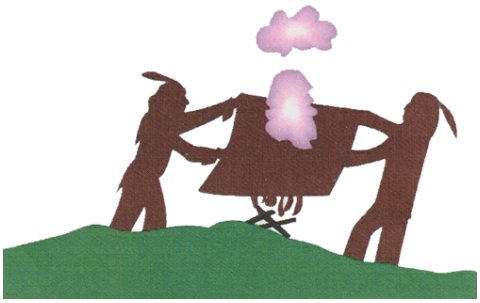
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2024-'27	**Carl Cramer**
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2025-'28	**Steve Skelly**
2026-'29	**April Wright**

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

PROGRAMS

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

04 Program Edgerton - Wellness Garden by Mark Dwyer
11 Program Rock County Cancer coalition by Goli Ziolek
18 Program Janesville Fire Inspector by Robert Kessenich
25 Program Banking Industry by Juli Molitor

December
02 Program Chimney Swifts by Neil Dupree

NOVEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

04 _____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
11 _____ 9:30O Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
18_____ 9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
25_____ 8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

December
02 _____9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	GREETERS *Chair: Maury Frey*	RAFFLE *Chair: Maury Frey*	DEVOTIONS *Chair: Carl Cramer*	SERVER *Chair: Glenn Disrude*
Nov 04	*April Wright & Ryan Lewis*	*Steve Skelly*	*Richard Johnson*	*Glenn Disrude*
Nov 11	*Tom Neumann & Ray Szczepaniak*	*John Janes*	*David Calverley*	*Bob Knudson*
Nov 18	*Dave Caverley & Maury Frey*	*Ray Szczepaniak*	*Bob Knudson*	*Bob Knudson*
Nov 28	*John Janes & Dave Figi*	*Glenn Disrude*	*Carl Cramer*	*Bob Knudson*
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			**November Juice Man:** Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS ~ Meeting: 10/28/26

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President: Tom Neumann
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Past President: Richard Johnson (abs)
Treasurer: Jim Farrell (abs)
Secretary: Paul Neitzel

Directors:, Carl Cramer, Ryan Lewis, Steve Skelly, Ray Szczepaniak, and April Wright.

Others Present: Luci Cramer

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

Secretary's Report: Paul informed the board that our official membership that we will be billed for from Kiwanis International stands at 36 members. This is our lowest membership in decades and increases the need for new members. He has been in contact with International regarding our club bylaws and they stated to him that they are working on them and should be approved soon.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of our treasurer, the October treasurer's report will be delayed.

OLD BUSINESS

Flag Box: The refinished flag box is finished and installed at Kiwanis Park and looks great. A special thank you to Ryan Lewis for the installation.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiwanis Foundation: Golden K of Janesville Foundation Inc. has now been formed so that we can solicit corporate and individual donations/contributions to our club and can be tax deductible. Once we become a 501 c3 foundation, then those contributions can be accepted for tax deductions and hopefully our club will benefit from this new opportunity.

The committee that is working on this process includes Ryan Lewis, Greg Turco, Carl Cramer, Gregg Dickinson, Ray Cummings and Tom Neumann.

Steve Skelly made a motion to lend the foundation $400 to set up an account to get the foundation started to cover their expenses which will be paid back to the club. This motion was seconded by Greg Turco and approved.

Thanksgiving: There will be a Kiwanis member meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving this year.

Membership: Tom Neumann proposed in an effort to get more members, to offer the spouses of members a onetime ½ off membership dues opportunity so instead of $155, the spouses would pay approximately $75-$80. Greg Turco seconded this motion and was approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

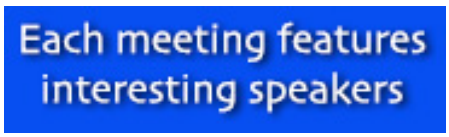
















Greg Turco at the October 14th meeting read letters from organizations that received funds from our Kiwanis group. Boys and Girls Club board members Dave Botts and Ben Thompson as well as Boys and Girls Club resource director Nicole Rusch all sent letters thanking our group for their generous donations which will help the Boys and Girls Club offer high-quality educational programs.

Lieutenant Jason Rysdyk of the Salvation Army thanked our group for helping the Salvation Army meet the challenge of tough times for our neighbors. Executive Director Tammy DeGarmo of project 1649 thanked us for helping her group help homeless children survive. Mitch Benson a Children's Museum Board member thanked us for our donation to the museum. Our group will be recognized on the Children's Museum Donor Board.



