



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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Past President: Kyle Anderson

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

July 23, 2025

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

Invocation: Joel Hawkinson

Piano: Larry Wade & John Baird

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Kyle Anderson introduced Melissa Girardi & Angie Williams, Dove Macon County Coordinator Retired & Senior Volunteer Program.

Dove, Inc. Trivia and Program Details

- Dove founded in 1970; RSVP program joined in 1976.
- RSVP: Retired Senior Volunteer Program; minimum age 55.
- RSVP volunteers served over 90,000 hours last year; cannot drive school buses.
- Dove operates six year-round programs in Mayhem County, including RSVP and Domestic Violence Program.
- Dove Financial Assistance provides up to \$300 per request, paid directly to vendors.

Funding Challenges and Community Support Discussion

- Domestic violence program anticipates **40% funding loss** over next two years.
- Severe budget cuts expected for related programs.
- RSVP enrollment and timesheet reporting can help programs document support to Congress.
- Ongoing need to assess and maintain support for affected programs.

Community Fund and Volunteer Activities

- Illinois Eats program terminated; previously enabled local food purchases from Illinois growers.
- Community fund no longer supports Illinois Eats.
- Ongoing support activities for Dove, including monthly item collection for Dove domestic guidance program and God's Shelter of Love.
- Volunteers provide food to Careage House and serve at Good Samaritan Inn.

Dove Office Info and Program Partnerships

- Main office located at 302 South Union Street.
- Programs include Domestic Violence Program, Homework Bound, RSVP, Babes, Dove Financial Assistance, Neighborhood Services, Christmas Care & Share, Coats for Kids, Children's Clothing Room at Central Christian Church.
- Partnerships exist with multiple agencies, not all are part of Dove.
- Homeward Bound building referenced as a key facility.

Cathy Sebok presented Mary Clare Cummins with the Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations!!!

Steve Woodward (sponsor Dan Sebok) was inducted today. Welcome!!

Health Report: Roberta Williams reported that Jerry Sebok suffered severe eye damage from an accident. Jan Allen is at Northwestern for a recheck after surgery & Kelly Springman is doing better & also trying to get ready to move.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

47 members 2 Kiwanis guests 2 speakers 51 total

Announcements:

Roberta Williams – has a new GK clothing vendor in Decatur & brought samples of shirts & hats. You can go to sanmar.com for the catalog. (3/4 sleeves for ladies, different fabrics, baseball hats & bucket hats).

Susan Rayhill – today was last day for collecting God's Shelter of Love items

- she has trauma doll supplies if needed (cut/sew)
- Next Good Samaritan Inn date is Aug 26. Yesterday we served 246 people, including 18 children at Good Samaritan Inn
- Aug 10th sign up available for the Careage House meal

Lynda Durnil – if you want your old name tag, take it or they will be thrown out

- She's working on the directory. Let her know if you want your information changed (phone no., address)

Kyle Anderson – has applications for Dove's RSVP.

Jackie Evans – Collecting next week for the scholarship fund.

Bob Bischoff – wants us to fill the 48 slots for the Farm Progress beverage stands & then possibly staff a peanut table by each stand.

- Next week sending our 400 peanut letters to businesses & will need 10-12 people the next 4 weeks to deliver them.

Early Birds will be selling Maddox Sweet Corn as a fundraiser on July 26 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8:30 am.

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- 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). Ask friends to help. **Sign-up sheets are available now.** So far, 31 members have committed to work.
Bring a chair
Selling bottles only
Will have cash aprons w/cash supplied
iPad to keep track of sales/credit
Will have parking/admission passes, golf cart transportation to stands (need drivers & coordinator)
- Read thank you from Chuck Kuhl for our help with the tennis tournament
- We provided help to the Sunshine School Supply Store's open house
- Illinois District is putting together a memento directory of members who have passed away.
- Due to large amount of manpower required, **GK meeting August 27 will be canceled.**
- 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:

8/10/25 Careage House meal

8/11/25 Board meeting, 1pm, Central Christian Church

8/26/25 Good Samaritan Inn

8/26-28/25 Farm Progress Show

8/27/25 **No Golden K meeting**

9/19,20/25 Peanut Days

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Jerry Sebok, Pat Riley, Mary Clare Cummins

Anniversaries: Harold Dausman

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

Famous quotes: The moon: The sky is poor tonight, the moon is down to it's last Quarter!

50-50 Drawing: Curtis Beam was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts! The \$38 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

7/30/25 Bob Sampson, Editor or the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. Title: Decatur's Not-So Grand Baseball Tournament of the Western States – September 1867

8/6/25 Quay Owens, Youth Program for Salvation Army

8/13/25 Mary Rogers, HSHS. St. John's Children's Hospital Foundation in Springfield, topic: Children's Miracle Network

8/20/25 Connie Doty, Patient Services Coordinator Jerger Pediatric Dentistry. Title: Teddy Bear Dental Health Fund

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

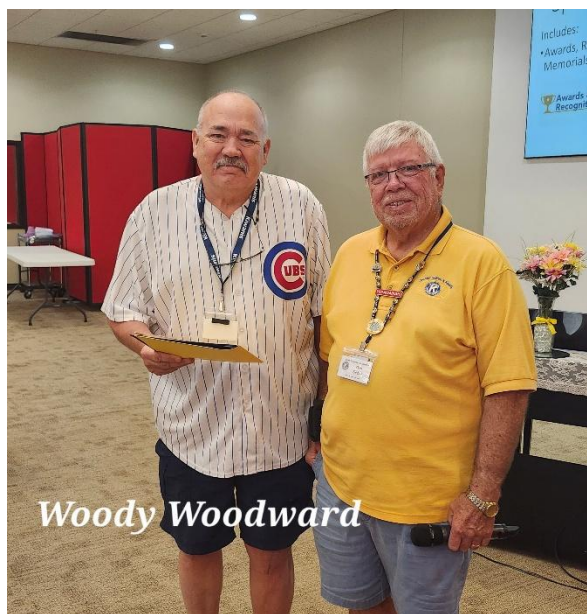
2nd – K.N.R.F.

3rd – School Support
4th – Trauma Dolls
5th – Scholarship Fund

Story for today: Bob Lewis

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Woody Woodward