



*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

## **July 9, 2025**

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

**Invocation:** Joe Turak

**Piano:** Larry Wade

**Mike Runners:** Dan Sebok, Josh Chamblin

**Photographer:** Joel Hawkinson

**Program:** Harold Dausman introduced Father Chris Commerford.

### **Speaker Introduction: Father Chris Commerford**

- Father Chris Commerford is pastor of St. James and Patrick Parish in Decatur.
- He is a Decatur native and St. Teresa High School alumnus.
- Serves as chaplain for the St. Louis Cardinals.

### **Father Chris Commerford: Faith, Baseball, and Chaplaincy**

- Served as Catholic chaplain for St. Louis Cardinals, celebrating Mass for team and organization since 2009.

- Mass held in Busch Stadium's 'first pitch room' for staff, coaches, players, and ushers; typically ~50 attendees per service.
- Catholic Mass offered in 28 Major League stadiums; Protestant services provided by Baseball Chapel organization.
- Role included counseling, sacraments (baptisms, weddings, funerals), and building Christian community within the organization.
- Maintained connections with players, front office, and broadcasters, notable relationships with David Eckstein, Michael Wacha, and Mike Shannon.

**Health Report:** Roberta Williams reported that Jan Allen is making progress but it's slow.

**Attendance:** Lynda Durnil

45 members    4 guests            1 speaker            50 total

**Announcements:**

**Lynda Durnil** – new name tags are alphabetical on the board

**Cathy Sebok** – Careage House meal is July 13. This is a meal for homeless women & children.

**Lynda Durnil (for Paula Luckenbill)** – Paula is partnering with Millikin & going to have a lid sort day Aug. 21. Those of us who collect lids no longer need to sort them at home!

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

- Next Good Samaritan Inn date is July 22.
- New project next week – collect items for Gods Shelter of Love (homeless ladies & children who are being counseled about housekeeping skills & job search). Housekeeping items are needed.

**Early Birds will be selling Maddox Sweet Corn as a fundraiser on July 12, 19, 26 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8:30 am.**

**Tom McQuiston**

- 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). **Sign up sheets are available now.**
- Due to large amount of manpower required, **GK meeting August 27 will be canceled.**
- Board meeting next Monday, July 14, 1pm, Central Christian Church
- Here are sites where you can get our club information:

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

You: [https://youtu.be/SRUaj2\\_GLFI](https://youtu.be/SRUaj2_GLFI)

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

**Dates to Remember:**

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  
8/27/25 **No Golden K meeting**  
9/19,20/25 Peanut Days

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Mike Carr

Anniversaries: Connie Doty

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

**Famous Quotations:** Money: In the old days a man who saved money was a miser. Today he is a wonder!!

**50-50 Drawing:** Mike Heger was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$273 rolls over. Get your tickets.

**Up Coming Programs:**

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

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Food Bank**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – K.N.R.F.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – School Support**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Trauma Dolls**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Fund**

**Story for today:** Bob Lewis

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