

December 12, 2023



**Kiwaniis**<sup>®</sup>  
CLUB OF GENESEO, ILLINOIS

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# The Geneseoan

**Presiding:**  
**President**  
**Tom Domino**  
**Invocation:**  
**Steve Morgan**

**Attendance:**  
**Members: 37**

**Guest**  
**Speaker(s): 1**

**Key Club: 7**

**Other Guest: 0**

## *Tonight's Program:*



*Jackie Diediker receiving grant from President Tom Domino*

**Program** Our speaker tonight was Jackie Diediker, a Director of Braveheart. This is an organization operating in 5 nearby counties with offices in Cambridge and Princeton that works with States Attorneys and Law Enforcement officers in dealing with children, ages 3 to 17 who have faced Mental Health and Physical Abuse problems before these issues go to court. The victims talk to the staff members of Braveheart only once instead of having to go through two or more other talks, such as with teachers, principals, counselors, etc. and being forced to recall their problems and issues several times. Jackie has been doing this work for the past 13 years as she and therapists help these kids handle the issues they are faced with only once. The Geneseo Kiwanis has helped to support Braveheart for the past several years.

*Reach Jackie at Braveheart (309) 937-5663*

### CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Tom Domino  
Past President: JIM UNRATH  
Pres.-Elect Guy Gibson  
Secretary Michele Weber-Enck  
Treasurer Jim Wethington  
Ass't Treasurer Jerry Myhre

### CLUB DIRECTORS:

WES HARRIS 21-24  
DAVID McINTIRE 21-24  
Tom Vorac 22-24  
Chris Gillet 22-25  
Paul Mosher 21-25  
Casey Welfer 22-25  
GUSTAFSON, DAVID 23-26  
BAUM, DICK 23 - 26  
DEBLIECK, BUTCH 23-26

## MEMBERS

ANDERSON, JEANNE  
 ANDERSON, KIM  
 BAUM, DICK  
 BENGTON, ROGER  
 BERGLES, RAY  
 BLANK, DWAYNE  
 BLANK, RON  
 BRIESER, WYATT  
 BUECHLER, TODD  
 CARRICO, MARTY  
 CARTON, STEVE  
 CASSENS, JAMES  
 CRAWFORD, CLAIRE  
 DAHLQUIST, GARY  
 DAUGHERTY, BILL  
 DAUW, DAN  
 DEBLIECK, BUTCH  
 DOMINO, TOM  
 DYKEMA, GREG  
 FEELY, AMY  
 FISHER, MAX  
 FORD, RICHARD  
 GIBSON, GUY  
 GILLET, CHRIS  
 GRADERT, WAYNE  
 GRIFFITH, GENE  
 GUSTAFSON, DAVID  
 HARRIS, WES  
 JOHNSEN, LARRY  
 JORDAN, PHIL  
 KANDIS, MIKE  
 KEMNITZ, ED  
 KERBER, DATHAN  
 KIEFER, EDWARD  
 KISER, DALE  
 LANG, JEFF  
 LUIKART, JIM  
 MARSHALL, DAVE  
 MAYS, BOB  
 McCOMBS, BILL  
 McINTIRE, DAVID  
 MICKLEY, JOE  
 MINCKS, TERI  
 MOORE, DAVID  
 MORGAN, STEVE  
 MOSHER, PAUL  
 MYHRE, JERRY  
 OLSON, DUANE  
 PARIS, LYN  
 RAHMUS, SAWYER  
 ROGERS, RAY  
 SCHANG, JOHN 'JIM'  
 SCHEHL BILL  
 SCHLOTFELDT, KEN  
 SCHWARZKOPF, CHRIS  
 SIMON, TONY  
 STEES, GENE  
 STONE, THOM  
 STONE, WAYNE  
 STORM, STANLEY  
 STOVER, DAVID  
 TANIS, DALE  
 TUBBS, DAVE  
 UFKIN, JIM  
 UNRATH, JIM  
 VANDERLEEST, LINDA  
 VERHEECKE, RICH  
 VORAC, TOM  
 WEBER, STEVE  
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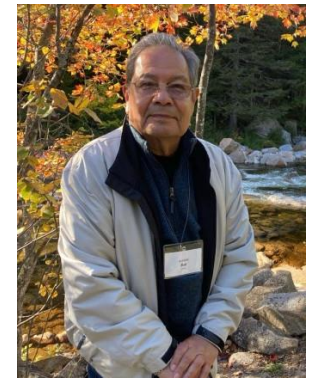
### **Dessert** Kiwanis member JERRY MYHRE

celebrated his upcoming December 20th birthday by providing Brownies for tonight's dessert treat. Thanks to you, Jerry, and we joined in wishing him a Happy Birthday even though he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.



