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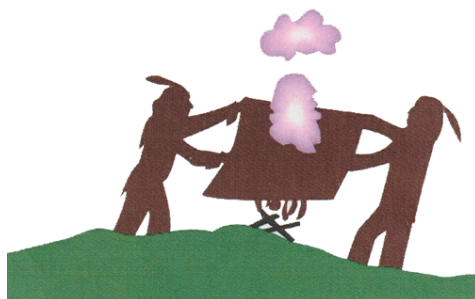
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Meeting Each Wednesday: 9:30AM @ Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI  
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## OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	Roger Willeford
<b>Pres. Elect:</b>	Richard Johnson
<b>Past Pres:</b>	Robert Wilcox
<b>Vice Pres:</b>	Tom Neumann
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Greg Turco
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<b>Secretary:</b>	Paul Neitzel
<b>Asst. Sect:</b>	Bruce Jorenby



## DIRECTORS

2022-'25	Ron Shuler
2022-'25	Dave Thill
2023-'26	Linda Bontly
2024-'27	Carl Cramer
2024-'27	Ray Szczepaniak

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***“Improving the world one child and one community at a time”***


## PROGRAMS

<b>June</b>	<b>Chair: <i>Luci Cramer</i></b>
<b>04 Program</b>	<b>NAMI by Lindsay Stevens</b>
<b>11 Program</b>	<b>Rock Co. Airport Director By Aimee Scrima</b>
<b>18 Program</b>	<b><i>Farmers Market by Kris Koch</i></b>
<b>25 Program</b>	<b>Janesville Recreation Director by Shelly Slapak</b>

**July**  
**02 Program Founding Fathers by David McKay**

## JUNE CLUB CALENDAR

04	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
11	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
18	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
25	8:15 Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens
<i>July</i>	
2	9:30 Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens

	<b>GREETERS</b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b>RAFFLE</b> <i>Chair: Maury Frey</i>	<b>DEVOTIONS</b> <i>Chair: Carl Cramer</i>	<b>SERVER</b> <i>Chair: Glenn Disrude</i>
June 4	<b>Bob Wilcox &amp; Dave Caverley-</b>	<b>Linda Bontly</b>	<b>Richard Johnson</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
June 11	<b>Bruce Jorenby @ Bob Knudson</b>	<b>Ray Szczepaniak</b>	<b>Ron Shuler</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
June 18	<b>Dave Figi &amp; Don Anderson</b>	<b>John Janes</b>	<b>Carl Cramer</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
June 25	<b>Jim Farrell &amp; John Janes</b>	<b>Bob Wilcox</b>	<b>Bob Knudson</b>	<b>Glenn Disrude</b>
			<b>June Juice Man:</b> Maury Frey	

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting: 5/28/25**

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

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**Directors:** Ron Shuler, Dave Thill, Linda Bontly, Carl Cramer, and Ray Szczepaniak.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Paul gave an update on convention news and dates. Henry Winkler was supposed to be the keynote speaker at the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh on June 25-28, 2025 but had to cancel so Martin Sheen will now take over in that role. The dates for the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Convention are set for Aug. 22-24, 2025 in Green Bay. Registration for the convention isn't available at the present time but should be open soon. The minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg reported that our administrative checking account was up about \$500 due to better meeting attendance and income from Kiwanis apparel. Our service checking account was up about \$4400 due to the tree sale income plus the Renaissance Faire donation and income from bench sales. Greg made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Key Club:** Ray Szczepaniak gave an update on the status of our first key club collaboration. He will be meeting with the Rock University High School to go over the charter paperwork with them and get this new organization off the ground and running.

**Buddy Bench:** Glenn Disrude updated the board on the status of the buddy bench project in the Janesville School District. As a club, we are interested in constructing and placing Buddy Benches at the elementary schools in Janesville. These benches are placed in a school playground or park to serve a special purpose. If a child feels lonely or left out or needs someone to play with or talk to, they can sit

on the bench. This signals to other children that they want a friend or some company. Since we missed the grant application deadline this year from the Janesville Noon Rotary Club, and now know when the deadline is, we have put it on our calendar for next year. We hope to start placement during the 2025-2026 school year. We are requesting \$2000 from the Noon Rotary Club with a budget of \$2560 for the project. The completed project could serve about 1000 students. Tom Neumann made a motion to allocate \$500 for the Garden Bench Project materials for which we have sold 12 benches to date. The motion was seconded by Linda Bontly and approved.

**Insurance Committee Status:** Glenn Disrude presented his findings from American Family Insurance regarding insurance for the club in the event we would want to form our own club and disengage from Kiwanis International. Glenn explained that although the insurance coverage would be better from American Family and less expensive, there were too many unknowns about it and for the present time recommended that we remain affiliated with Kiwanis International.

**Election of Officers:** Our new directors for 2025-2027 are Ryan Lewis and Steve Skelly. Our Vice President will be Jim Farrell.

**Membership Committee Plans:** The Club plans to have a booth at the Lions 2025 Chicken Roast for publicity & membership leads as well as the Farmers Market and Senior Fair.

**Web Site:** The club is looking into the possible addition to our website for making donations & or dues payments.

**Tree Sale:** The Board is suggesting that we form a committee for the annual tree sale event to relieve some of John Jane's busy activities. John would continue on as committee chair.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boys and Girls Club:** The Boys and Girls Club of Janesville is alerting all donors that there is a provision in the state budget to support Clubs across the state, including ours. The funding translates to thousands more Club youth participating in Club activities and projects. For the Janesville Club, this could mean an additional \$120,000 in funding.

