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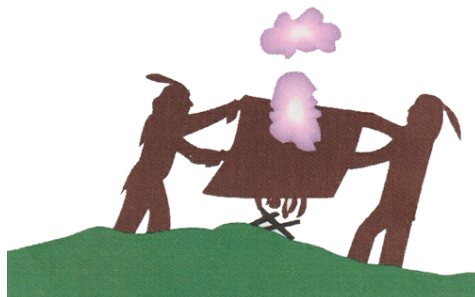
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI
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OFFICERS

President: Roger Willeford
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Vice Pres: Tom Neumann
Treasurer: Greg Turco
Asst. Treas: Linda Bontly
Secretary: Paul Neitzel
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2022-'25 Ron Shuler
2022-'25 Dave Thill
2023-'26 Linda Bontly
2024-'27 Carl Cramer
2024-'27 Ray Szczepaniak

"KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO"
"Improving the world one child and one community at a time"


PROGRAMS

May
Chair: Luci Cramer
07 Program Fraud Security by Angie Hoiu [BCCU]
14 Program Beekeeping in Kenya by Stephen Jeter
21 Program Agricultural Tourism by Shelia Everhart
28 Program Politics To Mustard by Janis Ringland

June
04 Program NAMI by Lindsay Stevens

MAY CLUB CALENDAR

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

	GREETERS <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	RAFFLE <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	DEVOTIONS <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	SERVER <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
May 7	Dave Thill & Steve Skelly	Linda Bontly	Richard Johnson	Maury Frey
May 14	Bob Knudson & Dave Peterson	Ryan Lewis	Ron Shuler	Maury Frey
May 21	Jim Farrell & Tom Neumann	John Janes	Carl Cramer	Maury Frey
May 28	Don Kellogg & Dick Fay	Maury Frey	Bob Knudson	Maury Frey
			May Juice Man: Maury Frey	

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 04/30/25

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

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Others Present: Ryan Lewis, Luci Cramer, and Glenn Disrude.

Secretary's Report: There were no corrections to the minutes and were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report: Greg reported that the administrative checking balance was up about \$100 and the service checking was down about \$1500 due to the purchase of trees for the tree sale. \$872 was collected for Easter Lily donations to Camp Waubeek. Robert Wilcox motioned to approve the report and was seconded by Carl Cramer and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Key Club: Ray stated that he was preparing a presentation for the Rock University H.S. to explain what Key Club is all about and what our commitment would be to them. The minimum number of members needed to form a club is 11. The cost is \$17 per student for Kiwanis International. Ray will explain what their commitment will be as well and he believes there is enough interest to form a club. Ray made a motion to sponsor the club for 3 years and then reevaluate everything. The motion was seconded by Carl Cramer and approved.

Buddy Bench: Glenn Disrude informed the board that the Noon Rotary Club has a grant application to help fund worthwhile projects and is applying for a grant of up to \$2000 to help pay for Buddy Benches that could be put into public and parochial schools.

Glenn also went through the Nonprofit Social Services Application form that covers club insurance that is not affiliated with Kiwanis International in the event that we break away from Kiwanis and form our own club. That idea is still in the information gathering stage at the present time.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: The date set for the election of officers is May 7th, 2025. Since we have 3 candidates and only 2 director vacancies, we will have a paper ballot. The candidates are Ryan Lewis, Bruce Jorenby and Steve Skelly. Jim Farrell will be our new Vice President.

Membership Committee Plans: On September 6th, 2025, the Lions Club will be hosting their Annual Chicken Roast and our club will be setting up a booth for publicity and new member leads.

Website Additions: Discussion about possible donations and dues payments being made to our club through our website was addressed. We are not currently setup to do this but will look into this as a possibility for the future.

Tree Sale Committee: Tom Neumann thought it would be a good idea to have a committee meeting before the next tree sale next year to help out with the logistics of ordering, picking up trees, promotion and helping out with the sale. He also suggested and made a motion to add a 3% credit card fee at the tree sale since so many people pay with a credit card and then we don't have to cover that cost ourselves. That motion was approved.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15am

Submitted by Paul Neitzel



April 2 ~ Shelia Martin



23 ~ Chancellor Corey King

April



April 9 ~ Carrie Grubanowitch



April 23 L-R: Kennedy Heckel [UW-W Varsity Relations Officer] and Patricia Clasen [UW-Whitewater at Rock County-Janesville Assistant Vice-Chancellor].



April 16 ~ Eric Robinson.



April 30 ~ Dan Wych

The program committee under the leadership of Luci Cramer arranges to have speakers that give informative and thought provoking programs each week.

Happy Birthday Wishes

May 2 Dick Fay
May 5 Ron Anderson
May 23 Don Anderson
May 26 Ron Shuler
May 31 Linda Bontly
May 31 Mel Lemirande



Bob Knudson's project raised money for handicapped children and adults at Kiwanis supported camps. The project raised \$862.91 for those camps.



Gregg Dickenson introduces a program speaker



April 18: Tom, Ryan, Roger, Greg, and Steve made 'Buddy Benches' at Rotary Garden's on Earth Day.

Photo above by Tom Neumann



Note- Kiwanis member Steve Skelly who is the head of the above project was featured in a Hawaiian Airlines magazine aboard their aircraft.



Article at:
<https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/hawaii-stories/hana-hou/articles/issue-28-1/brother-in-arms>



John Janes summarizes the spring plant sales

I married my high school girl friend, Kay, in 1958. We dated for six years during high school and college before getting married. We have five children, 17 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. All live in Wisconsin except one grandson who lives in Denver. We are blessed to have them so close. We see them often. This year we will be celebrating 67 years of marriage.

After retiring we spent winter time in Arizona and Florida, Have also travelled to Hawaii, Alaska and many European countries. We gave that up a few years ago due to my wife's Alzheimer situation.

I have been a member of Golden K for 27 years. I was a Board Member several times. I have enjoyed my association with Golden K and the friendship that goes with it.

Member Glimpse: Maury Frey



I was born and raised in Highland, Illinois, a town of 3000 people 35 miles from St. Louis. After high school I started working at the General Motors plant in St. Louis. I then attended General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan where I received a degree in

Mechanical Engineering. After graduation I continued working for General Motors. Spent 10 years at the St. Louis plant followed by 2 years at their Central Office in Detroit. In 1965 I was transferred to Janesville where I spent the rest of my career until retiring from GM in 1996.

My career in Janesville was in the Engineering and Maintenance Departments. From 1972 until retirement, I was the Director of Facilities and Maintenance. Following my career with GM, I worked for J. P. Cullen for four years as their Manager of Construction at the GM plant. Retired for good in 2000. Since retiring in 2000, I have done volunteering at Rotary Gardens.



Ray Szczepaniak informs about the latest Key Clubs at the local high school level.



Lucy Cramer and **Jim Farrell** informing about our speakers