



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

Dec. 3, 2025

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

Invocation: Linda Thomas

Piano: Larry Wade

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: John Baird introduced Peter Buckley, former Kiwanis District Lieutenant Governor

Pete Buckley's FBI Career and Major Cases

- Pete Buckley served as FBI special agent for **24 years**, with prior roles as deputy sheriff, Army officer, and National Guard member.
- Persistently applied to FBI, accepted in **1986**; inspired by his father, a former FBI agent (1951–1956).
- Worked major cases: undercover in INF Treaty compliance, Chicago gang task forces, high-profile kidnappings, and murder-for-hire investigations.
- Utilized federal wiretap laws to target gang leadership, resulting in large drug and cash seizures (e.g., **\$1.7 million** in one case) and life sentences for violent offenders.
- FBI gang squads in Chicago remain active due to ongoing drug trade and gang violence; federal statutes enable longer sentences and more effective investigations.

Health Report: Cathy Sebok – Jim Higdon doing well & welcomes visitors. Keep him & family in your thoughts.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

51 members 1 Speaker 3 Kiwanis guests 55 Total

Dick Virgin – word of the week – testiculating – talking bollocks (rude word for nonsense) with expansive arm movements. No one guessed the meaning.

Announcements:

Paula Luckenbill – There will be a lid sorting workshop next Monday, December 8, 9-noon at the Police Benevolent Hall. Bring any lids you have.

- Ronald McDonald House in Springfield has recognized us for our efforts with flip tabs. In 2024, they served 34 families from Macon County & utilized 959 nights.

Dan Sebok - Has Charity Mania tickets,

- This Sunday, 6pm, St. Teresa Key Club is having a gift-wrapping session for presents to children

Cheryl Boss – thank you for signing up for bell ringing Dec 11 & Dec 13. All spots filled. There are subs if needed.

Harold Wilkinson – volunteers are needed to keep 2 new little libraries stocked. They are located at St. Mary's & the DISC.

Mary Jean Bauer – Deadline is today for reservations (Wednesday, December 3). Christmas Social will be Wednesday, Dec 10, 2pm, The Wagon, \$20, \$10 gift exchange. You are asked to park on east side of the building & use that door directly into the room.

Marty Williams – Needs 2 pickups to get bicycles that we donate to the WAND Spirit of Giving. He has 1 but needs another on Dec. 5th. Contact him.

Pat Riley – Next week we'll continue sign-ups for the toy distribution at St. Paul's Dec15-19th.

John Baird – Next week's speakers are Michael Warner & Holly Newbon from Webster Cantrell Youth Advocacy. Topic: Building Brighter Futures For Families

Dick Virgin – read a thank you from CASA.

- Board meeting next Monday (December 8), 1:00 pm, Central Christian Church

Key Club Updates:

St. Teresa Key Club: Planning a Winter Formal on Feb. 7th, going to do some red kettle bell ringing.

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:

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

12/8/25 Lid Sorting Workshop, 9-noon, Police Benevolent Hall

12/8/25 Board Meeting, 1pm, Central Christian Church

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

12/11 /25 Ring Salvation Army bell

12/13/25 Ring Salvation Army bell

12/14/25 Careage House meal

12/15-19/25 Toy Distribution

12/24,31/25 No meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Rick Gillum, Tom McQuiston, Charles Smith

Anniversaries: Don Kamm

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

Bob Hope Quotes: You know you're getting middle age when your weightlifting consists of merely getting up!

50-50 Drawing: Mike Wortman was the winner but did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$248 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

12/10/25 Michael Warner, Holly Newbon, Webster Cantrell Youth Advocacy, topic: Building Brighter Futures For Families

12/17/25 Larry Wade, Kiwanis Christmas Carols

12/24/25 No meeting

12/31/25 No meeting

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: Bob Lewis

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