

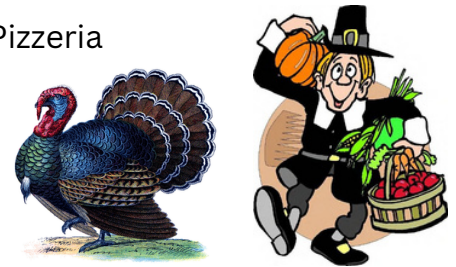


WILD ROSE K-NEWS

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

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

- Tue, Nov 18 TODAY - Welcome Steve & Bea Bruning, Pump House Pizzeria
- Mon, Nov 24 7:30 AM - Board Meeting
- Tue, Dec 2 7:30 AM - Annual Christmas Auction & Breakfast
- Tue, Dec 16 7:30 AM - Jennifer Koepl, Estate Planning
- Tue, Jan 6 7:30 AM - Family Business Meeting




Wild Rose Kiwanis
Looking to put a little fun in your life? Come join us!

CHRISTMAS AUCTION

- Yummy Breakfast featuring egg dishes, baked goods, fresh fruit, yogurt, cheese & crackers...
- Auction Items
- Holiday Music
- Lots of fun & surprises

TUESDAY DEC 2 STARTS AT 7:30 AM
Community Room of the Patterson Memorial Library - 500 Division Street -

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Who's On-Deck for Morning Snacks?

- Nov 18 Ruth Caves
- Dec 2 Auction Breakfast
- Dec 16 Linda Steffen
- Jan 6 Pete Duesterbeck
- Jan 20 Peg Neisendorf

KIWANIS NOTES



- Karen Reynolds Nov 1
- Lisa Lenz Nov 24



The Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.



Welcoming the Next Generation of Kiwanis Members



Like many volunteer organizations, Fond du Lac's Lakeside Kiwanis Club has long been searching for new members. One year ago, its members began thinking about the many young people they knew—individuals they had watched growing into their careers, families, and community roles. That reflection helped member Joe Zeigler see an opportunity to invite them into Kiwanis in a way that aligned with their own goals.

Zeigler's approach was straightforward: showing them how their personal success could also strengthen the success of the community. "I emphasized Kiwanis not just as

a service organization, but as a network—a place where people support one another personally and professionally while giving back in meaningful ways," he said. Dues, he explained, were never the barrier. "Most of these young adults are starting families, and time is their biggest challenge. Fortunately, many of them are individuals I've known for nearly a decade through my work and community involvement. In some ways, I've served as a mentor to each of them. That relationship made it easier to talk honestly about the importance of giving back. I reminded them that service doesn't require a tremendous amount of time, but it does create a tremendous impact."

Camaraderie played a major role as well. When Zeigler joined nearly 30 years ago, he looked forward to Wednesday nights with fellow Kiwanians. He wanted these younger adults to experience that same sense of belonging. Approaching them as a group—not just individually—also helped; several already knew each other, making the idea of joining feel more comfortable and familiar.

On the evening of November 5, the club installed twelve new members, many of whom Zeigler had recruited over the past year. Division 9 Lt. Governor Pete Duesterbeck refers to them as the "Terrific Twelve," noting that "should they remain together as a group over the next 20-30 years, they have the opportunity to impact the Fond du Lac community in ways they never imagined."

Zeigler's strategy, as well as that of his club, has exceeded expectations, and between now and June 2026, he plans to invite a second wave of potential members—perhaps four to ten more young adults ready to step up and serve. The future of the Lakeside Kiwanis Club looks brighter with each passing month.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SALVATION ARMY'S RED KETTLE AND BELL RINGING

In 1891, Captain Joseph McFee wanted to help the poor people in San Francisco; especially for the coming Christmas season, but he didn't know where to get funding for his project. He remembered, during his early days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, seeing a large kettle called "Simpson's Pot" where passengers of boats that docked at Stage Landing tossed coins to help the poor.

The following day, Captain McFee placed a pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing, beside the pot was a sign that read "Keep the Pot Boiling." He was able to collect enough donations to have a Christmas dinner for the poor people.

Captain McFee's idea spread and in 1897, a nationwide effort was able to fund 150,000 Christmas dinners for the poor. In 1901, donations from New York city funded a sit-down dinner at Madison Square Garden.

Today, bell ringers and red kettles are seen on many reputable stores and malls across the world. They use bells to attract the attention of passersby, some volunteers even sing Christmas carols or play musical instruments to raise donations. Some of the newer kettles even have a self-ringing bell and a PA system that plays Christmas carols.

Money collected through the red kettles are used to help the needy, the sick, the aged and other less fortunate individuals, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. They say Christmas is about sharing and giving. Regardless of religion, there are many different organizations that help those in need, the Salvation Army is one of them.



When the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade took place in 1924, the now-famous balloon floats did not exist. Instead, as 6 sq ft shares, it included floats, live bands, and live animals from the Central Park Zoo—even a procession of elephants!

In 1927, the parade welcomed its first balloon, Felix the Cat. It was created by a famous marionette maker and made by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio.

However, during WWII, "the parade was postponed for three years, and many of the balloons were donated to the war effort for rubber," The New York Times explains. But it wasn't until 2016 that Felix made his triumphant return.