



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2024-2025

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Joel Hawkinson, Dave Johnson, Pat Riley, Cathy Sebok, Kathy Thompson, Marcia Uchtorff,
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Regular Meeting each Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. at Salvation Army Reception Hall

August 20, 2025

God Bless America / Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Bob Lewis

Invocation: Mike Heger

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: John Baird introduced Connie Doty, Patient Services Coordinator Jerger Pediatric Dentistry.

Teddy Bear Dental Health Fund: History, Impact, and Challenges

- Teddy Bear Dental Health Fund established in **1999**; supported by Golden Cave since **2019**.
- Golden Cave contributed **\$300,000** over the last **7 years**.
- Fund operates on donations only; no other fundraising activities.
- Teddy Bear covers **70%** of treatment costs; families pay **30%** if able.
- Program addresses gaps for children with medical cards, autism, and special needs; provides care when other providers decline.

Q&A: Access to Dental Care, Nutrition, and Community Support

- Program provides dental care for children and handicapped adults in need.
- Medical card (Illinois) offers limited dental coverage; few dentists accept it, often requiring travel to Chicago.
- Initial visit costs \$220; families pay 30% of treatment, with payment plans available based on income.
- Program serves approximately 75–100 children annually; no one is turned away due to inability to pay.
- Nutritional education is provided to parents; issues include high consumption of sugary drinks and low milk intake.

Connie thanked us for our past contributions. We presented her with a \$5,000 check!

Health Report: Roberta Williams: Jan Allen doing much better. Sent some cards out.

Attendance: Roberta Williams

51 members 1 Honorary Member 1 speaker 53 total

Announcements:

Cheryl Boss – Report on Franklin Grove: Jackie Evans, Marcia Uchtorff, & Roberta Williams are tutoring, and Jackie Evans & Linda Thomas are doing snacks every Friday.

Dan Sebok – There is a new Key Club advisor at St. T – Logan Schumaker.

Susan Rayhill – has material to cut/sew trauma dolls

- Long time member, Dennis Taylor passed away.
- This a.m. WSOY talked about our lids program & the Millikin students
- Good Samaritan Inn will be Aug. 26.
- Read a thank you from God's Shelter of Love & Careage House

Paula Luckenbill - Paula needs at least 10 people to help with “Caps & Lids” Sorting with Millikin students on Thursday, August 21st. 9:30 – noon (you're welcome to come at 8:30). 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.

- Next week picking up more benches & birdbaths. Anyone interested in bird baths, call her

Bob Bischoff – needs 2 trucks & help to pick up peanuts from Sam's

- Canceled peanuts at the Farm Progress Show. "We're superhuman but can only do so much!"
- Sept 3 - sign up for peanut days (Walmart only on Thurs, Sept 18 & Fri, Sept 19) for Friday, Sept 19 and Saturday, Sept 20 at other stores.
- Sept 3 at the meeting will be order forms for us to order peanuts

Mary Jean Bauer – sign up for the Fall Social, Sept 17, 5pm, Yacht Club, \$10. Paula Luckenbill cooking.

Joel Hawkinson – look at videos he's posted on YouTube Joel Hawkinson.

Tom McQuiston – don't forget to pay dues!

- Due to large amount of manpower required, **GK meeting August 27 will be canceled.**
- Information for volunteers at Farm Progress was given out at end of meeting.
- 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**

9/8/25 Board Meeting, 1pm. Central Christian Church

9/10/25 Dues for 2025-26 due

9/11/25 Little Library Ribbon Cutting, 10 am

9/11/25 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, 6pm.

9/18,19/25 Peanut Days at Walmart

9/19,20/25 Peanut Days

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Josh Chamblin

Anniversaries: Jan Allen, Laurie Brown, Don Wenneker, Linda Thomas

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

Famous quotes: MAN: Man is something that feels happy, plays the piano, likes going for a walk, and in fact wants to do a whole lot of things that are totally unnecessary!

50-50 Drawing: Mike Carr was the **winner** of the \$188!! Congratulations!!

Up Coming Programs:

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

9/17/25 Stu Ellis, topic: Challenges to farmers in 2026

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

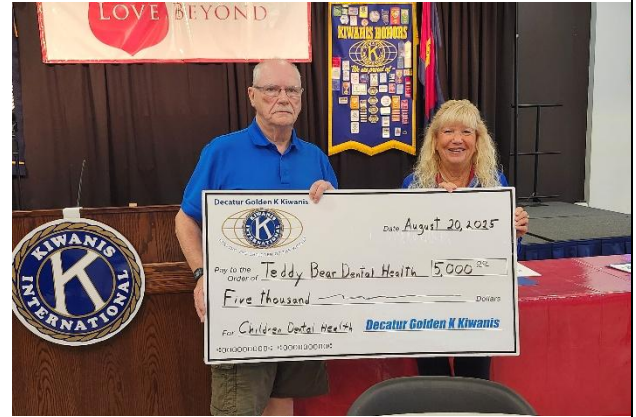
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Connie Doty



Fantastic Farm Progress Committee