



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

April 16, 2025

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

Invocation: Mary Jean Bauer

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman, Pat Durnil

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Jerry Pelz introduced Regan Deering, Representative IL 88th District. Regan is also on the Mt. Zion School Board. She didn't expect to have a career in politics and has been a community advocate. She follows in Dan Calkins' footsteps. Every 10 years after completing the census, the maps are redrawn, and each district has about 108,000 constituents. It's been an exciting first months. She has learned a lot these first few weeks. Regan travels throughout the district & is passionate about people knowing their officials. She visits many small towns & villages. They are always looking for funding for infrastructure, water/sewer projects, roads, & volunteer fire departments upgrades.

Last week 400 bills were read Monday through Friday at the Capitol. So, it's a lot coming at you really fast! She's been assigned to 6 committees and actually reads the bills. Today from 4-6pm there is an open house at her district office, 419 Ash Ave. She has an assigned seat in the chamber & you can always watch live on ILGA.gov. Several bills of interest to us right now include the Home School Act

which has resulted in many responses & demonstrations. This bill was held to work on. Another bill is eliminating figures of the Native American name or logo & mascot. It would be a large expense to schools. Regan had 2 bills that passed out of committee. One involves a commemorative date in the 1st week of March and the other supports opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math). She had one constituent driven bill that went to a sub committee where it dies. Regan will continue advocating for her 3 issues, education, agriculture, & small business. Committees she's on are Energy & Environments, Townships & Counties, Transportation & Vehicle Safety, & Appropriations for General Services.

The House has 78 Democrats and 40 Republicans. She has a district office and a Springfield office at the Capitol. In Springfield, the leadership in both parties assign offices & other staff. In the district office she can hire staff. Taxpayer dollars fund their district allotment - \$179,000 a year. That is to take care of rent, budget, staff, any communications (mailer, flyer). They are interviewing for a paid summer intern. Know of anyone interested? 8 weeks, 35 hours a week, \$15.50 an hour, no age limit. RepDeering.com is her website.

Josh Chamblin was inducted into GK Kiwanis. His sponsor was Mary Jean Bauer. Welcome!!

Health Report: Roberta Williams: Gary Goeken in ER at the time of the meeting this am, welcome back to Dave Johnson, Joy Greive waiting for approval before moving.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

46 members 1 speaker 47 total

Announcements:

Charles Smith – April 26 is Rock Springs Festival. Sign up to help.

Mary Jean Bauer – Spring Luncheon, KC Hall, May 2, 1pm, \$15. Last date to sign up is April 29. This is an opportunity to bring a prospective member.

Susan Rayhill – thanked volunteers who participated in trauma doll workshop. Has flannel if you'd like to take home to cut

- April 22 is the next Good Samaritan event – sign up.
- Collecting items for Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. They need 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.
- Last Sunday they prepared the Careage House meal. Thanked Cathy Sebok & Mary Jean Bauer. Also took a big Easter basket.

Paula Luckenbill – Flip tabs going well

- Received thank you note from Shannen Ray from MHS for the jigsaw puzzles we donated

- Last week took 1,068 lbs. of lids to Green Tree & got 2 benches & 5 bird baths
- Next Thursday (Apr 24th) will pick up 2 benches – 1 for Noah Edwards, 6-year-old recently killed.
- Total to date of her recycling work: 6,682 lbs of plastic lids saved from land fill, has delivered 27 benches & 8 bird baths!!
- **Tomorrow, Thursday, April 17, lid workshop, zoo, 9-noon**

Kyle Anderson -

- April 26 fundraiser breakfast at the Elks, 8-11, \$7, **volunteers meet after next week's meeting to select your shift.**
- April 26 is the Rock Springs Festival & helping park cars
- June 20 is the golf outing. Hole sponsors needed. Need silent auction items & volunteers. Don't forget to get 50-50 tickets (you don't have to be there to win) and come to the dinner.
- Adopt A Street went well. Thanked volunteers. Only took an hour!

Karen Sivils – she's helping with the Silent Auction. Hold onto your items until the middle of May. When you visit businesses, ask first for hole sponsor & then for a Silent Auction item.

Harold Wilkinson – thanked us for our donations & service hours

- Each meeting there is a different donation we can give to. Don't forget a can of food for the Salvation Army's food pantry. Thanked Gary Cole for providing Salvation Army box for food.
- April 24 is KNRF Division 25 & 26 Kick Off Event, Champaign
- June 25-28 Kiwanis Convention in Pittsburgh
- Shyler Kraus, the CASA speaker, wrote that she's looking for a donor to give \$3,000 to build a new CASA house.
- Invite someone to a meeting or one of our activities

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)

- 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:

4/10/25 St. T Key Club meets, 2:20 pm, All Purpose Room

4/22/25 Good Samaritan Inn

4/24/25 St. T. Key Club meets, 2:20 pm, All Purpose Room

4/24/25 KNRF Kick Off Event, Champaign
4/26/25 Pancake Breakfast at Elks, 8-11
4/26/25 Rock Springs Festival of Spring
4/27/25 Mt. Zion Key Club meets, 6:30, high school cafeteria
5/2/25 Spring Luncheon, 1pm, KC Hall, \$15
6/20/25 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Kristin Hargrove

Anniversaries:

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

Humorous Quotes: The fellow who owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store!

50-50 Drawing: Our speaker, Regan Deering was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$124 rolls over. Get your tickets next week!

Up Coming Programs:

4/23/25 Mark Tupper, Retired Executive Sports Editor, topic: March Madness
4/30/25 Melinda Rueter & Gambit, and Linda Strubbe & Ellie (Gambit & Ellie are dogs), Paw Print Ministries
5/7/25 Melissa Hon, Decatur Deputy City Manager, topic: Responsibilities of Deputy City Manager
5/14/25 Crystal Hoadley, topic: Sunshine Teacher Supplies

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

Story for today: John Dunn

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