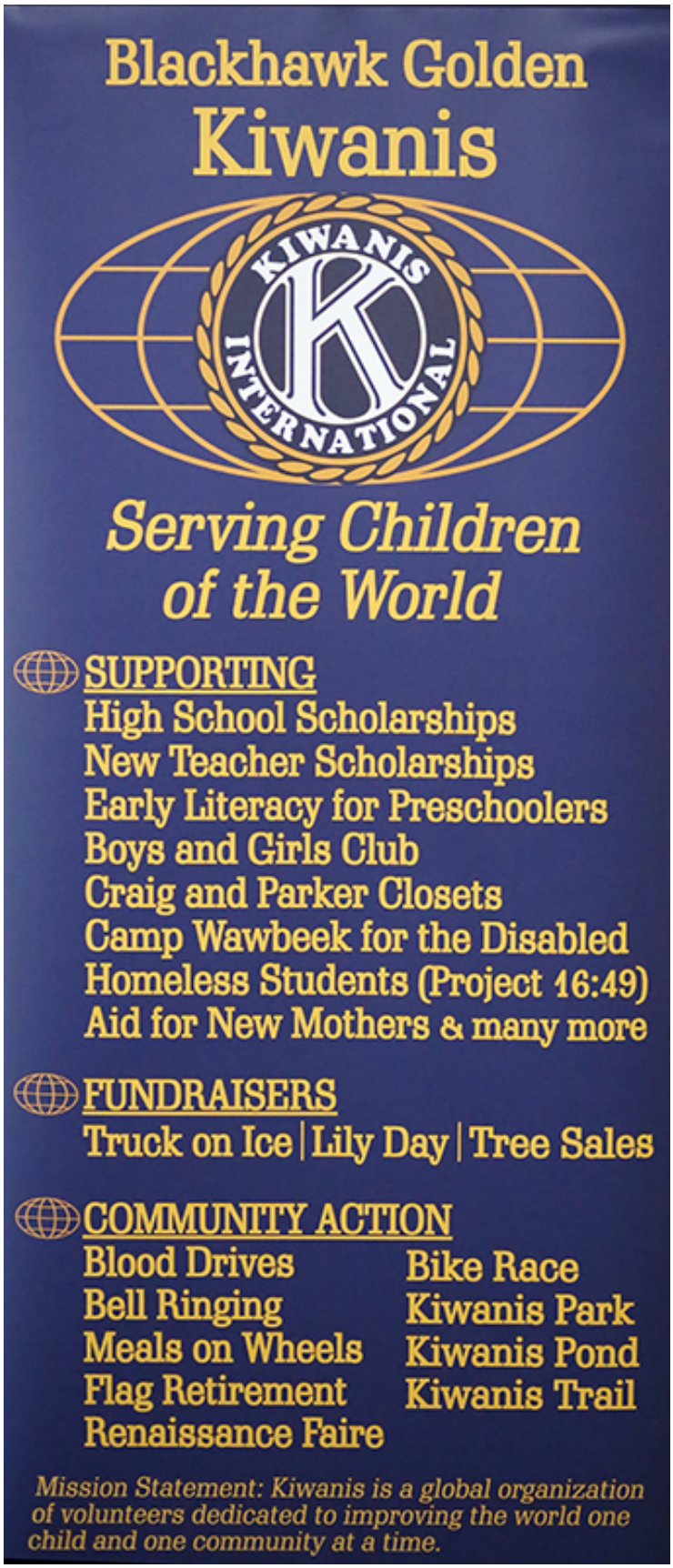
April Wright introduces a speaker. Our speakers are a highlight of each meeting.



Lariena Silvis asks a question of a speaker.









Ryan Lewis helped produce the new Flag Depository.



Ryan Lewis



Plaque at the Flag Depository.

Happy Birthday Wishes

No Birthdays
NOVEMBER

KIWANIS FLAG DEPOSIT STATION



Ryan Lewis coordinated the new look of the Kiwanis Flag Depository located at Kiwanis Park in Janesville. Paul Newitzel collects the flags which are then transported to the local VFW Club for a proper and respectful flag retirement process

Sigarama of Janesville donated their talents in the design of our new Flag Depository. The above image shows side, back and front views of the Flag Depository. Signarama produces quality signs for buildings, outdoor and indoor signs, and vehicles.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) collects worn, tattered, or faded American flags through designated drop-off boxes (often modified outdoor mailboxes) at local VFW posts and respectfully retires them during a solemn flag retirement ceremony, which typically involves complete consumption by fire followed by the dignified burial of the ashes.