

**A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club**  
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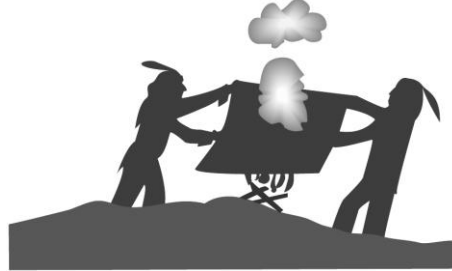
Meeting Each Wed: 9:30AM @ Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI

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Division 5 Lt. Governor: *Jim McMullen*

### OFFICERS

**President:** David Thill  
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**Vice Pres:** Tom Neumann  
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**Secretary:** Paul Neitzel  
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### DIRECTORS

**2019** Luci Cramer  
 Robert Douglas  
**2020** Jerry Burhans  
**2021** Don Anderson  
 Wayne Olson

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

### PROGRAMS

Chair: *Luci Cramer*

#### Apr


03 April: Parkinson's Awareness Month\_\_ *Patty Burhans*  
 10 Health Net of Rock Co. – 25 Years \_\_\_ *Heide Van Kirk*  
 17 Tiny Homes/Homeless \_\_\_\_\_ *Richard Snyder*  
 24 ECHO: Celebrating 50 Years \_\_\_\_\_ *Joe Locher*

#### May

01 What Camp Waubeek Means to Me\_\_\_ *Nathan Ballou*

### APRIL CLUB CALENDAR

01, 02 \_\_\_\_\_ **Blood Drive @ St Williams**  
 03 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**  
 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**  
 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 **Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**  
 20 \_\_\_\_\_ **Lily Day @ Business Locations**  
 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 **Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**  
 9:30 **Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens**

	GREETERS <i>(Chair: Lon Coppernoll)</i>		RAFFLE <i>(Chair: Bruce Pierson)</i>	DEVOTIONS <i>(Chair: Ed Timmer)</i>	SINGING <i>(Chair: Glen Jablonka)</i>
Apr 03	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Dave Peterson</i>	<i>Linda Servais</i>	<i>Ed Timmer</i>	<i>Wayne Olson</i>
Apr 10	<i>Linda Servais</i>	<i>Tom Neumann</i>	<i>Dale Henning</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>John Sarnow</i>
Apr 17	<i>Luci Cramer</i>	<i>Don Anderson</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>	<i>Phil Selgren</i>
Apr 24	<i>Curt Larson</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Maury Frey</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Glen Jablonka</i>
	<b>April:</b> <i>Jerry Langdok</i>		<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	<b>May:</b> <i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark Your Calendars !!**

May 04, 10, 11 Tree Sale @ Rotary Gardens  
 May 18, 19 Renaissance Faire  
 May 20 – May 24 Meals on Wheels (*Routes A-D*)  
 May 27 – May 31 Meals on Wheels (*Routes A-D*)  
 Jun 12 Ronald McDonald Golf,  
 Beloit Country Club

### Blood Drive - April 1 & 2

*John Janes*

At the last Blood Drive, the weather was so bad we had to cancel the first day and only ran for four hours the second day. Hopefully all those donors who were not able to give will show up at this Blood Drive for a record turnout on April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

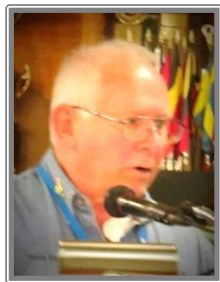
Volunteering at a Blood Drive is another opportunity to show our involvement in our community. Thank you for a quick response in signing up to take a shift.

**ALWAYS**  
*Display Kiwanis  
 when volunteering!*



## From our PRESIDENT

David Thill



We are now half way through the 2018/2019 Blackhawk Golden "K" Club year, and it has been interesting so far. In December we moved our operations from the Sons of Norway building to the Rotary Gardens facility. Also in December and January, we encountered several meeting cancellations due to weather conditions and the holidays. The "Truck on Ice" event got under way in late December and finally concluded when the truck sunk on March 13<sup>th</sup>. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Kiwanis Midyear Conference was held at U.W. Whitewater and was attended by five of our club's members. The Conference proved to be very informative and provided leadership seminars throughout the day. While the intent of the conference was to show how to run Kiwanis clubs effectively, I felt that the focus was to develop and find ways to increase club membership. I am sure that we all will agree that this is an area that needs our attention.

