



WILD ROSE K-NEWS

Wild Rose Kiwanis - PO Box 138 - Wild Rose, WI 54984

Save the Date - What's On Tap for Our Club

Tue, Jan 20 TODAY - Patrick Kelly, Habitat LLC Land Improvement Services

Tue, Jan 27 8:00 AM - Board Meeting

Tue, Feb 3 7:30 AM- Family Business Meeting

Tue, Feb 17 7:30 AM - Mary Smaby, Mission Trip to Cook Island



"This Is My Country" is an American patriotic song composed in 1940. Lyrics by Don Raye and music by Al Jacobs. The song is played at the end of Walt Disney World and Disneyland fireworks shows.

This Is My Country

This is my country! Land of my birth!

This is my country! Grandest on earth!

I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,

For this is my country to have and to hold.

During the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA, Kiwanis International's float is always one of the most fun to see. But it takes a lot of work to be that creative! Our 2026 float was a hippo-themed design called "Happy Together." (The theme of the Rose Parade itself was "The Magic of Teamwork.")

Facts and figures: Kiwanians Patricia Larrigan and Caesar Milch, cochairs of the District Rose Float Project, were kind enough to provide some facts:

- There were 113 decorating hours scheduled throughout December. Each shift included 300 volunteers — in roles ranging from onsite decorators to feeding teams, registration check-in and more.
- An estimated 40,000 volunteer hours were completed by the end of the month. About half of the volunteers were Key Club members. Members of Circle K International and Aktion Club also helped. Volunteers served an average of eight hours. Some occasionally serve as many as 12 hours.

In addition to the hours required, here are some details about the Kiwanis float itself:

- The two front hippos named Harriett and Henrietta — with eyelashes and bows added by volunteers. Their big brother hippo was Henry.
- The large "mama hippo" was named Hildie, and the blue bird on top of her iwa Sweet Tweets, as named by Eileen Geraci, first lady of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District.
- The float was decorated with strawflower in various shades of pink, along with a large amount of sod with accents to make the ground appear like a marsh. Cochairs Larrigan and Milch also report "a crazy amount of lettuce seed this year — easily a 5- to 10-gallon bucket."

KIWANIS NOTES

Who's On-Deck for Morning Snacks?

- Jan 20 **Peg Neisendorf**
- Feb 3 Karen West
- Feb 17 Susan & Joe Herman
- Mar 3 John Jenks
- Mar 17 ????



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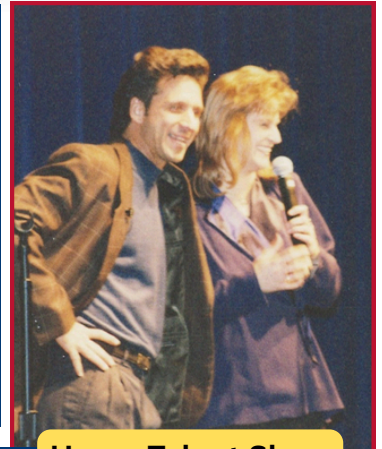
Looking Back, Serving Forward



Students of the Month



5th Anniversary Celebration



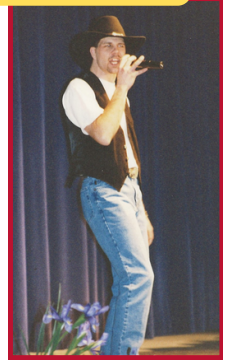
Home Talent Show



Relay for Life 1997



Limo Ride for BUG Students



Relay for Life 1998



Concert in the Park



Homecoming Football Game



Our First Halloween Costume Party



Wild Rose Days Parade



Movie Night at the Manor



January is the month when your coffee gets colder faster than you can drink it.



When it's January in Wisconsin, we don't ask how cold it is—we just say, "Well... it's brisk."