



Serving the Children of the World

The Nugget

Golden K Kiwanis Club
Decatur, Illinois

Club Officers 2025-2026

President: Tom McQuiston **President Elect:** Dick Virgin **Vice President:** None

Secretary: Lynda Durnil *Asst. Secretary: Roberta Williams*

Treasurer: John Baird *Asst. Treasurer: Karen Sivils*

Directors:

Cheryl Boss, Joel Hawkinson, Pat Riley, Cathy Sebok, Kathy Thompson,
Past President: Harold Wilkinson

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

Oct. 1, 2025

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

Invocation: Ron Black

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Dan Sebok, Harold Dausman

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Installation of Officers by special guests: Lt. Governor, Pete Buckley and Lt. Governor Elect, Carol Burwash. They presented our members with humorous pins, "Life is short, do stuff that matters", "Head Honcho", "Number Cruncher", "The Right Stuff".

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Thank you to our outgoing officers and board members for their service this year. Welcome to our new officers and board members. We wish all the best to our new leadership.

Harold Wilkinson gave a summary of all our projects and club stats for the last year. (3,841 children served, 5,179 volunteer hours, fundraising success: exceeded \$42,320). He recognized his officers, board members, and everyone. He presented the gavel to **Tom McQuision**.

Tom McQuision congratulated **Harold Wilkinson** for his successful leadership this past year. He said Golden K has touched the lives of many children & that won't change. He looks forward to working with the officers & others.

Cathy Sebok thanked her committee, **Cheryl Boss & Karen Sivils** and presented these awards:

2,000 hours: John Dunn, Ralph Czerwinski, Don Kamm

4,000 hours: Roberta Williams, Lynda Durnil, Cheryl Boss, Gary Goeken

6,000 hours: Steve Rayhill

10,000 hours: Susan Rayhill

Kiwanian of the Year (Dick Reeves Award): John Baird

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Health Report: Roberta Williams: Wishing those who are ill a speedy recovery and welcome to those who are with us!

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

55 members 3 Kiwanis Guests 1 Guest 59 total

Announcements:

Cheryl Boss – Boo at the Zoo, Oct 18, 3-6pm

- Park District is looking for volunteers for Trees on Tees. If interested reach out to Brei Mercado at the park office, bmercado@decparcs.com.
- Thanked Bob Bischoff for chairing the peanuts for many years!

Charles Smith – Mt. Zion Key Club, chili tasting today, 5:30 pm, \$5, Mt. Zion cafeteria

- The Fall Festival at Rock Springs will be on Oct 11. Volunteers are needed to park cars.

Dan Sebok – 32 flu shots and 15 Covid shots were given today

- This Sunday, 6pm, St. T., all purpose room, Key Club meeting.

Kyle Anderson – thanked the 7 who helped with Adopt A Street last Friday.

Susan Rayhill – Oct 28 Good Samaritan Inn, 11-1, sign up. Couple workshops coming up soon for trauma dolls.

Bob Bischoff – had cases of peanuts to deliver to 1st responders (197 cases going to military & 1st responders). 25 cases going to NE Community, 15 to Salvation Army, & 15 to Good Samaritan Inn. Next week the new peanut chairman will report.

Mike Heger – Project Linus will be Oct 7. Set up will be 3pm Monday, Oct 6, Church of the Latter-Day Saints. Blanket Day is Tuesday, Oct 7, 9-3. To volunteer, call him.

Paula Luckenbill – Someone is stealing flowers at the 9/11 Memorial! Will be caught!

- Flip tabs going well
- Lid workshop coming soon
- If interested in helping/transporting the international teachers in DPS this year, let her know.

Dates to Remember:

10/3/25 WSOY/Salvation Army Community Food Drive

10/12/25 Careage House meal

10/13/25 Board Meeting, Central Christian Church, 1:00pm

10/18/25 Boo at the Zoo, 3-6pm

10/28/25 Good Samaritan Inn, 11-1pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Mary Jean Bauer, Mary Marshall, Doris Mabry, Jacki Woodward

Anniversaries: None

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

From Bob Hope: You know I really love to travel, I've seen almost as many places as my luggage!

50-50 Drawing: Mike Wortman was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$214 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

10/8/25 Heather Purdeu, Director of Scovill Zoo, topic: Scovill Zoo & Boo at the Zoo

10/15/25 Lynda Durnil, Youth Protection Training

10/22/25 Amy Bliefnick, MRI President, CEO & Kyle Karsten, MRI Director of Development

10/29/25 Dr. Dean Pribbenow, Millikin University President & Lori Kerans, Millikin University Vice President for Athletics & Engagement

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: Jerry Pelz

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

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/>