For more information on how you can help, go to the following web site:

<https://bgca.quorum.us/campaign/124775/>

**Other Business:** Carl Cramer made a motion to recommend April Wright to be inducted into our club as a new member. Tom Neumann seconded the motion and was approved..

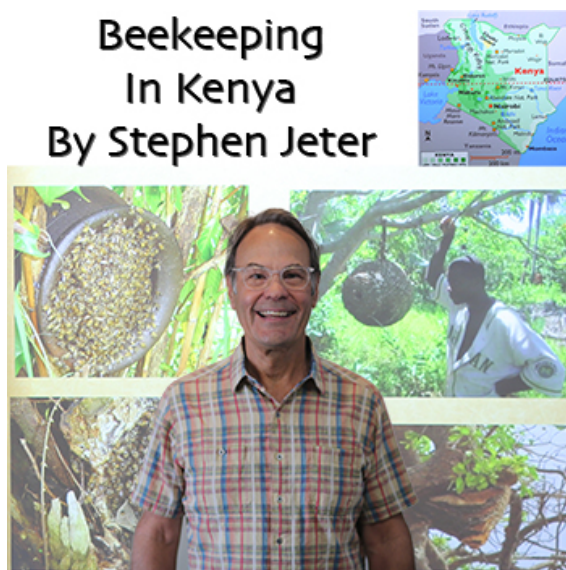
Motion to adjourn at 9:22am - Submitted by Paul Neitzel



May 7 ~ Angie Hoium



May 21 ~ Shelia Everhart



May 14 ~ Stephen Jeter



May 28 ~ Janis Ringland

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

June 2     Richard Johnson  
June 8     Dave Kemp  
June 17    Don Kellogg



Ryan reads off the winning raffle number!

**Blackhawk Golden  
Kiwanis**



***Serving Children  
of the World***

**SUPPORTING**  
High School Scholarships  
New Teacher Scholarships  
Early Literacy for Preschoolers  
Boys and Girls Club  
Craig and Parker Closets  
Camp Wawbeek for the Disabled  
Homeless Students (Project 16:49)  
Aid for New Mothers & many more

**FUNDRAISERS**  
Truck on Ice | Lily Day | Tree Sales

**COMMUNITY ACTION**  
Blood Drives     Bike Race  
Bell Ringing     Kiwanis Park  
Meals on Wheels     Kiwanis Pond  
Flag Retirement     Kiwanis Trail  
Renaissance Faire

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Don Anderson working the Renaissance Faire



Sam Carrillo [L] is the new Rotary Gardens setup person for our Wednesday meetings. Mark Steinke [R] has retired. We wish Mark the best and have greatly appreciated his outstanding work in preparing for our meetings.



Bob Knudson, Gregg Turco and Tom Neumann [not shown] played at the Boys & Girls Club outing. Member Gregg Dickinson sponsored the Kiwanis at that outing.



Each week interesting and informative programs are presented to members. Above Program Committee chairperson Luci Cramer [R] with new member April Wright [L].



## Golden “K” Scholarship Recipients *By Glenn Disrude*

**Brynn Witke** a Milton High School graduate and certified pilot plans on attending Minnesota State University, Mankato, Epic Flight Academy and Purdue Global. Her attended field of study is BS Aviation-Professional Flight. Her goal is to become a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and then look into medical flights or airline pilot positions.

Brynn has participated in tennis, FFA, Environmental and Ski Club. She was also a teacher’s assistant, Woman in Aviation International Volunteer and Willa Brown Aviation Academy Volunteer.

**Ryan Hahn** a Parker High School Graduate plans on attending UW- Madison or Milwaukee School of Engineering. He is an Eagle Scout, received a PSAT letter of Commendation and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Class president his Junior and Senior year. He was also a member of the computer club, Asian Culture Club and was a member of the golf team. He hopes to continue the practice of education by one day teaching the next generation of youth.

**Eva Schumann** a Craig High School Graduate plans on attending UW-Whitewater. She was a member of the Interact Club, Student Council, National Art and Spanish Honor Society, Link Crew and was a member of the Soccer team for four years. Eva hopes to pursue a degree where she can help others such as psychology or teaching. She hopes to achieve her goal of giving back to the community that supported her.



## Independent Community Service Club Information *By Glenn Disrude*

X Must be a Non-Profit Organization

Excludes Kiwanis International  
Coverage cost \$1257

X Additional Forms and Endorsements to be submitted

Blanket event coverage is included

Liability coverage \$1,000,000, Medical expense \$5,000

Damage to premise rent to us \$100,000, general aggregate \$2,000,000, Directors and Officers Liability \$1,000,000

Terrorism coverage is available for an additional charge.

Business Personal Property, Business Income, Extra Expenses included

X Would we be able to do our TOI, Tree Sales, Meal on wheels, Lily Days, Rotary Light Show,

X Club membership endorsement of the new service club

**Lines marked with an x** indicate areas of concern for moving on to recommend the Independent Service Club at this time. My recommendation is to continue with our current programing even though we would be paying over \$4600 in dues plus other cost that would support new programs.

