



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

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

March 26, 2025

God Bless America /Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Ron Black

Invocation: Linda Thomas

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Ralph Czerwinski introduced Mark Sorensen, an Illinois historian. Mark's talk was about L. Frank Baum's best-selling book in 1900, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Mark elaborated on the author's works, his tie to Illinois, and the many plays & musicals about the Wizard of Oz along with many actors who portrayed the characters.

Health Report: Cathy Sebok – Joy Greive thanks all who have visited & sent her cards. She is now in room 404 at Hickory Christian Village

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

49 members 1 Kiwanis guest 1 speaker 51 total

Announcements:

Bob Bischoff - March 29 is National Vietnam Veterans' Day to recognize those who served during that era.

Dan Sebok – gave a Charity Mania update on the standings.

- Reminded us of the joint Mt. Zion & St. T key club pizza party, March 30, 6pm, Mt. Zion cafeteria to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Key Clubs.

Ralph Czerwinski – Children's Play "Everybody Rocks, Rocks, Rocks" is this Saturday March 29, 10am & Sunday March 30, 2pm at Virginia Rogers Theater (new dance building). \$5 children \$10 adult. Donations are going very well.

Paula Luckenbill – Thanked us for donating puzzles for MacArthur Life Skills class. Will take more! Last Monday they sorted 175 lbs. of lids at the workshop. Thanked volunteers. Big shoutout to the Durnils who brought 178 lbs. more they had sorted!

- April 10 getting 2 more benches for NE Community & Regional Office of Education. She has more orders for benches.
- Nice article in Herald & Review on the lids. She thanked everyone who donates lids & helps.
- Thanked us for flip tabs. Every little bit helps. Ronald McDonald House also needs sugar packets, single serve creamers, hot & cold drink cups with lids, T.P., paper towels, 13- & 30-gallon bags with strings ties, & individual wrapped snacks.

Mary Jean Bauer – Spring Luncheon, KC Hall, May 2, 1pm, \$15. More later

John Baird – Promoted GK's website. Last Saturday, he received a surprise \$2,000 donation from David May to honor his mother, Marjorie May, who belonged to GK years ago. He found us online because of the website Joel Hawkinson created & maintains! **K10369.site.kiwanis.org**. There is also a link located on GK's Facebook page at the top.

Susan Rayhill – April 13 is the meal at the Careage House. If interested in providing salad, dessert, or vegetable, let her know. Going to make big Easter basket for the women & children. Yesterday 219 hot & cold meals were served at Good Samaritan Inn. 5 children were there. Recognized volunteers. April 22 is the next Good Samaritan event – sign up

- Has found fabric for trauma dolls on sale. Scheduling the next workshop soon.

Mike Heger – thanked those who helped with Project Linus. Project Linus collected & produced 730 blankets that day!

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

- April 26 is the Rock Springs Festival & helping park cars

- June 20 is the golf outing. Will be passing out envelopes next week to deliver to businesses. Joel Hawkinson will have sign-up sheets for the different jobs (silent auction, committees)
- April 11 is Adopt a Street, 9-11. Need 8 volunteers.
- Warrensburg Elementary School donated some books to our Little Libraries

Tom McQuiston – Shout out to Joel Hawkinson for our website & Paula Luckenbill for all her work.

- Don't forget to vote!

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:

3/27/25 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 6pm, pizza, celebrate 100th birthday for Key Clubs

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

4/11/25 Adopt a Street

4/13/25 Careage House meal

4/14/25 GK board meeting, Central Christian, 1pm

4/22/25 Good Samaritan Inn

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: Harold Wilkinson, Evelyn Hood

Anniversaries: Gary Goeken, Jim Higdon

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

Humorous Quotes: “Fun is like life insurance, the older you get, the more it costs!”

50-50 Drawing: Mike Wortman was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$34 rolls over. Get your tickets next week!

Up Coming Programs:

4/2/25 Robert Weil, City of Decatur Water Production Manager

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 Is Like Being a Freshman Representative

4/23/25 Mark Tupper, Retired Executive Sports Editor, topic: March Madness

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: Ron Black

Chicago Cubs pitcher Rick Sutcliffe gave up back-to-back HR's in Cincinnati. And in Cincinnati, they shoot off fireworks after a Red hits a HR. Sutcliffe was pretty intense on the day he pitched. So, Eric Davis takes him deep & Paul O'Neill takes him deep right after that. So Sutcliffe is all mad, and pitching coach Billy Connors comes out to the mound & Sutcliffe yells at him, "I know I gave up back-to-back home runs, but get your butt back in the dugout and tell Don Zimmer to settle down too!"

Billy looks at him & says, "I know you have everything under control, Rick. I just wanted to give that guy running the fireworks a little more time to reload."

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