



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

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

April 23, 2025

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

Invocation: Jerry Pelz

Piano: John Baird

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman,

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program:

- **Mark Tupper** was introduced; noted for his long association with WAND and his sports authority background.
- He recounted experiences from the 2005 season and highlighted personal anecdotes (e.g., his note about having four granddaughters).
- Extensive discussion on the changing landscape of college athletics was held, focusing on **NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) deals**, their financial impact (including figures rising from **\$1.7 million** to **\$3.5 million**), and the evolving rules effective **July 1st**.
- Comparisons were drawn between the experiences of international recruits and domestic players, emphasizing challenges such as high expectations and financial pitfalls.

College Athletics & NIL Debates

- Detailed analysis of NIL rules and how they affect recruiting, player retention, and team dynamics.
- The conversation included historical references to NCAA regulations, with mentions of scrutiny by a Deloitte-managed clearinghouse for amounts exceeding **\$600**.
- Anecdotes and examples were provided to illustrate the rapid changes in sports economics and the pressures placed on young athletes

Health Report: Roberta Williams: Welcome back to Dave Shulke, Gary Goeken. Welcome to guest Jane Hickman, Betsy Herald has back problems, Joy Greive enjoying the sunshine & flowering trees & misses us. Contact someone who we are missing.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

50 members 1 speaker 1 guest 52 total

Announcements:

Charles Smith – This Saturday, April 26 is Rock Springs Festival.

- No Mt. Zion Key Club meeting this Sunday but will be held next week during the school day.

Dan Sebok – tomorrow is a St. Teresa Key Club meeting, 2:20 in all purpose room if you'd like to come.

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

Susan Rayhill – thanked volunteers who participated at Good Samaritan Inn. 75 sack lunches & 169 hot lunches were served. 4 children were there & trauma dolls were given away.

- 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. Next Wednesday is the last time to donate.
- Has material for you to take home to cut out trauma dolls

Paula Luckenbill – Flip tabs going well. Now collecting in honor of Charlie & Kellen, two children in Mt. Zion who were hurt in accidents.

- Tomorrow, Thursday (Apr 24th) she will take a load of lids to Green Tree Recycle & pick up 2 benches – 1 in memory of Noah Edwards, 6-year-old recently killed.
- Thanked those who helped sort lids last Monday. They sorted 505 lbs.!

Kyle Anderson -

- This Saturday, April 26 fundraiser breakfast at the Elks, 8-11, \$7, full breakfast, eggs, etc

- 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. There will be a short meeting next week after GK meeting with the golf committees.

Karen Sivils – she's helping with the Silent Auction. She will start to collect items 2nd or 3rd week of May. When you visit businesses, ask first for hole sponsor & then for a Silent Auction item. Please list who donated the item, the value, & the member who got the item.

Jackie Evans – Update on scholarships: she presents the first scholarship tomorrow night. Will present the last one on May 7. The scholarship program for us is the 2nd Tuesday of June.

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.
- Tomorrow, April 24 is KNRF Division 25 & 26 Kick Off Event, Champaign
- June 25-28 Kiwanis Convention in Pittsburgh
- Received thank you from MacArthur High School for puzzles
- Let him know if you've contacted an elementary school about books for the Little Libraries
- This Friday, April 25 is a ribbon cutting & reception at the public library.
- 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). **No meeting this Sunday, April 27th.**

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:

4/24/25 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

5/2/25 Spring Luncheon, 1pm, KC Hall, \$15

6/20/25 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Susan Summit, Joe Turek

Anniversaries: None

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

Humorous Quotes: Humor is falling down the stairs, if you do it while telling your wife not to!

50-50 Drawing: Charles Smith was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$163 rolls over. Get your tickets next week!

Up Coming Programs:

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

5/21/25 Jim Wilkerson, topic: Decatur Area Poets

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: Jerry Pelz

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Mark Tupper