



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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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

July 2, 2025

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

Invocation: Ron Black

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Marty Williams introduced Britney Harris, CEO Boys & Girls Club of Decatur. Britney brought Ben Kreckman to help.

Introduction of Guest Speaker Brittany Harris

- Brittany Harris named CEO of Decatur Boys and Girls Clubs in September 2024.
- Brings over 15 years of experience with Boys and Girls Club organization.
- Attended Stephen F. Austin University, Texas.
- Worked for Salvation Army and Boys and Girls Clubs of Houston, Texas.
- Received Texas Care That Deserves a Crown award and graduated from Boys and Girls Clubs of America Leadership Next Program.

Brittany Harris: Background and Boys & Girls Club Overview

- Brittany Harris introduced herself as new to the Midwest, originally from Texas.
- Boys and Girls Club provides support, mentorship, and a safe environment for youth.
- Clubs assist with homework, meals, and personal development (music, science, leadership).
- Over 5,000 Boys and Girls Clubs serve millions of children nationwide.
- Clubs help youth plan for the future, including careers, scholarships, and first jobs.

2024 Impact Report: Achievements, Demographics, and Programs

- Presented 2024 Boys and Girls Club impact report and annual overview.
- Launched 'Powered by You' campaign to increase individual involvement and donations.
- Served over 900 youths in 2024; provided 10,780+ meals/snacks; 200+ teens registered; 400 additional youths reached via outreach.
- Highlighted 2023 Illinois Youth of the Year winner from Decatur, Jalen, now at Richland Community College.
- Initiated 'Future Ready' 2025 strategic plan focused on growth, quality, digital transformation, and youth engagement.
- Offered free July teen programs: Movie Mondays, Tech Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesdays, Cooking Thursdays, Open Gym Fridays.

Jerry Sebok (sponsors Dan Sebok, Gary Goeken) was inducted today! Welcome!!

Health Report: Roberta Williams reported Jan Allen got home Monday afternoon after successful surgery at Northwestern. Welcome back to Gary Goeken & Bob Bischoff. Kelly Springman has pneumonia.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

42 members 1 Kiwanis guest 3 guests 1 speaker 47 total

Announcements:

Cathy Sebok – Careage House meal is July 13. Let her know if you'd like to participate.

Susan Rayhill – she has trauma doll supplies if needed (cut/sew)

- Next Good Samaritan Inn date is July 22. Sign up

Joel Hawkinson – Successful golf outing - \$15,066 raised!!! He thanks everyone who did anything to help (even deliver a letter!).

Lynda Durnil - (for Herb Dreier) – Early Birds will be selling Maddox Sweet Corn as a fundraiser on July 12, 19, 26 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8:30 am.

- New member contact information available – ask her for it
- Badge cabinet finished – let her know if you want your old name badge for memory's sake ☺

Harold Dausman (for Herb Dreier) – today (July 2) at 11:30 at St Paul's Lutheran Church is Teach a Kid to Fish event.

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.
- The I-I District Convention is Aug 1-3 in Davenport, IA. We have 2 delegates now & can take a third. Anyone interested see him.
- 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 check Early Birds for assistance and hopes our family members or other friends can help.
- Here are sites where you can get our club information:

Website: <https://k10369.site.kiwanis.org>

You: https://youtu.be/SRUaj2_GLFI

Facebook: <https://www.kiwanis.org/10-reasons-to-attend-the-2025-convention/>

Dates to Remember:

7/9/25 New member orientation after our meeting

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: None

Anniversaries: Elisa Lewis, Charles, Pam Smith

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

Famous Quotations: Music: Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing!

50-50 Drawing: Gary Cole was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$224 rolls over. Get your tickets.

Up Coming Programs:

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: Ron Black

An older man and his wife are sitting in their living room. He is enjoying his newspaper, and she is working on her knitting.

All of a sudden, she says, “You don’t sit with me like you used to.” He puts down his newspaper and scoots his chair next to her.

Then, she says, “You don’t put your arm around me anymore.” He looks up, puts his arm around her and gives her a hug.

Now she is feeling playful. She says, “You don’t nibble at my ears anymore.” At this point, he stops what he is doing and starts to leave the room.

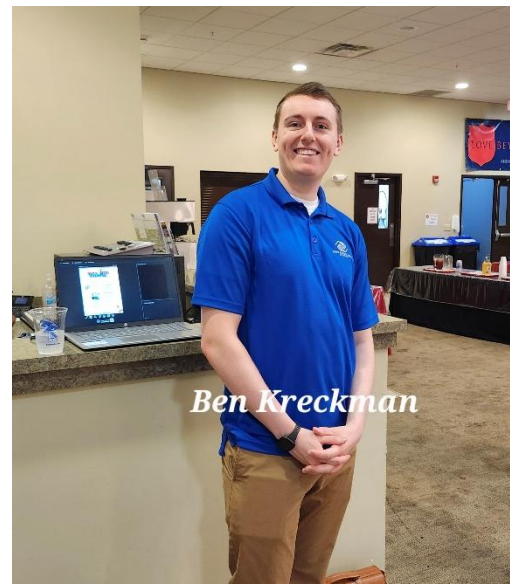
She says, “What are you doing?” He turns toward her and says, “I have to go to the kitchen to get my teeth.”

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Britney Harris



Ben Kreckman



Jerry Sebok