

**A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club**  
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**2018** John Sarnow  
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 Robert Douglas  
**2020** Jerry Burhans

**“KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.”**

**PROGRAMS**

**Dec**      **Chair: Luci Cramer**  
 06 Where is the Fort in Fort Atkinson \_\_\_\_ *Paul Reckner*  
 13 Riverfront: A New Day \_\_\_\_\_ *Lisa Cleaver,*  
    *Jackie Jensen-Utz*  
 20 ADRC Services \_\_\_\_\_ *Amber Strehlow*  
 27 Housing Concerns in Janesville \_\_\_\_ *Dale Hicks*  
**Jan**  
 03 Hedberg Public Library Remodel \_\_\_\_ *Bryan McCormick*

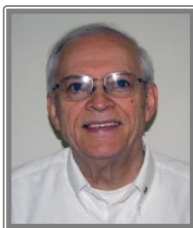
**DECEMBER CLUB CALENDAR**

06 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ S.O.N.**  
                                  11:45 **Joint Service Club Luncheon**  
                                  2:00 **BINGO @ Rock Haven**  
 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ S.O.N.**  
                                  **Truck on Ice Kick-Off**  
                                  5:00 **Christmas Party @ Elks Club**  
 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ S.O.N.**  
 21, 22 \_\_\_\_\_ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
 27 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 **Board of Directors Meeting @ S.O.N.**  
                                  9:30 **Club Meeting @ S.O.N.**

	<b>GREETERS</b> <i>(Chair: Lon Coppernoll)</i>	<b>RAFFLE</b> <i>(Chair: Bruce Pierson)</i>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> <i>(Chair: Ed Timmer)</i>	<b>SINGING</b> <i>(Chair: Phil Selgren)</i>
Dec 06	<i>Don Anderson      Dave Peterson</i>	<i>Linda Servais</i>	<i>Ed Timmer</i>	<i>John Sarnow</i>
Dec 13	<i>Glenn Disrude      Marlen Moody</i>	<i>Luci Cramer</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Phil Selgren</i>
Dec 20	<i>Curt Larson      Ray Cummings</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>
Dec 27	<i>Tom Neumann      Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>	<i>Phil Selgren</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>

**From our PRESIDENT**

*Carl Cramer*



Our new Kiwanis year, from October 2017 through September 2018, has started smoothly. Many activities have been planned, started and held; and our kids and the community have benefited by our Kiwanis efforts for improvement. Keep up the good work!

I was impressed with the December Issue of the **Kiwanis Magazine** that we all receive. It presented an interesting read and study, "187 Tips to Grow Your Club." New members are a special necessity for Golden K clubs, as time and health do take a toll. Also, as Kiwanis Executive Director Stan Soderstrom says: "*membership in Kiwanis has always been the result of one member inviting others*". Because we care about our community, our children and our Kiwanis club, **invite someone to join us.**

**Come on snow!** December 21, the first day of winter will be here soon. Our largest fundraiser of the year, **Truck On Ice**, depends on thick ice on the Traxler Park Lagoon, and a club of supportive Kiwanians. Let's join

together to keep the Kiwanis spirit alive and well in our community.

December is a busy month for all, especially Kiwanians. It is the season to share with others, as we are able. My wish for you is a busy and productive December as we engage in family, community and Kiwanis activities. Have a peaceful and happy holiday season.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Christmas is rapidly approaching and one of our Kiwanis commitments is to ring bells for the Salvation Army  
 Dates and locations this year are:

Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>      10:00-6:00  
                                  Woodman's      Both doors  
                                  Festival Foods      Exit door  
Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>      10:00-6:00  
                                  Shopko      Both doors  
                                  Festival Foods      Exit Door

Please help by filling the sign-up sheets.

Thanks, *Rocke*

**BOARD of DIRECTORS** Meeting: 11/29/2017

**Attendance:**

<b>President:</b> Carl Cramer	<b>Directors:</b>
<b>President Elect:</b> David Thill	John Sarnow
<b>Vice President:</b> David Kemp	Linda Servais
<b>Treasurer:</b> Will Reck	Luci Cramer
<b>Secretary:</b> Paul Neitzel	Robert Douglas
<b>Past President:</b> Richard Johnson	Jerry Burhans

**Others Present:** Coppernoll Kealey Peterson

**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m. by President Cramer

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes, approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Will reported that all accounts are liquid and that the dues have been paid. Will stated that he wrote a check for \$500 to Craig Closet as well.

