



The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club

Decatur, Illinois

Serving the Children of the world

Club Officers 2024 - 2025

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September 3, 2025

National Anthem / Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Roberta Williams

Invocation: Cathy Sebok

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok & Kyle Anderson

Program Introduction - Dick Virgin

Program: Kate Williston, Dansig Risk Advisors Benefits Account Executive and Chairs the Decatur Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Topic- Women's Ice Hockey Team in Decatur

Kate Williston, Decatur Women's Hockey Association, said the women's hockey team is called the "**Decatur Fury.**" They are registered with USA Hockey and belong to the Amateur Hockey Association. The hockey players pay \$250 per season and buy their own equipment. Kate displayed and explained all the pieces of equipment the women wear and use. Sponsorships help some players with expenses. They practice on Sundays at 7:45am. It can be hard to schedule rink time at the Civic Center. They play many games out of town. They also participate in charity tournaments. The hockey season runs from September to March.

The DWHA began in 2019 when hockey moms decided to show their children how to play instead of telling them how to play. The first team had 15 players. They could not play on 2020 due to Covid, but practiced and did scrimmages. In 2021, people were ready to try new activities and the team grew to 24 members. The Professional Women's Hockey Association was formed in 2023, which increased interest in the

sport. Since then, the team has had 30-40 players. Kate showed some pictures of some of the team members and talked a little about them.

There is a board consisting of 5 members of the team who serve for 2 years. Kate is the hockey director, and Marketing and PR chair. She has been involved in sports since she was a child, especially soccer and lacrosse. When she moved to Decatur, she began doing roller derby, then added hockey during the off season. Since the pandemic, she has been very involved in hockey.

Attendance - Lynda Durnil 48 members present 2 guests 1 speaker 51 total present

Health Report: Roberta Williams Kathy Ferguson fell in August, had some injuries, and is recuperating at home. She would appreciate cards. Welcome back David Johnson who is present today.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary (Kevin forgot his glasses, so Charles Smith gave the report.)

Birthdays - 9/12 Al Henrichs & Cathy Sebok 9/13 Linda Rowden

Anniversaries - 9/11 Suzy & Ed Boehm 9/13 Bruce & Tia Logan

Famous Quotes: *Optimism is the state of mind which believes matrimony will be cheaper than the engagement!*

Announcements - Tom McQuistion

Cheryl Boss - "Boo at the Zoo" will be October 18 fro 3:00 - 6:00pn. We will have 7 stations. Those interested will need to fill out a Park District Background Check Form which she will bring next week.

Lynda Durnil - Please send her any needed updates in phone numbers (dropping a land line or adding a mobile phone), change of email address, or change of address for the 2025 - 2026 Directory.

Dan Sebok - Dan will be arranging flu and covid shots with the health department.

Cathy Sebok - CareAge House Meals on September 14th. She has Sign Up Sheets.

Kyle Anderson - If you would like to fill out an RSVP volunteer form, he still had some. Kyle hopes to have an Adopt a Street clean up day either September 26th or 27th.

Susan Rayhill - Good Samaritan will be on September 23rd. She has Sign Up Sheets and Trauma Dolls material, etc. on the table.

Paula Luckenbill - There is a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the memorial at 6:00pm on 9/11. Keep collecting flip tabs for Ronald McDonald House. On August 21st, 27 Millikin University students helped sort "caps & lids" with our usual volunteers at the Scovill Zoo Sort Day. It was part of their Service Project Hours. The group sorted 500 pounds of caps and lids. On August 25th, Paula picked up 2 benches and 7 bird baths at Green Tree Plastics.

Mary Jean Bauer - Our Fall Social - "Dinner at the Sailboat Club" will be September 17th at 5:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person includes water. You are free to bring whatever other drinks you want. Mary Jean has "menu choice sheets" and Sign Up Sheets available.

Bob Bischoff - Walmart has changed our Peanut Days dates to Thursday September 18th & Friday the 19th. The other locations will still be September 19th & 20th. He has Sign Up Sheets to work at the store fronts today or next week. He needs 35 spaces signed up for each day.

Oder forms for selling cases have been passed out on the tables. The goal is to sell 400 cases. 154 have already been sold. There are 60 cases that have been sold and ready to be delivered on the stage. He asked members to take them and deliver them today.

Harold Wilkinson -Announcements

I-I District Convention Slogan: “ASK - always sell Kiwanis.”

Distinguished Club Criteria We have met the criteria for a Distinguished Club this year.

Little Free Libraries Doug Warren announced that the committee is expanding to a 7th location at the **Decatur Housing Authority building at 1808 E. Locust**. They are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony on **September 11th at 10:00am**, with invitations to media (TV, Radio, Newspapers) and to a list of people from City Hall, to the Library, the school District, and more. We will provide coffee and pastries from Panera to the visitors.

The “Farm Progress Show Committee”: (Harold Wilkinson, Don Wenneker, Kyle Anderson, Mike Carr, and Mark Avery)

The Farm Progress Show Fundraiser was a huge success. The club thanked the 43 people including Early Birds, who worked tirelessly in the Beverage Tents. Thanks to the committee members for driving the carts, including the “Pope Mobile”, and the committee for generally working all day every day to give volunteers whatever they needed. Gary Goeken put up some pictures on the big screens. The “Tip Jars” brought in \$460 in donations. We don’t know how much money we made yet, but everyone agreed they want to do it again in 2 years.

New Member Orientation - Jerry Pelz Gary Cole, Mike Carr, Jerry Sebok & Mark Avery

Hours Remember to turn in or email your “End of the Month Hours” to **Karen Sivils**, so she can include them in the report she gives Lynda Durnil for her report to Kiwanis International.

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Dates to remember:

- 9/08 Board Meeting 1:00pm Central Christian Church
- 9/10 Dues for 2025-2026 are due and payable in full (\$145) or 1st Installment \$72.50.
- 9/11 Little Free Libraries “7th Placement Ceremony”, Decatur Housing Authority at 10:00am
“9/11 Memorial Ceremony” at 6:00pm
- 9/14 CareAge House Meals - Cathy Sebok
- 9/17 Fall Social: “Dinner at the Sailboat Club” - Mary Jean Bauer
- 9/18, 9/19 & 20 **Peanut Days** - Bob Bischoff
- 9/23 Good Samaritan Inn - Susan Rayhill, needs 6 volunteers. 11-1pm
- 9/30 **Club members with “unpaid dues” will be dropped from the Club Roster.**

50/50 Drawing - No winner today. **Pot Total \$ 98**

Up Coming Programs:

- Sept 10 Phil Stoutenborough, farmer in Maroa. Topic-The 139 Windmill Farm in the Maroa area.
- Sept 17 Stu Ellis (Taylorville family farm, broadcaster WSOY, American Soybean Association, Farm Bureau, Farm Progress Show, WCIA Radio Programs, Publishes farmers Newsletter.) Topic- Challenges to Farmers in 2026
- Sept 24 Dick Virgin Topic- Vietnam War, Reflecting 50 years later.
- Oct 1 Tanya Melendez, Executive Director Good Samaritan Inn. Topic- Mercy Gardens

Humor for today: Jerry Pelz (Great story, unfortunately my recorder didn't get it!)

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Substitute Editors: Lynda Durnil & Roberta Williams

Harold Wilkinson had 2 trophies to present to Don Wenneker and Mark Avery, but he left them in the car which his son borrowed today, so he gave them 50/50 tickets instead.



TO WATCH THIS WEEK'S MEETING:
YouTube Joel Hawkinson
(Click Joel Hawkinson)