion for approval and seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.
Rock University H.S. Closet: $200 – Ray Szczepaniak made the motion for approval and seconded by Steve Skelly and approved.

Blackhawk Tech. College: $3000 – Jim Farrell made a motion to allocate this money specifically for the Nursing School and was seconded by Tom Neumann and approved.
Isaac Strong Foundation: $1040 – Jim Farrell made a motion to double our donation so we could add another month of financial help and was seconded by Ryan Lewis and approved.

Second Harvest Food Bank: $2000 – Jim Farrell made a motion to Second Harvest to help with food insecurity and was seconded by Steve Skelly and approved.
Camp Wawbeek (Easter Seals) – Linda Bontly made a motion to budget $3600 to Camp Wawbeek plus what is collected from Lily Day and was seconded by Ray Szczepaniak and approved.

501C3: $1500 – Ryan Lewis made a motion to allocate this amount for legal assistance to form a foundation so corporations can donate money to our organization as a tax deduction and was seconded by Steve Skelly and approved.
Outdoor Lab Janesville School District: $500 – This amount was approved last month but wasn't listed in the budget.
Tom Neumann made a motion to approve the budget as amended and was seconded by Ray Szczepaniak and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.
Submitted by secretary, Paul Neitzel







Paul Neitzel and our Kiwanis group take care of the flag deposit at Kiwanis Park









A very special meeting was held September 9, 2026. Our group met at the historic Oak Hill Chapel in Janesville. Originally built in 1899 by the Knights of Pythias the chapel was saved from demolition in 2013 when restoration began.

Janesville men who were very instrumental in the Oak Hill Chapel restoration are shown above L-R: Tom Roach, Richard Snyder, and Jim Crittenden. Richard Snyder and Paul Williams also presented the background of the restoration and answered members questions.

Farmers Market



Luci and Carl Cramer



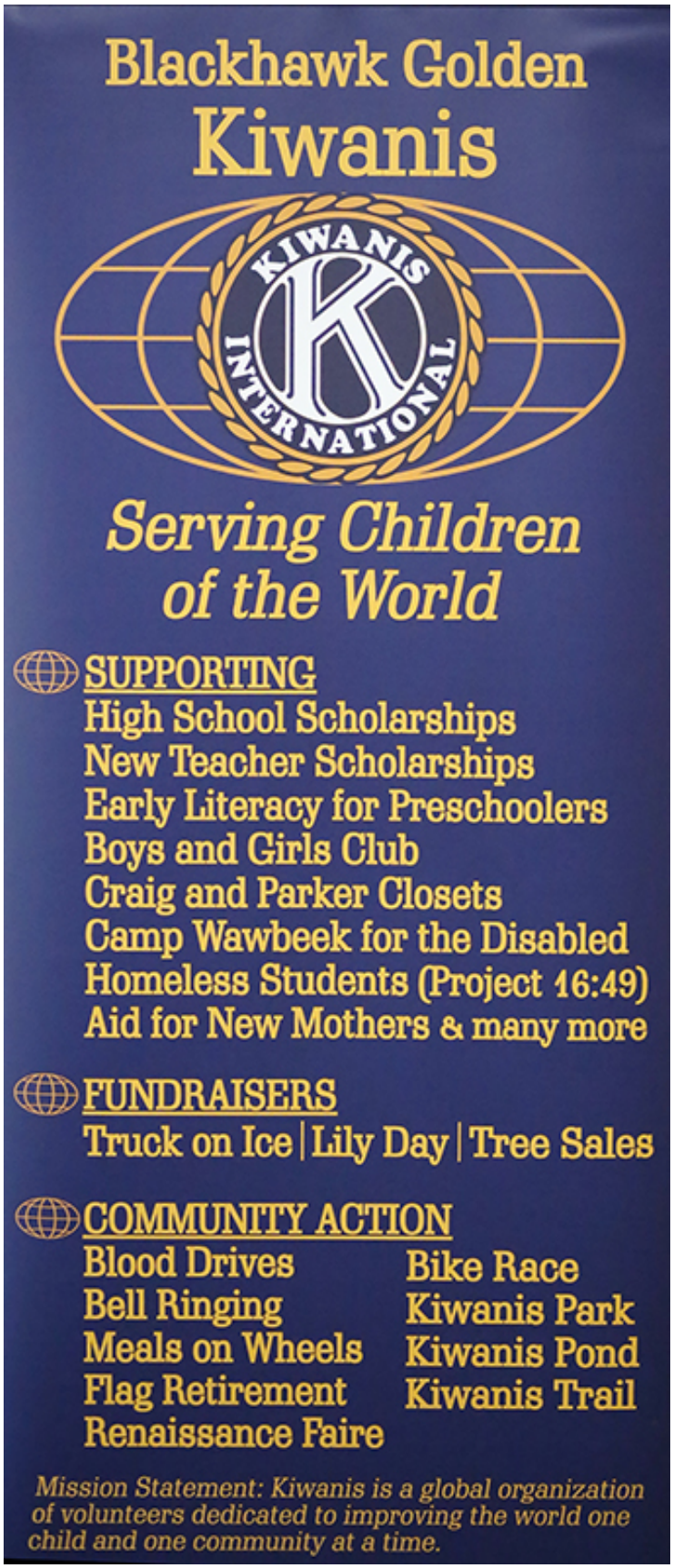
Bob Knudson



Mel Lemirande and Ray Szczepaniak along with Tom Neumann, Bob Knudson, Dave Figi, and the Cramer's helped promote our Kiwanis Club at the September 12th Framers Market.



Nikki Bennett introduces a speaker





Tom Neumann [L] receives the Presidential gavel from past president Richard Johnson



Happy Birthday Wishes

Paul Neitzel
October 1
Jerry Langdok
October 3
Doris Henning
October 5
Dale Fulton
October 10
Dave Figi
October 24
Robert Wilcox
October 26
Steve Skelly
October 28
Darlene Johnson
October 29



Luci Cramer, Tom Neumann, and Carl Cramer are pictured above at our booth at the Senior Fair. We were one of the 50 exhibitors in the event held at the Woodman's Sports and Convention Center.



John Janes shared the above image of the Truck On Ice being displayed at the Pistons and Props Airshow held at the Rock County Regional Airport in August. Again, Davis Citgo helped our group by hauling the TOI..





Carl Cramer [L] is shown presenting newest George F. Hixson award honoree Ryan Lewis [R] with his award. This award recognizes memebers who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis history of genrosity.



Directors of our Kiwanis club L-R: Carl Cramer, April Wright, Ray Szczepaniak, Ryan Lewis, and Steve Skilly



Officers on the left L-R: Past president Richard Johnson, new president Tom Neumann, president elect Greg Turco, treasurer Jim Farrell, and secretary Paul Neitzel.









A special breakfast preceded our September 30th meeting. That day was dedicated to presenting awards and to the installation of new officers.

Linda Bontly ensures that members are kept updated on the health status of present and past Kiwanis members. Steve Skelly often shares stories that tickle our funny bone.





New president Tom Neumann [L] and past president Richard Johnson [R]



Carl Cramer ensures a smooth flow of each of the Wednesday programs





Maury Frey [L, purple shirt] is shown at an Alzheimer Association fund raiser. Our group helped the 'Frey Family Walkers' raise money for Alzheimer's.
John Janes [R] who wears too many hats to list is shown reviewing a project to promote the Truck On Ice fund raiser.