



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

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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

March 19, 2025

God Bless America /Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Roberta Williams

Invocation: Jan Allen

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok,

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Ralph Czerwinski introduced Denise Myers, retired Professor, School of Theatre & Dance at Millikin University. Denise thanked us for being producers of the Children's Plays. This gives Millikin students the opportunity to work with children's theatre and can set up careers for the students. This year's play uses some sign language and has 16 actors, 3 writers, 3 musicians, director, stage manager, and a choreographer. There is tap dancing, jazz, & ballet in the show. They started with no scripts and are using gecko & mosquito masks. Students made these masks & others used in the show. Millikin students developed the script. In the show, a young girl wants to be a rock star & doesn't know how. The gecko & mosquito help her. The young girl learns that harmony brings people together through song. Masks can be scary, so the actors show their masks before the show to the audience & at the end take them off. The children in the audience get their own small mask to color & wear during the play & take home.

The play is 45 minutes long & is a musical extravaganza. With improvisation, 90% is thrown out & 10% is kept. Dates: Sat, March 29, 10am, and Sun, March 30, 2pm. \$5 child, \$10 adult.

Cathy Sebok presented **Kiwanian of the Month of February** to **Pam Smith**. **Congratulations!!**

Health Report: Cathy Sebok – welcome back to Lynda Durnil (had pneumonia), Donna Dash home now after shoulder surgery at Barnes, Joy Greive at Hickory Point Christian Village, room 408, Mary Jean Bauer fell & hurt hip but was here today!

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

44 members 1 speaker 45 total

Announcements:

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

Cathy Sebok – Careage House meal was served March 9. Thanked those who helped. Mt. Zion Key Club furnished a super dessert!

Dan Sebok – fill out Charity Mania cards

Mike Heger – needs 1 more volunteer for Project Linus

Ralph Czerwinski – Children's Play "Everybody Rocks, Rocks, Rocks" is Saturday March 29, 10am & Sunday March 30, 2pm at Virginia Rogers Theater (new dance building). \$5 children \$10 adult. Think about purchasing a packet of 4 to sell or give away. This is an activity for children & a fundraiser. He has posters we can place to help advertise.

Paula Luckenbill – donate your puzzles for MacArthur Life Skills class

- She spoke yesterday at the Garden Club & they've decided to help with lids & want benches!
- Today she met with Millikin & they will start a campus wide flip tab collection.
- Mt. Zion is now collecting lids for a bench for Jack Brinkoetter
- She reached out to Herald & Review who took pictures at the sorting workshop last Monday & will interview her today.

Charles Smith – Today is the last day to sign up to eat pizza March 30, 6pm as Mt. Zion & St. T. Key clubs meet together at Mt. Zion cafeteria to celebrate 100th Anniversary of Key Clubs. Join them!

- April 26 is Rock Springs Festival of Spring. We're parking cars again & handing out brochures. 2 shifts: 11:30-1:30 and 1:30-3:30. Sign up.

Susan Rayhill –

- The classroom of Charles Spurlock & Jack Brinkoetter in Mt. Zion were given blankets from Project Linus
- Sign up to serve Good Samaritan meal next Tuesday, 25th.
- April 13 is the next Careage House meal.

Kyle Anderson – April 26 needs 5 volunteers for the fundraiser breakfast at the Elks, 8-11

-June 20 is the golf outing. Hoping for hole sponsors and come out & eat. Need help with silent auction.

- April 11 is Adopt a Street, 9-11. Need 8 volunteers.

Bob Bischoff – he needs someone who belongs to Knights of Columbus to contact him (about peanuts).

Harold Wilkinson – bring 2 cans to the meeting to help the Salvation Army food pantry.

- Continue to turn in service hours. Thanked us for all we do.
- Remember the Kids Fest, Rock Springs parking, Key Club celebration
- Read a thank you from Salvation Army
- Board will act on last week's vote to sponsor an Aktion Club. Tuscola willing to donate \$150 & continue that but not provide an advisor. Early Birds are pursuing this.

Key Club Updates:

Mt. Zion Key Club (Elisa Lewis, 154 members, Charles Smith, GK Advisor)

- They meet last Sunday of the month, 6:30pm, high school cafeteria (join them – they get points for our participation).

St. Teresa Key Club (Erinn Sweeley, 30 members, Dan Sebok, GK Advisor)

- Mar 28, "Dress Down" day at school to honor national "Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Key Clubs". Will hand out 100 Grand candy bars at lunch to all students.
- Going to start a "Birthday Joy Basket" program next year to provide baskets with gifts, cake mix, toys, etc. for children in foster care.
- They meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2:20pm, All Purpose Room (join them – they get points for our participation).

Dates to Remember:

3/24-25/25 Project Linus

3/25/25 Serve meal Good Samaritan

3/27/25 St. T. Key Club, 2:20, St. T. All Purpose Room

3/29-30/25 Millikin Children's Play

3/30/25 Mt. Zion & St. T. Key Club meeting, Mt. Zion cafeteria 7pm, pizza, celebrate 100th birthday for Key Clubs

4/5/25 Kids Fest, 8:30-2:30, Civic Center

4/11/25 Adopt a Street

4/26/25 Pancake Breakfast at Elks, 8-11

4/26/25 Rock Springs Festival of Spring

6/20/25 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Susan Rayhill

Anniversaries:

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

Humorous Quotes: Will Rogers said, "Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to someone else!"

50-50 Drawing: After 6 drawings, Kevin Cleary was the winner of \$309!! Congratulations!! Get your tickets next week!

Up Coming Programs:

3/26/25 Mark Sorensen, Illinois Historian, topic: The Wizard of Oz in Illinois & Beyond

4/2/25 TBD

4/9/25 Shyler Brianne Kraus, Marketing & Development Manager, Heartland CASA, topic: Vision of CASA

4/16/25 Regan Deering, Representative Illinois 88th District, topic: What it's like being a freshman representative

4/23/25 Tim Gleason, Decatur City Manager, topic: Current events city of Decatur

Ongoing Projects

- Collecting Food Coupons for the 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: John Dunn

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