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John Janes

2023 Gregg Dickinson

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PROGRAMS		Chair: Luci Cramer		
May 05	ECHO	_Jessica Locher		
May 12	Janesville Comnunity	/ CenterFather Earl Sias		
May 19	United Way	_Mary Fanning-Penny		
May 26	Riversjde Park	_Bill Truman		
June 02	Lincoln in WI & Black	chawk Wars Pete Skelly		
June 09	Membership Kickoff	Tom Neuman		
June 16	Boys and Girls Club	Katlyn Henthorn		

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May 19_	_9:30 C	lub Meeting	g @ Rotary Bota	nical Gardens		
May 26_	_8:00 B	OD Meeting	g @ Rotary Bota	nical Gardens		
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DATE	GREETERS CHAIR: LON COPPERNOLL	RAFFLE CHAIR: Maury Frey	DEVOTIONS CHAIR: <i>Ed Timmer</i>	SERVERS CHAIR: Glenn Disrude	SINGING CHAIR: Wayne Olson
May 05	Bob Douglas Ray Cummings	Glenn Disrude	Ed Timmer		No Singing
May 12	Tom Neuman Linda Bontly	John Janes	Lon Coppernoll		Until
May 19	Ron Shuler Dave Thill	Linda Bontly	Richard Johnson		Restrictions
May 26	Glenn Disrude Curly Bold	Dave Thill	Carl Cramer		Lifted

HERE COME THE MAY FLOWERS—LET'S CELEBRATE

Presidents Message

Kiwanians Greetings!!

Its been very encouraging to see everyone getting back into the swing of meetings. We are slowing getting back to normal and have some great programs lined up thru this spring. Hats off to the Program Committee and Luci for putting together programs without much time to react to our reopening.

Your board of directors is going to start the process of elections so stay tuned for that and also discuss and finalize our donations for the upcoming year realizing our budget is tight this year.

Please circle June 9th on your calendar as it will be a special Q & A with your officers and board members. We want members to feel part of the process so come prepared to ask and get answered any questions you might have on club budget, activities, committees etc. I don't remember ever doing

this before so lets see how it goes.

Mac's Pizza Shack club lunch is on for May 5th and signup is great. 20+ members going. Should be good food and good conversation.

See you there.

Tom Neuman
President Blackhawk Golden K
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Happy Birthday

May 02_____Dick Fay May 02____Will Reck

May 03 Dick Heschelman
May 23 Don Anderson

May 26 _____Ron Shuler

May 31 Linda Bontly

May 31 Mel Lemirande

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BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 4/28/2021 **Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m. by President Neuman

Attendance:

President: Tom Neumann Directors:

President Elect: Bruce Jorenby

 Vice President:
 Vacant
 John Janes

 Treasurer:
 Greg Turco
 Linda Bontly

 Secretary
 :
 Paul Neitzel
 Gregg Dickinson

Past President: Dave Kemp

Others Present: Dave Thill Lonnie Coppernoll

Maury Frey Richard Johnson

Carl Cramer Luci Cramer

Secretary's Report:

.Paul presented a thank you check to the Board from the couple that won the Truck on Ice Grand Prize in the amount of \$100.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Turco stated that both the Administrative and Service Accounts are liquid and in good shape. He also reported on the IRS putting our late filing fee fine on hold for nine weeks because they have not processed our written mailed-in appeal due to getting behind because of Covid-19 restrictions in their workplace

-------OLD BUSINESS:-----

2021/22 Truck on Ice Campaign:

John Janes is looking for a chairperson for Truck on Ice and some committee members to help with planning the 2021/22 campaign.

New Member Committee:

A committee has been meeting to discuss ideas to consider in generating new members to join Kiwanis. If you have any new ideas, please pass them on to Bruce Pierson or Tom Neumann to bring up at a future Board meeting

----NEW BUSINESS:

Business Meeting with Members:

June 9th is being considered as a possible date for having a business meeting with members as our program to allow any members to ask questions of Board members

of any concerns they may have or just for better transparency of how the Board makes decisions.

Polo Shirts & New Badges:

Tom Neumann is getting quotes on new polo shirts that have the Kiwanis Logo on them that are more updated and comfortable for any member that may want one. Carl Cramer displayed a sample of the new Kiwanis badges that would be made by Kandu Industries. They are circular, bigger, and more visible. More information will be given at a future meeting.

Charities:

Greg Turco presented a handout detailing the charities and the amounts given to them during the last fiscal year. The Board went through the list and discussed the pros and cons of each item and weighed whether or not to continue funding the item and the dollar amount based on Covid-19 impact and having less funds. The Board needs more info on some items and will vote at a future meeting on this matter.

Elections:

Carl Cramer gave a rundown of the time frame and protocols for the upcoming election of officers and directors. The club is looking to fill the position of Vice President in particular and if anyone is interested in any of the other officer positions or joining the Board of Directors, please inform any of the current Board members.