Luci Cramer suggested that the dollar amounts be separated under Lincoln K-Kids to reflect that half of that amount goes for the new Van Buren K-Kids program. Will agreed that the amounts should be itemized under each school. Will moved that the report be filed as submitted and was seconded by Richard Johnson and passed.

**Old Business:**

**Kiwanis I-Plan:**

Luci Cramer presented the revisions to the I-Plan that were suggested by the club membership for discussion, approval and inclusion into the final document.

**End of the Year Appeal Letter:**

Carl Cramer gave a brief history and update on our End of the Year Appeal Letter. Carl mentioned that Maury Frey proposed this idea to help raise money for the club and how incredibly successful it has become. The money received goes into the Administrative Account or Project Eliminate if so designated.

**Committees Update:**

Carl gave an update on the new Grant Writing Committee made up of Luci Cramer, Jerry Burhans, Bob Douglas, Dave Soderberg and Ed Timmer. Carl stated that all committee positions are filled.

**New Business:**

**Wishing Well Report:**

Lon Coppernoll reported on the history of the Wishing Wells and the financial success of the program. Lon stated that the three Kiwanis members that were instrumental in promoting the idea of getting the Wishing Wells for the Golden K were Bob Knudson, Pete Kealey and Bill Bessire. The total amount of money collected from the Wishing Wells from 2008 to 2017 is \$14,466 and the clubs share comes to \$7,233. The money collected goes into the Service Account.

**Club By-Laws:**

Carl talked about the importance and necessity of updating our By-Laws to reflect the changes that have taken place since our last document was approved several years ago. This matter will be taken up at the next Board of Directors meeting.

**Status of Financial Review:**

The Financial Review Team is currently finishing up the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year for the Board. Financial documents pertaining to 2016-2017 are ready to go for the team to start work on.

**Motion to Adjourn: at 9:13 a.m.**

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

**ROCK HAVEN NEWS**

Thanks to the members who helped bring BINGO to residents at Rock Haven on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

Luci Cramer Carl Cramer  
Linda Servais Phil Selgren

**CHRISTMAS FOR RESIDENTS**  
***Suggested Holiday Gift Items***

Body Wash	Body Lotion ( <i>unscented</i> )
Hair Shampoo	Hair Conditioner
Wall Clock	Wall Calendar
Facial Tissue	Micro-wave Popcorn
Socks with grippers	Socks for diabetics
Wrapping Paper	Scotch Tape

**Please, do not wrap these gifts.**

If you choose to donate, I need the gifts by  
Wednesday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**



Thank You,  
Phil Selgren

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

John Janes

At our last Blood Drive on Oct. 30 and 31, we collected a total of 108 units of blood. Our Kiwanis club put in 51 hours plus we had 3 Friends of Kiwanis helping. Thanks to all for making it another successful Blood Drive.

The next Blood Drive will be Jan. 8 and 9 at  
St. William's Catholic Church

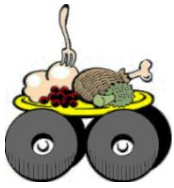
**YEAR END APPEAL**

The Holidays are coming soon. Along with that, comes many Year End Appeal requests from many organizations, including your Golden "K" Club. Our first Year End Appeal was three years ago. That year around \$2,000 was raised. Two years ago, in the neighborhood of \$3,000 was raised. Last year, we raised \$4,160 which makes it our second largest fundraiser. Only Truck on Ice raised more. This year, we would like to raise \$5,000.

If you think about it, giving to the Year End Appeal is an easy way to help your Club. No standing in the heat or cold passing out peanuts or lilies. No volunteer time required of you. Just set down by your desk, write out a check and it is done in a couple of minutes. By doing this, you will be helping our Club with all of the activities we do. Anything you give is appreciated.

*Maury*





## Meals on Wheels

Thanks to the following people for donating their time to deliver Meals on Wheels this past month. It is such a generous way to serve others as they are able. Kiwanis is recognized by Mercy Hospital for their dependable service. Those delivering were:

Those delivering meals were:

Dale Henning	Wayne Olson	Rocke Schroeder
Lon Coppemoll	Art Castro	Dave Peterson
Dave Thill	Dave Kemp	John Janes
Carl Cramer	Luci Cramer	

As well as Friends of Kiwanis:

Doris Henning	Bev Castro	Mary Peterson
Sue Schroeder	Mary Thill	

A very special thanks to Lon for doing a route by himself.