### **In Sympathy:** BOB LOPEZ, a 24 yr.

member of our club, died on Dec. 10, 2023 following a long battle with health problems. He joined Kiwanis on March 30, 1999 and was a regular attendee at our weekly dinner meetings until facing health issues and being hospitalized. He enjoyed traveling, touring in all 50 states (visited Hawaii 20 times) and 36 foreign countries.



Bob was active in community affairs, volunteering at the Hospital, Museum, and his Church. Our sympathy to his family. We shall all miss him.

**Key Club Report:** Seven Key Club members attended our dinner meeting tonight, presenting Christmas cards they had made to our members. They were freshmen Key Club members Madilyn Minnaert, Ayla Schultz, Natalie Reisner, Eleanor Bertelsen, Dalaney Vroman, and Lucille Wachtel along with Sophomore member Hannah McGee. They have been making 'Tie Blankets' and Christmas cards before taking the holidays off during Christmas. Our Kiwanis member ED KIEFER encouraged the Key Club members to remain active, as his daughter Sarah took part in many Key Club activities during her years in high school and participating in District Key Club activities, gaining much experience toward dealing with people in her career.

**Mark your Calendars:** JIM WETHINGTON reminded members of the upcoming Blood Drive to be held at the Library on Monday, January 22nd, 2024.

**Kiwanis Guest Night:** Will be held on Dec. 19th at the First Lutheran Church in Geneseo where we will have our meal followed by a Christmas Music Program.

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**RAPPS, PAUL (YPC)**  
**VORAC, HEIDI (YPC)**  
**VORAC, NATHAN (YPC)**  
**WINKLEMAN, BETH (YPC)**

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Club Meetings:

Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m.

Activity Room

Geneseo Community Center

541 E. North Street

Geneseo, IL 61254

**A Busy Weekend of Activities:** CHRIS GILLET thanked those members providing traffic control and security for the 5K runners at the Jingle Run event on Saturday morning.



*(Ray Bergles directing traffic during the Jingle Bell Run)*

DICK FORD reported that the Kiwanis Marching Shovels performed before a huge crowd (estimated at 10,000) at the late afternoon Christmas Light Parade. 26 members, decked out in Santa and Elf hats, carried lighted snow shovels and chanting cadence as they marched through downtown Geneseo on a chilly night weatherwise. Thanks to ED and Barb KIEFER and Joy Dwyer for providing 'Flashing Light Rings' for the shovels. We as a club can be proud to participate in community activities such as this Chamber of Commerce parade. Once again, we were 'Crowd Pleasers' as we received much applause as we marched through the crowded downtown. Thanks to all of those Kiwanians who participated.





## Kiwanis Member's Birthdays



Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Paul Rapps (Young Professional Member)



20<sup>th</sup> Jerry Myre

## Upcoming Dates



First Lutheran Church



Melinda Wildermuth

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. special guest night will be held at First Lutheran Church, 114 E. Main St., Geneseo where our program will be by the Music Department of First Lutheran Church under the direction of Melinda Wildermuth.

Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> - Guest Night Meeting	January 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Regular Meeting
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> - No Meeting	January 30 <sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - No Meeting	February 6 <sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting	February 6 <sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting	February 13 <sup>th</sup> –Regular Meeting
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting	February 20 <sup>th</sup> -Regular Meeting

### Portalbuzz:

Here is the link to access the Portalbuzz site until February.

<https://members.portalbuzz.com/Member>

### To Reach Members

You can access our club directory now in our website

[www.kiwanisgeneseo.org](http://www.kiwanisgeneseo.org)

Under Club Calendar go to MEMBERS ONLY area and use the password provided to you in an email to find email address and phone numbers.

OR EMAIL

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for help.

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