



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

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

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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. 5, 2025

God Bless America /Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge: Roberta Williams

Invocation: Kathy Thompson

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Mark Avery introduced Jeff Daly, Salvation Army Development Director, who introduced Major Susan Summit & Major Randy Summit.

Salvation Army Christmas Campaign Launch & Community Impact

- Jeff Daly introduced as new Director of Development for Salvation Army; joined August 25; 36 years in community/media.
- 2025 Christmas fundraising campaign officially launched; majority of funds raised during Christmas season support needs through 2026.
- Major Randy, Major Susan, and Major Dan Faundez lead ministry team; new theme: 'Give with Joy.'

Social Services Expansion & Community Needs

- 2024 fundraising goal: **\$400,000**; kettle goal: **\$190,000**.
- Food pantry now serves **100+ families per session**; nearly **double** previous numbers; **~33-50%** are new families.
- Programs include food pantry, men's emergency shelter (**30-50 beds**), Pathway of Hope (family support), homeless prevention (**~100 families/year**), senior prescription assistance, youth activities, and Sunday community breakfast (**45-50 attendees**).
- Fundraising methods: bell ringing at multiple locations, virtual kettles, counter kettles, coffee sales, business/church partnerships.
- All funds stay in Macon County to support local services; increased need noted for 20
- Third Christmas for the Summits, Jeff Daly cut the ribbon.
- New community center director and associate officer appointed in past year.
- Community center gymnasium program revived after 20-year decline.

Health Report: Cathy Sebok – Welcome back to Al Henrichs, Kathy Ferguson was visited & she misses us. Directories were mailed to Betsy Herald & Jim Watson, keep Gary Goeken in your prayers.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

53 members 1 guest 3 Speakers 5 Kiwanis guests 62 Total

Dick Virgin – word of the week – Trilemma - it's a problem in which you have three possibilities to consider instead of two.

Announcements:

Dan Sebok

- See St. Teresa Key Club info below
- Has Charity Mania tickets

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

From Paula Luckenbill – **There will be a lid sorting workshop this Friday, Nov 7, at the Police Benevolent Hall, 9-noon**

From Mary Jean Bauer – Christmas Social will be Wednesday, Dec 10, 2pm, The Wagon, \$20, \$10 gift exchange. Reservations starting Nov 12.

Doris Mabry – wants us to be aware of a casino possibly going in west of Wycles Road. The positives are Decatur would receive 5% of the proceeds, State of Illinois 25%, and unemployment would go away. She wanted us to know the negatives – wages will go down even with more people working, housing values will go down, crime goes up, & Harristown would receive nothing even though their Harristown Road will be used. Spread the word, talk to your neighbors. It's been a secret.

Herb Dreier (Early Bird) – they are selling their cheese wheels today, \$17, and taking orders for next week.

Tom McQuiston – Board meeting next Monday, Central Christian Church, 1pm

Key Club Updates:

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

Mt. Zion Key Club: Next meeting Nov 30, 6pm

Dates to Remember:

11/5/25 Governor's Meet & Greet, K.N.R.F. Mega-Event, Champaign

11/6/25 Interclub to Champaign

11/9/25 Careage House meal

11/10/25 Board meeting, Central Christian Church, 1pm

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

11/30/25 Mt. Zion Key Club meeting 6pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Brenda Herron, David McGlade

Anniversaries: John Alley

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

Bob Hope Quotes: If you watch a game, it is fun; if you play a game, it is recreation; if you work at a game, it is golf!

50-50 Drawing: Kevin Cleary was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$119 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

11/12/25 Dan Miller, Macon County Health Department. Topic: Starting Point

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

11/26/25 No meeting

12/3/25 Pete Buckley, topic: Career with Secret Service

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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