



*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, Sally Williams

*Past President: Harold Wilkinson*

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

**Nov. 12, 2025**

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

**Invocation:** Ron Black

**Piano:** Larry Wade

**Mike Runners:** Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

**Photographer:** Joel Hawkinson

**Program:** Mark Avery introduced Dan Miller, Macon County Health Department, who spoke on Starting Point, an aging & disability resource center.

### **Comprehensive Community Services Presentation**

- Aging & Disability Resource Center assists clients over 60 or under 60 on Social Security disability; uses referral system if needs can't be met.
- Community Care Program provides non-medical, in-home services (e.g., homemaker, emergency response, medication dispensers) based on income/assets, at no cost.
- Money Management Program expanded by 60 clients; assists with budgeting, bill payment, and stipends for those unable to manage finances.

- Caregiver Advisory Service supports caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren with assessments, referrals, training, support groups, and respite care.
- Senior Information Specialists offer referrals to agencies (e.g., Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities) and assist with access applications (e.g., reduced vehicle tax, free bus pass for 2 years for eligible seniors).
- Assistance provided for Medicaid, SNAP, Medicare, and public aid applications; open enrollment for Medicare Part D is Oct 15–Dec 7; three certified senior health insurance counselors available.
- Educational programs include 6-week diabetes self-management and stress-busting classes for caregivers and those with dementia.
- Reducing Social Isolation Program provides iPads to connect isolated individuals with family/friends; funded by grants, ongoing since COVID-19.
- Services primarily limited to Macon County due to grant requirements; some federal programs available to non-residents.
- Intake process collects basic info (name, DOB, address, service needs); eligibility based on income, assets, age, or disability; intake can be done by phone or in-person.

Contact Dan at [dmiller@maconchd.org](mailto:dmiller@maconchd.org)

**Golden K honored 14 veteran members and recognized past members who served. The program was written by Bob Bischoff. Attached is the list of veterans.**

**Health Report:** Cathy Sebok – Jim Higdon’s wife, Barbara, passed away.

**Attendance:** Lynda Durnil

54 members    1 Speaker    3 Kiwanis guests    58 Total

**Dick Virgin** – word of the week – “Gruntled” – pleased, contented. Mike Carr & Harold Wilkinson received a prize for their guesses.

### **Announcements:**

**Bill Meyer, Herb Dreier, Doug Warren (Early Birds)** – have cheese wheels to sell, \$17

### **Dan Sebok**

- See St. Teresa Key Club info below, also Krispy Kreme order pick up will be Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>, at St. T.
- Has Charity Mania tickets

**Cheryl Boss** – we will do bell ringing Dec 11 & Dec 13. Sign-up sheets now.

**Charles Smith** – Mt. Zion Key Club news (see below)

**From Mary Jean Bauer** – Christmas Social will be Wednesday, Dec 10, 2pm, The Wagon, \$20, \$10 gift exchange. Taking reservations now.

**Susan Rayhill** – thanked those who delivered meal to 12 adults & 3 children at Careage House.

- Sign up for Good Samaritan Inn, Nov 25, 11-1pm

**Tom McQuiston** – board meeting: explored fundraiser ideas & developing a questionnaire for the members in January.

**Key Club Updates:**

**St. Teresa Key Club:** Planning a Winter Formal on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, going to do some red kettle bell ringing, selling Krispy Kreme. You can order & bring a check or cash this week. Delivery is Nov. 20.

**Mt. Zion Key Club:** No meeting on Nov 30, but one on 12/3 during activity period at school. They are planning their Children's Christmas Project. They have 47 children in need on their list from 13 families. Each child will receive toys, clothing, & an Aldi's gift card. The club will shop at Target on 12/3 & Kohl's on 12/4. Wrapping party on 12/14. They've raised funds by selling peanuts, hosting a chili supper, & contacting local businesses & organizations. Any Golden K members who want to help wrap, let them know.

**Dates to Remember:**

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

11/26/25 No Golden K meeting

11/30/25 Mt. Zion Key Club – no meeting

12/3/25 Mt. Zion Key Club meeting, 2:15pm School Activity Period

12/10/25 Christmas Social – The Wagon, 2pm, \$20, Gift Exchange Game (\$10 limit), wrapped, no tag

12/11/25 Ring Salvation Army bell

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Kevin Cleary

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Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

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

**Bob Hope Quotes:** As we get older it gets even harder to lose weight. By then our bodies and our fat have become really good friends!

**50-50 Drawing:** Jacki Woodward was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$163 rolls over. Get your tickets!

**Up Coming Programs:**

11/19/25 Abby Helm, Community Relations Executive Ameren Illinois, topic: Scams

11/26/25 No meeting

12/3/25 Pete Buckley, topic: My Career in the FBI

12/10/25 Michael Warner, Holly Newbon, Webster Cantrell Youth Advocacy

12/17/25 Larry Wade, Kiwanis Christmas Carols

### **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](mailto: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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