As the year progresses there are several items that will require our club's attention. We already know that club membership is a concern. A simple way to address this, is to invite someone we know to check us out. Our club is well known in this community and our membership is alive and well and fun to be around, plus we have some great informative programs.

In addition to all that, we do have a few areas that need some help. The first thing that comes to mind is our Club Committees. We need to update this list and do it soon so that we know who to contact when a need arises. There are a few committees that need additional volunteer leaders and membership participation such as: Apparel (for Denim shirts, etc.), Boys & Girls Club activities, Kiwanis Park-Flowers, (the water & weed brigade), Meals on Wheels, The Telephone Tree (for emergency notifications,) K-Kids Elementary Schools activities, the Weekly Raffle, (and of course the Fund Raisers), Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Easter Lilies, Peanut Day, the Renaissance Faire, and the Truck on Ice campaign.

There are probably a few activities that I have overlooked, but I think you get the picture.

If you have a copy of the Club Committee listings, look at the very bottom of the page, It says:

"All members are urged to volunteer when the designated activity is scheduled".

## BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 03/27/2019

### **Attendance:**

<b>President:</b>	<i>David Thill</i>	<b>Directors:</b>
<b>President Elect:</b>	<i>David Kemp</i>	<i>Luci Cramer</i>
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**Call to Order:** 8:33 a.m. by President Thill

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Will reported that all accounts are liquid and moved to file the report as submitted. The treasurer's report was seconded by Bob Douglas and approved.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Letter From Kiwanis International re: K-Kids:**

The issue regarding payment for the Lincoln and Van Buren Elementary Schools participation in the K-Kids program has been resolved. An accounting error at Kiwanis International created the confusion.

#### **Janesville Early Literacy Program:**

Will Reck proposed modifying the dollar amount for college scholarships so that we could allocate money for the Janesville Literacy Program and help many more Janesville youth than just a few students at the college level. Discussion followed on what programs should be sponsored by our club, how much to donate, when we should pay and is the money going for its intended purpose, and why are we supporting these endeavors. It was decided that a subcommittee should be formed to formulate a plan to be submitted to the Board. Will Reck volunteered to chair this committee and Carl Cramer and Tom Neumann volunteered to be on it. A motion was made by Wayne Olson to table all financial requests until the committee has time to look into the budgeted items for review. Motion was seconded by Tom Neumann and passed.

#### **Meeting Cancellation Call Team:**

David Thill said he would talk to Richard Johnson about creating a call team to help with notifying membership of meeting cancellations, other emergencies and important announcements.

#### **Updating Business Cards and Pamphlets (Membership Committee):**

Since the move to Rotary Gardens, our business cards and pamphlets have not been updated. It was decided that the Membership Committee of Bruce Pierson and Carl Cramer could use a little help with this matter along with the help of Dave Peterson. David Thill said he would ask at the regular club meeting for an additional volunteer.

### **New Business:**

#### **Report on Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference, Whitewater WI, March 23:**

David Thill, David Kemp, Linda Servais and Carl and Luci Cramer attended this annual conference and reported on the value and knowledge gained from attending this event.

#### **Lily Days:**

Linda Servais announced that the Lily Days fundraiser is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

**Tree Sale - May 04, 10 & 11**

*John Janes*



*"This year we are trying something new".*

In the past, we sold trees on one weekend in May. We sold on Friday and Saturday and finished up on Sunday afternoon, hoping to sell every tree. If we didn't, we would try the following Saturday. We always seemed to have trees left over to give away.

This year we will sell trees on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Rotary Gardens "Celebrate the Earth" event, plus the following Friday and Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope this will help in selling all the trees.

People have been asking for something besides trees this year, so I added a purple lilac.

We are not only selling trees, but are also trying to keep Janesville and surrounding areas green.

Your help in this fund raiser is greatly appreciated.



**Renaissance Faire - May 18 & 19**

*John Janes*

The Renaissance Faire is a very unique event to experience. Our involvement helps to show how much the Kiwanis is alive and active in our community. So, when you are working at the main entrance, please be wearing everything Kiwanis.

After your shift, you are allowed to roam around the grounds to see all the sights.

Please sign up and enjoy the experience.

**Whitewater Mid-Year Conference** *Carl Cramer*

One of three WI/UP Kiwanis Mid-Year Conferences was held March 23, 2019 at the UW-Whitewater, University Center. We had a record attendance of over 200 Kiwanis leaders. Janesville is part of Division 5 and will become a smaller Division 4 starting October 1, 2019.

