



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

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

August 13, 2025

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

Invocation: Cheryl Boss

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: John Baird introduced Mary Rogers, Program Director at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital Foundation in Springfield. Brittany Hendricks and son, Jase, also spoke.

Children's Miracle Network Introduction & Hospital Overview

- HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital partnered with Children's Miracle Network (CMN) since **1988**.
- CMN is the largest fundraising network for children's hospitals, partnering with organizations like Walmart, Panda Express, Loves Travel Stops, and Kiwanis.
- Annual Radiothon fundraising event scheduled for **November 20-21** on Springfield radio stations.
- Hospital treats over **30,000** pediatric patients and families annually, offering trauma, intensive care, surgery, sedation, rehabilitation, neonatal care, and child life services.

- Serves pediatric outpatients from **39 counties**, including specialized services like sleep center and pediatric rehabilitation.

Jase Hendricks' Recovery Story and Impact of Hospital Services

- Jase and his sister involved in car accident on August 10, 2022, T-boned by semi, near home.
- Jase sustained traumatic brain injuries, multiple brain bleeds, broken jaw, 7-8 broken ribs, spleen laceration.
- Treated at St. John's Children's Miracle Network pediatric trauma unit; airlifted from Rochester.
- Spent 5 weeks in PICU, 15 days in coma, ventilator support, jaw surgery with plates and screws.
- Underwent inpatient rehab in St. Louis, relearned basic functions, continued therapy in Springfield children's rehab facility.

Cathy Sebok presented Kiwanian of the Month of July to Karen Sivils. Congratulations!!

Health Report: Cathy Sebok welcomed back Jan Allen & Jerry Sebok & any others who'd been gone.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

52 members 3 speakers 55 total

Announcements:

Jerry Pelz – New member orientation today postponed until after the meeting next week.

Susan Rayhill – has material to cut for trauma dolls

- She & Steve took Careage House meal. Next one is Sept 14, Cathy Sebok will be in charge.
- Good Samaritan Inn will be Aug. 26. She still needs 3 volunteers.

Cheryl Boss – Salvation Army's Stuff the Bus is this Friday at the mall. They need bell ringers.

Kyle Anderson – has applications for Dove RSVP.

- He needs 8 card tables for the Farm Progress Show. Let him know. They need to be brought next week. Put your name on them.

Paula Luckenbill - Paula needs at least 10 people to help with "Caps & Lids" Sorting with Millikin students on Thursday, August 21st. 9:30 – noon. Place: Scovill Zoo (big room on the left). There will be 2-3 MU students at each table getting the opportunity to help with a Service Project in Decatur. Everyone should turn in their "Unsorted Caps & Lids" before August 21st, so we have plenty to sort. We need a variety not just medicine bottle lids. Students will arrive at the Zoo between 9:45 and 10:00 and leave at noon.

The purpose of this is to give the students an opportunity to help with a community service project in Decatur. Millikin has asked that we talk about the *9/11 Memorial Project*, the *Ronald McDonald*

House Flip Tab Project, and the **“Lids to Benches” program**. As you are at the table with the students, please talk about the importance of volunteering and pay it forward in ways that you can. Encourage them to get involved when and where they can. Share what you do to volunteer and why you do it. Talk about the good things in Decatur.

Ask them where they are from, why they came to MU, and what they are studying.

- 9/11 Memorial – plants all planted. Getting rock & landscape fabric down before 9/11, Fall flowers planted, and hopefully a plaque for the big boulder in front of the flagpole. The ceremony is 9/11, 6pm, all are welcome.
- Flip tabs – took 198.6 lbs. (224,021 tabs) to Springfield to Ronald McDonald House on Aug 2. Since Aug. 2021 she has taken over 571.2 lbs. (644,314 flip tabs)!
- Last week she picked up 2 benches. Will go again on Aug 25. So far, she’s secured 36 benches, 22 bird baths, 8 planters. That is 9,238 lbs. kept out of the landfill.

Karen Sivils – budget meetings will be held right after the club meeting on Aug. 13 & possibly 20.

Bob Bischoff – has peanut letters ready for members to deliver to businesses & professionals. Will need 10-12 people the next 4 weeks to deliver them.

- He had a sign-up sheet to give peanuts away at the Farm Progress Show, 2 people at each of the 4 beverage stands from 10-12 & 12-2. (4 needed at each stand, total of 16 people).
- He needs a person with a truck and a couple of people to help on Monday, 25th to get the peanuts.
- Anyone have an old sheet? He needs 4 to cover the tables at the Progress Show.

Marty Williams – looking for speaker coordinators for November and December. Only need to fill 2 slots each month. See him or John Baird.

Mary Jean Bauer – Fall Social, Sept 17, 5pm, Yacht Club. Paula Luckenbill cooking.

Harold Wilkinson reminded us that we are still collecting weekly donations and food for Salvation Army box. He encouraged us to make a donation to the WSOY Food Drive Oct 3.

- Farm Progress Show, Aug 26-28. They have decreased the 6 booths they originally gave us to 4 booths.

Bring a chair

Selling bottles only

Will have cash aprons w/cash supplied

iPad to keep track of sales/credit

There is a small amount of parking spaces on the grounds. Shuttle runs from the mall 7:30 am to 4pm. If you work at 8am, he suggests you get to mall at 7:15 am. Shuttle drops off at gate 9.

He has a sign-up substitute list to cover any vacancies in shifts that arise.

Each shift trains the following shift.

- Joe Turek resigned treasurer for Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026. Nominations will be taken next several meetings. John Baird was nominated during this meeting.
- Board meeting:
 Reviewing Bylaws & manuals
 Little Library ribbon cutting, Sept. 11, 10 am.
 We have \$172,888 in our Community Foundation Fund to draw scholarships from next year.
 Joel Hawkinson is working on recording our meetings, available on YouTube.
- Harold has info if you're interested in U of I Men's 2025-2026 Basketball Kick Off, iHotel, Champaign, Sept 3, 5-7:30pm, \$55.
- 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:

8/21/25 Lid Sorting – zoo, 9:30-noon
 8/26/25 Good Samaritan Inn
 8/26-28/25 Farm Progress Show
 8/27/25 **No Golden K meeting**
 9/18,19/25 Peanut Days at Walmart
 9/19,20/25 Peanut Days

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Dave Sapp, Karen Sivils, Donna Dash

Anniversaries: Kevin Wilmot, Al Henrichs, Marty & Roberta Williams

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Famous quotes: no self-made man ever did such a good job that some woman didn't want to make a few alterations!

50-50 Drawing: Joel Hawkinson was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts! The \$158 rolls over. Get your tickets!'

Up Coming Programs:

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

8/27/25 **NO MEETING**

9/3/25 Kate Williston, topic: Women's Ice Hockey Team in Decatur

9/10/25 Phil Stoutenborough, topic: 139 Windmill Farm in the Maroa area

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

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