*Linda Servais*



## Jolly Jingle Parade (*Saturday, December 2*)

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Pete Kealey, Richard Heshelman, Tom Neumann and John Janes washed and decorated the Truck-on-Ice for the Parade.

Our thanks to those of you who were at the parade to show your support.

*John Janes*



Thanks to the Builders Club for joining us and distributing candy in the parade.

## The Christmas Communitree Competition and Show At the Pontiac Convention Center

Ron Shuler again created the entry for our club that you see pictured here.

This year, the theme of the tree is "A Real Treat" which is an appropriate add on to "Serving the Children of the World". Be sure to check out the fantastic amount of detail in the entry!

Voting for the Golden K entry in the annual Communitree contest begins on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The hours for voting are 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only on weekdays (M-F). Last year we swept all 3 categories. The guidelines are 1 vote per person.

### Reminder.

The tree that wins the People's Choice category wins \$300 for the organization. **Voting ends Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

*"Thanks Ron!"*

## Craig Cares Campaign 2017

### THANKS EVERYONE,

Through your generosity, \$1,100 was raised and we will be helping 7 needy students (#23, #24 #25, #26, #27, #28, #69) at Craig High School have a MERRIER CHRISTMAS this year.

We will be getting them \$100 gift certificates from the store of their choice (1 Kohls, 1 Boston Store, 2 Target, and 3 Walmart), plus some stocking stuffers that Vicki and I will pick out. Here's what they asked for this year:

Chap stick, Slippers, Calculator, Blanket, Pillow, Lip gloss, Body wash, Ear buds, Socks, and Nail polish

Vicki and I will be taking the gifts over to Craig High School on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> and meet the new Craig Cares Advisor, Mrs. Andrea Nickel, a Social Studies Teacher. The Campaign will be helping more than 80 students again this year.

We should all feel good about helping out with this event again and if you have any questions please let me know.

**THANKS AGAIN & MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Jerry & Vicki*



# Truck-On-Ice

## *Sink the Truck & Save the Kids*

**Can we sink it again? Yes We Can !!**

*We are the **old, the caring, the capable, the effective***

**“ We are the Janesville Golden Kiwanis “**

### **The Shoreline philosopher says;**

- WE BELIEVE IN KINSHIP WITH KIDS
  - We join with the easily despised and the readily left out. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable kids so the day will come when we stop throwing them away. *Gregory Boyle s.j. (paraphrased)*
- WE BELIEVE IN UNFORTUNATE KIDS
  - Unfortunate kids need Kiwanians who will be kind to them. Kiwanians need unfortunate kids to whom to be kind. *Aristotle (paraphrased)*
- LOVE NEVER QUILTS *1 Corinthians 13:8*
- HATE IS NOT THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE, APATHY IS *Rollo May*

### **WE NEED YOU !!**

We need your:

- TIME** Please volunteer for the shifts at the cooperating outlets
- TALENT** Selling the guesses and getting the money
- TREASURE** Please buy guesses as stocking stuffers for your kids and grandkids

This fundraiser is a **WIN-WIN** endeavor.

#### **Kids win:**

- 1) Shelter, clothing, supplies for homeless high school children
- 2) Scholarships, for Blackhawk Tech & U-Rock students
- 3) Guidance, for youth at Boys & Girls Club
- 4) Help, for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

**We win;** because we are practicing the beatitudes;

- 1) Blessed are the merciful
- 2) Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for what is right
- 3) Blessed are the peacemakers

#### **More from the Shoreline Philosopher:**

- We never did anything to earn a place or earn our talents in this world in the first place
- Everything meaningful in life: love, joy, kindness, material wealth, etc. we have on diminished borrowed time....so start giving it away.

#### **EDUCATIONAL MOMENT**

- What has more lights than Ron Shuler’s Christmas tree at the Pontiac Convention Center?
- What stands still and moves along Milwaukee and Main Street?
- What has over 1,000 lights and is surrounded by kids and candy canes for 1 hour a year?
- Where is the world’s first, safest, simplest and driverless vehicle located?
- What sits the same on ice or mud but looks different?

**BOTTOM LINE ... SELL THE GUESSES, GET THE MONEY**

Glen Jablonka & Pete Kealey, *TOI co-chairs*