Golden Kiwanis President David Thill and Vice-President David Kemp attended a Leadership series of meetings. They emphasized how to: run our club effectively, lead our club in projects that benefit our community, develop ways to increase club membership and develop future leaders in our club.

Other sessions were held for general Kiwanis members; attending was Linda Servais, Luci and Carl Cramer. Four sessions on Achieving Club Excellence, ACE, were attended. The sessions were: Creating a Purpose for your club, Hosting a Membership Drive, Celebrating Success, and How Can a Coach Help my Club.

Club leaders and members were participants in a number of General and Break-Out Sessions. The District Signature Project of using iPads to aid Autistic Children was presented by past Governor, Lynn Messer. Golden K is actively participating by working with the Janesville School District to obtain and distribute iPads. Special Education Therapists, kids and families are grateful.

Governor Jim Buskel and Governor-Elect, Roger Krogstad presented a session on Service Projects. By definition Service Projects are **not** associated with fund raising. Clubs have their own local projects and can participate in large area projects also. An all-women K Club, ages 85-104, are knitting caps for newborns.

A session on Fund Raising was held describing a variety of projects like raffles, refreshments at outdoor events, T.O.I., etc.

Service Leadership Programs were highlighted. K-Kids and Builders club was discussed. Kiwanis is the only service club with an Aktion Club like organization. Janesville noon club sponsors our local Aktion Club for people with a positive attitude and disabilities. There are 15 Aktion clubs in the WI/UP District, with 4 of them in the U.P.

We enjoyed a nice luncheon. A final session was a discussion led by our Lt. Governor of District 5, Jim McMullen of Janesville. This is the last year for Jim as Lt. Governor.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY				<i>Will Reck</i>	
2018-2019 Year		As Of:		March 25, 2019	
ACCOUNTS		Admin	Service		
Assets (Checking Accts)		7,308	28,234		
Liabilities	Scholarships		500		
	Joker Pot	160			
	TOI Prizes		5,000		
	Tree Down Pay		620		
	Net	7,148	22,114		
PROJECT SUMMARIES		Budget	Actual		
Truck on Ice	Revenue	16,000	12,062		
	Expenses	-500	-169		
	Prizes	-5,000	-5,000		
	Net	10,500	6,893		
Tree Sale	Revenue	5,000			
	Expenses	-2,850			
	Net	2,150			
Peanut Day	Revenue	5,100			
	Expense	-1,520			
	Net	3,580			

# 2019 Truck On Ice Campaign Recap

The club has completed another successful Truck on Ice Campaign.

The truck was launched onto the ice of Traxler Pond on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales also ended on Saturday February 09, 2019. Photos and observations of the truck showed the Truck sunk overnight, between 7:00pm, the evening of Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00am Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>

When the Truck was pulled out of Traxler Pond on Wednesday March 27, the clock, which was locked in the truck, showed a sinking time of 8:42 PM. With the daylight savings time adjustment, the official sinking time was determined to be 9:42pm, March 13, 2019. All of the guesses were immediately sorted and the prize winners announced were:

- \$3,000 Grand Prize to** **Ed Timmer** of Janesville
- \$250 Prizes to** **Tim Donagan**, of Janesville  
**Santo Carfora**, of Janesville  
**Susan Jiardini**, of Milwaukee  
**Mary Kass**, of Osseo
- \$100 Prizes to** **Robert Gibson**, of Janesville  
**Andrew Douglas**, of Barrington, IL  
**Amy Wilcox**, of Evansville  
**Gerald Prentice**, of Janesville  
**James Schulz**, of Janesville  
**Niles Olson**, of Janesville  
**Dennis McCann**, of Janesville  
**Bonnie Skelding**, of Janesville  
**Bryan McCormick**, of Janesville  
**Diane Grandstrand**, of St. Paul, MN

The winning guesses ranged from 40 minutes from the official sinking time for the \$3000 Grand Prize winner, to 380 minutes from the official sinking time for the last \$100 prize winner.

Revenues this year were about \$12,900, which after prizes provides about \$7,900 to benefit children in the area. The success of the project is a testament to the hard work and generosity of all the members of the club and the community.

A hearty thank you to all who helped, especially from all the kids who will benefit.

## Truck on Ice Committee



**Feb 09, 2019**  
*Launched Out on the Ice*



**Overnight Mar 13, 2019**  
*The Clock Has Stopped*



The Clock is Read  
One Hr. added for DST



**Mar 27, 2019**  
*Pulled from the Lagoon*



The Winners are Determined