



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

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Past President: Kyle Anderson

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

March 5, 2025

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

Invocation: Roberta Williams

Piano: John Baird

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Ralph Czerwinski introduced Lelah Ray, Director of Social Services Salvation Army. Lelah talked about some of the services the Salvation Army provides. There are so many people in Macon County that SA touches. The men's shelter in 2024 provided 11,274 nights & served 329 men. 149 were cold cots along with their regular 30 beds & 55 found employment & 73 permanent housing. They have a youth program, senior program, & women's league program. There is one other men's shelter in town and the SA coordinates with other agencies all the time. They try to find jobs for the men & connect them to the right services. The men's shelter has 3 levels, 30, 60 ,90 days. That involves being involved in the pre apprenticeship program at RCC, project READ at library, school, or working. To get to the 2nd level you must complete level one.

Shae Campbell spoke on the food pantry, which is open every Tuesday (4pm-6pm), Thursday(4pm-6pm), & Saturday (8am-10am). They give out heavy boxes of food which they receive from the Food

Bank in Bloomington and donations from organizations. They are always looking for volunteers. They pack the boxes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Stop in the SA & you'll need to fill out an application. SA spends \$5,000-\$7,000 from their SA money & the WSOY money each week at Krogers. The food pantry struggles as people don't donate to food pantries anymore.

Andrea Lewin, case manager for the Pathway of Hope program, was introduced. This program is for families with children under the age of 17. The goal is to make goals. They need to have 4 goals. Another program is for singles with no children. They have 2 graduations a year with one coming up in May. Usually, 5-12 people graduate who have successfully completed their goals. Goals can be employment, housing, education, budget. She helps with childcare, legal services, transportation, housing, healthcare, job skills, & spiritual guidance. She works with single moms & dads, married couples, grandparents. After graduation she stays in touch with them. Go to sadeatur.org, click on "volunteer".

Health Report: Cathy Sebok reported to keep Jack McCoy in your thoughts as he goes through chemo treatment, welcome back to Mike Wortman, Donna Dash having shoulder surgery.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

46 members 2 guests 3 speakers 51 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

Dan Sebok – March 13, St. T. Key Club meets, 2:20, All Purpose Room. Join them.

- 5 Charity Mania tickets left

Cathy Sebok – this Sunday, Mar 9th, 6pm, serve meal at Careage House

Ralph Czerwinski – Children's Play "Everybody Rocks" is Saturday March 29, 10am & Sunday March 30, 2pm at Virginia Rogers Theater (new dance building). \$8 children \$10 adult. Denise Myers will be here on Mar. 19 & bring some students with her. He & Tom McQuiston have tickets. Think about purchasing a packet of 4 to sell or give away. This is an activity for children & a fundraiser.

Paula Luckenbill – she picked up 2 benches last Thursday and has possibly 3 more orders. Since Aug. 2021 she has collected 372.6 lbs. of flip tabs and saved 6,032 lbs. of plastic lids from the landfill. She took 122.6 lbs. flip tabs to Springfield last week. Another lid workshop is coming soon.

- Green Tree Plastics is now taking medicine bottles so you can collect them again, but you need to store them yourself for a while.

- She finally received the \$2,900 bill for lights & electrical at the 9/11 Memorial.

Charles Smith – March 30, 6pm, 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 - Mt. Zion Key Club is providing dessert for Careage House meal this Sunday

- Sign up to serve Good Samaritan meal on 3/25. Last month we served 150 hot meals, 62 sack lunches & served 7 children.
- Mt. Zion Key Club dessert bake off on 2/22 made \$750 in donations plus that was matched. Money going to Paw Print Ministries. 100 attended including 50 kids.

Mary Jean Bauer – she'd welcome volunteers to sell 50-50 when she can't be here.

Jackie Evans – Scholarship committee has 63 applications for scholarships and none for the trade scholarship. She will communicate to her committee by text.

Harold Wilkinson – after listening to our speaker today, he suggested maybe we could bring 2 cans to the meeting to help the food pantry. More later

- He reported on a zoom meeting he attended
- Kids Fest is April 5. If you can volunteer, sign up on their web page. Click on the tickets bar & time slots to volunteer will appear.
- Farm Progress Show, Aug 26-28, we're staffing their beverage stands 8-4 each day. We need 12 volunteers
- Last Monday was a tour & meeting at MRI with the Early Birds to consider starting an aKtion club for adults with disabilities. Doug Warren, Early Bird heading it up

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:

3/9/25 Serve meal 6pm Careage House

3/13/25 St. T. Key Club, 2:20, St. T. All Purpose Room

3/24-25/25 Project Linus

3/25/25 Serve meal Good Samaritan

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Harold Dausman, Kevin Wilmont, Tom Kramer, Darwin Shroyer

Anniversaries: Bill Hogg

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

Famous Quotes: A formula is something that worked once, and keeps trying to do it again!

50-50 Drawing: Pat Durnil was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$229 rolls over, get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

3/12/25 Andrew Taylor, Economic Development Officer for Decatur & Macon County

3/19/25 Denise Myers, Retired Professor in the School of Theatre & Dance at Millikin University

3/26/25 Mark Sorensen, Illinois Historian

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: Jerry Pelz

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