



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

President: Harold Wilkinson **President Elect:** Tom McQuiston **Vice President:** None

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Joel Hawkinson, Dave Johnson, Pat Riley, Cathy Sebok, Kathy Thompson, Marcia Uchtorff,

Past President: Kyle Anderson

Regular Meeting each Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. at Salvation Army Reception Hall

February 12, 2025

God Bless America / Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Bob Lewis

Invocation: Pat Riley

Piano: John Baird

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Cheryl Boss introduced Clyde Chapman who talked about his Foster Care Family. Clyde has 8 children, 5 biological children & 3 foster children. They range in age from 23 to 20 months old. What is foster care? It is a temporary arrangement where children are placed in a licensed home with foster parents when the biological parents are unable to care for them due to various reasons like abuse, neglect, or substance abuse. The primary goal is to provide a safe & stable environment while working toward reuniting the child with his family or finding a permanent placement like adoption. The focus is to get the children back to their family. Rehabilitation is involved in becoming better parents. Clyde & his wife, Amber, help the children maintain a relationship with their parents, also involving forgiveness. The key goal of foster care is to ensure the children are living in a stable lifelong family. Just because children turn 18, it's not over. By law, the children are to maintain contact with their parents & siblings. Even if they lose rights with their parents, they still maintain sibling contact. Clyde wants to make sure his children forgive their parents.

The Chapmans do foster care because they love people and love God. They want to give kids the opportunity to be successful, have food, have a vacation, and see 2 loving parents. Foster care is not for everyone. There are opportunities for us – being a CASA worker, help with the foster kids, mentor. There are over 3500 children in Macon County who need a home.

Cathy Sebok presented Kiwanian of the Month of January to Dan Sebok. Congratulations!

Erinn Sweeley was inducted as a new member. Erinn is the advisor of the St. T. Key Club. Welcome!

Health Report: Cathy Sebok reported Pat Durnil had heart surgery yesterday. Released today. Ron Black still back injury

Attendance: Roberta Williams

33 members 1 guest 1 speaker 35 total

Announcements:

Correction (from last week): Paula Luckenbill took the last 2 benches to Muffley Elementary School & Hillside Bethel Christian School.

We are no longer collecting medicine bottles. The organization at St. Mary's is no longer taking them.

Karen Sivils – when reporting volunteer hours, please include how many children were helped. Use new reporting categories found in the back of your club directory. #1 Community service (no kids), 2 Activities with kids, #3 Golden K Administrative

Cheryl Boss – Franklin Grove will not be supplying the 1,000 books to our Little Libraries. However, they will promote our project to help us collect books.

Dan Sebok – has Charity Mania tickets, \$20

Kyle Anderson – Fund raisers are so important to our service projects. Here are 3 coming up – April 26 pancake breakfast (spread the word), hole sponsors for the Golf Outing, June 20 (if each of us got 2, we'd realize \$20,000!), and the Silent Auction at the Golf Outing (need someone to run it).

Harold Wilkinson – Feb. 25 is Kiwanis Day of Giving for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. We will be collecting donations at our meeting on Feb. 26. Checks can be made out to the Children’s Fund & put our club number (K10369) on it so we get credit for the donation.

- We currently have 6 Little Free Libraries in partnership with the Early Birds. We always need books. Hickory Point Bank locations are drop off locations.
- We need to enlist another song leader to lead the Pledge of Allegiance & Kiwanis Pledge and another piano player to sub when needed (you only need to know 2 songs 😊).
- April 5th Kids Fest is a volunteer opportunity, 8:30-2:30, Decatur Civic Center
- Remember to bring a guest to meetings, invite a friend to a service project

Dates to Remember:

2/21-23/25 I-I District Mid-Year Conference, Springfield, IL

2/21/25 Franklin Grove Family Breakfast, volunteers needed, 2 shifts, 8:15-9:15, 9:45-11

2/25/25 Good Samaritan Inn, 11-1 pm, Kiwanis Day of Giving

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Chip Donahue, Paula Luckenbill, Donald Kamm

Anniversaries: Bob Lewis

** Due to a directive from International we are not to publish personal information.

Humorous Quotes: On Debate: It’s better to debate a question and not settle it than to settle a question and not debate it!

50-50 Drawing: Gary Goeken was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$144 rolls over, get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

2/19/25 Jamalia Wicks from the State History Museum

2/26/25 Laura Cullison, Community Relations Coordinator at Evergreen Senior Living

3/5/25 Lelah Ray, Social Services Salvation Army

3/12/25 Andrew Taylor, Marketing Dept. City of Decatur

Ongoing Projects

- Collecting Food Coupons for military - Cheryl Boss
- Collecting clean plastic caps & lids for school benches & tables - Paula Luckenbill
- Collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, Springfield - Paula Luckenbill
- Turn in hours to Karen Sivils - **itcpa96@gmail.com**, estimate #children helped
- Kiwanis clothing - Roberta Williams
- Golden K board meetings - 2nd Monday each month, 1:00 pm, Central Christian Church
- Decatur Lakeside 9/11 Memorial Flagpole and Flowers

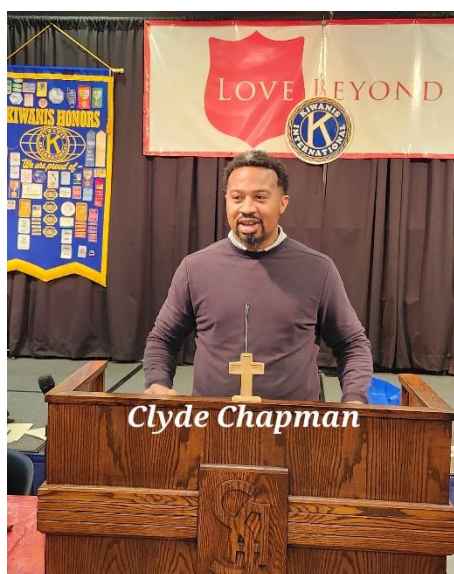
Wednesday Donations

- 1st – Food Bank
- 2nd – K.N.R.F.
- 3rd – School Support
- 4th - Trauma Dolls
- 5th – Scholarship Fund

Humor for today: Bob Lewis

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Clyde Chapman



Erinn Sweeley



Dan Sebok