



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

Secretary: Lynda Durnil *Asst. Secretary: Roberta Williams*

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Past President: Kyle Anderson

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

April 2, 2025

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

Invocation: Dan Sebok

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Marty Williams introduced Robert Weil, Water Production Manager of City of Decatur. Their mission is to sustain life with clean water. They are dealing with a middle-aged water treatment plant. Their goals are 1) maintain & add drought resilient supplies, 2) maintain & expand treatment capacity, and 3) use water supply to attract industry & jobs. Capital projects include upgrading the chemical feeding system & the electrical system. A 463-acre site in Harristown was just purchased as an emergency source.

They are in good financial shape and must keep the water treatment plant going. Water plants do have a life cycle. The first Decatur water plant was back in 1877. The current one was built in 1989. It has sufficient capacity, but things wear out & it's hard to find parts. There is concrete failure, rust, frozen rollers, & scale. The East Clarifiers were replaced with new technology with Covid money. The department has chosen to go with new technology instead of repair. The West Clarifiers will be upgraded as they are. There is also a chemical part – the Chemical Feeding System was upgraded.

They've developed a Utility Long-Term Sustainability Plan. One of the most dangerous systems they have involves chlorine gas but it's the most beneficial. Their Vacuum Fed Chlorine Gas System is very safe. Lime softens the water & purifies it. The lime is converted to high density hydrated lime. So, they're considering a system with lower maintenance & less waste. Another system is the electrical system & they have decided to replace it all at once. The city has invested in the water system, they have a good team, & a good water system.

Health Report: Roberta Williams – welcome back to Donna Dash after shoulder surgery, Joy Greive on oxygen & will move from the rehab facility soon.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

42 members 1 speaker 43 total

Announcements:

Dan Sebok – Charity Mania almost over. Will tell winners next week.

Charles Smith – last Sunday's pizza party at Mt. Zion Key Club was a success. 14 of our club members & guests attended.

Lynda Durnil – Tuscola club is packing Easter eggs with candy on April 9. They do approximately 10,000! Carpool next week to help. Let her know if interested.

Ralph Czerwinski – Everyone complimenting the Children's Play "Everybody Rocks, Rocks, Rocks" and it's due to Denise Myers. 88 attended on Saturday & 125 on Sunday. He thinks they'll clear \$4,000. Special thanks to Tom McQuiston who brought this play to us. Thank you to John Baird who helps with the money, Lynda Durnil for lots of help, and Norm Jensen & Bob Lewis for being at the table to sell tickets & take donations.

Paula Luckenbill – there is a movie that has come out about the history & origin of the Ronald McDonald House, Audrey's Children.

- Thursday picking up benches. 2 blue flower bird baths & 1 green plain top bird bath are available.

Mary Jean Bauer – Spring Luncheon, KC Hall, May 2, 1pm, \$15. Sign up with her.

Donna Dash – she had a call to help provide drivers for players June 8-13 for the Illinois Women's Pro Tennis Championship in Fairview Park.

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.

- April 22 is the next Good Samaritan event – sign up.
- Next trauma doll workshop April 14, 9-2, Police Benevolent Hall
- 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.

Kyle Anderson – April 26 fundraiser breakfast at the Elks, 8-11, \$7

- April 26 is the Rock Springs Festival & helping park cars
- June 20 is the golf outing. Passing out envelopes now to deliver to businesses. Hole sponsors needed. Joel Hawkinson will have sign-up sheets for the different jobs (silent auction, committees)
- Saturday, April 12 (note change of date) is Adopt a Street, 9-11. Need 8 volunteers.

Harold Wilkinson – 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.

- Thank you to John Baird for getting our sales tax exemption renewed.
- Got a thank you from the Special Olympics for our donation.
- April 24 is KNRF Division 25 & 26 Kick Off Event, Champaign
- June 25-28 Kiwanis Convention in Pittsburgh, charter bus
- Kids Fest coming up 4/5

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:

4/5/25 Kids Fest, 8:30-2:30, Civic Center
 4/10/25 St. T Key Club meets, 2:20 pm, All Purpose Room
 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
 4/24/25 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

6/20/25 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Sandra Walker, Bill Peveler

Anniversaries: None

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

Famous Quotes: Grandchildren: By the time the younger children are old enough to keep the place tidy, the oldest grandchildren are on hand to tear it to pieces again!

50-50 Drawing: Bob Bischoff was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$60 rolls over. Get your tickets next week!

Up Coming Programs:

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

4/30/25 Jennifer Dahn, Paw Print Ministries

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

For his church's Easter program, five-year-old Billy was asked to recite Luke 24:6: "He is not here, he is risen." Despite practicing it several times, when he stood in front of the church, he froze and couldn't remember what to say.

The director leaned over and whispered the verse in the little boy's ear. Billy smiled, grabbed the microphone, and confidently proclaimed, "He's not here. He's in prison!"

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