



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*

Treasurer: John Baird *Asst. Treasurer: Karen Sivils*

Directors:

Joel Hawkinson, Dave Johnson, Pat Riley, Cathy Sebok, Kathy Thompson, Marcia Uchtorff,
Past President: Kyle Anderson

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

June 25, 2025

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

Invocation: Mary Jean Bauer

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Pat Riley

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Harold Wilkinson introduced Jean Dubree, Director of Child First Center.

Child First Center: Services, Trends, and Funding Challenges

- Child First Center serves ~350 children/year (500 individuals incl. caregivers) in Macon & Piatt Counties.
- Provides forensic interviews, advocacy, crisis counseling, and court support for child abuse victims and witnesses of violent crime.
- 98% of child sexual abuse cases involve someone close to the child; significant increase in child-on-child sexual abuse and online exploitation.
- Multidisciplinary team (MDT) includes law enforcement, DCFS, state's attorney; cases staffed biweekly; advocates support families through investigation and court.

- Annual budget ~\$530,000; funded by state/federal grants (VOCA, ICJIA, DCFS, AG); anticipates \$50,000–\$70,000 federal funding cut in July 2027.

Gary Cole (sponsor, Bob Bischoff) & Mike Carr (sponsor, Kyle Anderson) were inducted today. Congratulations and Welcome!!

Health Report: Roberta Williams reported Gary Goeken still having some issues & will have an ablation tomorrow, Bob Bischoff broke 2 toes & it will take 3 months for healing, Al Henrichs has some health issues & loves all of us but is too weak to attend, Jan Allen will have abdominal surgery this Friday at Northwestern in Chicago, Joy Greive is in Macon - Roberta has the address, and Darwin Shroyer at Evergreen. She encourages us to visit/send cards.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

43 members 2 guests 1 speaker 46 total

Announcements:

Kyle Anderson – Golf outing was successful, weather was great, thanked Karen Sivils for Silent Auction, Mary Jean Bauer for baking & 50-50, Harold Dausman for money collecting, Donna Dash for team registries & water for golfers, Pam Smith for centerpieces, John Baird & Lynda Durnil for all their work and everyone else who helped.

Paula Luckenbill – thanked Linda Thomas for fixing the 911 Memorial Flag, flip tabs going well, Matt & Greg Oberheim installed creative curbing at the 911 Memorial & donated all materials & labor in memory of their brother, Chris Oberheim. Last week she picked up 3 benches, 9 bird baths, & 8 planters from Green Tree Plastics. Grand total since she's started the plastics project – 32 benches, 1 picnic table, 17 bird baths, 8 planters and a total of 8,188 pounds of lids saved from the landfill.

Marty Williams – he & Ron Black sold cases of peanuts at the golf outing & still have 5 cases at \$25 each. He also displayed Bob Bischoff's sign from the golf outing.

Roberta Williams – Maverik Marketing will be our vendor for Kiwanis gear. They have a large online catalog. Right now, she has a sign up for baseball caps. Let her know if you need something.

Susan Rayhill – she has trauma doll supplies if needed

- Thanked Good Samaritan Inn volunteers. This week served 75 cold lunches, 175 hot lunches, and 26 children. Next date: July 22
- She & Steve delivered 772 items to Dove Domestic Violence last week

- Careage House meal is July 13. Check with Cathy Sebok to sign up to help with that meal

Jerry Pelz – there will be a new member orientation after the meeting on July 9th.

Karen Sivils thanked all who helped with the Silent Auction.

Kathy Thompson – thanked Kyle Anderson, Joel Hawkinson, & Karen Sivils for all their work for the golf outing.

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.
- Farm Progress Show, Aug 26-28. We need to staff 6 beverage stands from 8am to 4pm each day. The shifts will be 2 hours (2 people work together). So, 12 people needed each shift. Due to large amount of manpower required, **GK meeting August 27 will be canceled.** He is going to see if the Early Birds can help us or if any of our family members or church friends can help.
- Our International President has suggested to us that we adopt 3 standard operating procedures. One of the goals submitted was to raise our membership to 100 by Oct 1. We appreciate those who are sponsors.
- Lynda Durnil is in the process of revising the name badges.

Dates to Remember:

6/25-28/25 Kiwanis International Convention 2025, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

7/13/25 Careage House meal

7/14/25 Board meeting, Central Christian Church, 1pm

7/22/25 Good Samaritan Inn

8/26-28/25 Farm Progress Show

9/19,20/25 Peanut Days

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Rich Wessel

Anniversaries: Jerry Pelz

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

Humorous Quotations: Music: Classical music is the kind that we keep thinking will turn into a tune!

50-50 Drawing: Gary Cole was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$183 rolls over. Get your tickets.

Up Coming Programs:

7/2/25 Britney Harris, CEO/Executive Director Boys & Girls Club, topic: What's New

7/9/25 Father Chris Commerford, Pastor St. James & Patrick Parish, topic: St. Louis Cards Chaplain
7/16/25 Andrea Evey, Residential Outreach Manager, Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program IPHA
7/23/25 Melissa Girardi, Dove Macon County Coordinator Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, topic:
Volunteer Opportunities

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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Jean Dubree



Gary Cole Mike Carr