Fund Raising:

Dave Kemp is looking into the businesses that would be willing to allow our club to do Peanut Day and acquiring the necessary supplies.

Grants:

John Janes proposed the idea of writing a grant to acquire more funds to help fund projects due to a lack of fundraising opportunities. If anyone has expertise or knows someone who could do this, please contact any Board member.

Next Board Meeting: (Time Change)

May 26th at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

——-<u>Other Business</u>——

VICE PRESIDENT:

This position is still open if anyone might be interested in taking on this responsibility.

Flag Burning Ceremony

The Golden"K" annual flag burning ceremony is scheduled at Kiwanis Park on Wednesbay, June 9th at 11:30 Am, immediately following the weekly meeting. (rain delay– same time on June 10th)

As you recall, the 2020 event was cancelled due to covid virus concerns resulting in collection of 1000 plus flags over the last two years. The number of flags collected annually is around 500. Double that amount will be a physical and time consuming challenge. Any past Patriotic Committee members and others who are able to serve at this event can "sign up" in May. We will need at least 10 memberd to complete the multiple tasks prior and during the ceremony and for clean-up after.

Boy Scout Troop #539 (St. Williams) will again assist us and provide a bugler to play taps.

Dave Soderberg has been the driving force behind this event for 15 years. However, recent health issues will prevent his participation tis year. Obviously with the large number of flags collected weekly. There will be there is a definite need in the community to continue this program in the future. No other group fills this need and every year we hear how meaningful this event is to various veterans groups and their families and how much they appreciate what we do.

Don Hanneman, Patriotic Committee Chairman

Get Your Flag

Our government is offering new US flags.at bargain prices. A standard 3'x5'Nylon Flag is \$10 and if you get one that has been flown over the Capitol it is \$19. Go to <u>steil.house.gov</u>-FlagsRequests-<u>Flag Order Form.</u> There are also other choices.

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TURNING VEGAN WOULD BE A BIG MISSED STEAK

CDC now recommends wearing your seatbelt even when you are out of the car.

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Something I missed last month



Golden K was represented at the Boys and Girls Club ribbon cutting for new STEM Lab on Friday March 5th. Tom Neumann, John Janes and Gregg Dickinson represented the club. Golden"K" was acknowledged as a sponsor!



One peculiar finding from pre-Columbian South America is the Quimbaya "airplanes" of the Quimbaya Civilization (now Colombia), which are small golden artifacts that look eerily similar to modern airplanes. Of course, these "airplanes" could actually be depictions of butterflies or birds, but their likeness to modern-day airplanes *is* pretty strange, and it's far more interesting to posit a conspiracy theory leading back to aliens, isn't it?



Ecuadorian legends speak of a lost city inhabited by giant humans, and in 2012, researchers discovered ruins in the Ecuadorian jungle with giant structures that would've been far too big for average-sized humans. The ruins, which were unknown to most people in Ecuador at the time, contained massive pyramids and tools that would've been impossible for humans to use. Giant human bones have also been found in nearby caves, leading us to wonder: was there a giant species of human that once walked the earth?

Coral Castle Museum-Miami Florida



This sculpture garden in stone, built by one man, Edward Leedskalnin. From 1923 to 1951, Ed single-handedly and secretly carved over 1,100 tons of coral rock, and his unknown process has created one of the world's most mysterious accomplishments.

To this day, no one knows how Ed created the Coral Castle. Built under the cover of night and in secret, at a time when there were no modern construction conveniences, Ed would only say that he knew "the secret of the pyramids." When he died, his secrets died with him, and to this day scientists and thinkers still debate Ed's methods

Meals on Wheels

Thank you again from Mercy Hospital and me for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of April. Golden K is recognized by Mercy Hospital for their dependable service of delivering the meals. Those delivering meals were:

Art Castro Luci Cramer John Sarrow
Lon Coppernoll Carl Cramer Dave Thill
Maury Frey Linda Bontly Bob Wilcox
John Janes Paul Neitzel
Also, Friends of Kiwanis were:

Bev Castro Kay Frey Kay Janes Vicki Neitzel Anita Wilcox Mary Thill

Tricia Coppernoll

Thank you so much and a very special thanks to Lon and Tricia Coppernoll for delivering meals for two weeks.

Linda Bontly, MOW coordinator

Membership Committee

A membership drive kickoff meeting was held April 22. Increaseing our membership is critical to the long term health of our club. We hope that EVERY MEMBER will pitch in and feel that they are members of this committee. If everybody helps out just a little we can be successful.

The June 9th meeting will be exclusively devoted to this program. An agenda will be emailed to all before the meeting. We ask that you review the items and present your views at the meeting. We need more Ideas.

The Committee.

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