



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

March 18, 2026

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

Invocation: Roberta Williams

Piano: John Baird

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Marty Williams introduced Kent Newton, Executive Director, CFO of Sanitary District of Decatur.

Overview

- **Sanitary District major upgrade planned: \$110 million** for the district; **\$50 million** already banked; construction to start **late 2026 / early 2027** with plant startup required **March 2029** and new permit limit meeting **October 2029**.



- **Nutrient challenge (phosphorus):** Current effluent ~**30 ppm**; regulatory limit will drop to **1 ppm** by **2029** — District must implement Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR).
- **Approach chosen:** Avoid chemical dosing (would require ~**3 tanker loads/day**). District will use a **biological process**, new organisms, staged tanks and tighter controls; will produce different biosolids handling needs (struvite issue).
- **Funding & cost-sharing:** Industries (e.g., ADM, Primient) are major contributors; industries pay ~**75%** of user fee. Industry capital outlays much larger (ADM ~**\$450M** upgrades) community impact could approach **\$1B** regionally.
- **Energy & sustainability:** Planned **4.5 MW** solar array on **99 acres** to supply ~**75%** of plant electricity; future batteries to target **100%** on-site capacity and reduced grid dependence.
- **Emerging contaminants:** Pharmaceuticals, endocrine disruptors, PFAS and microplastics are rising concerns; PFAS sources mainly landfill leachate locally; removal methods are still limited and challenging.

You can call 1-447- CALL-SDD to report sewage overflows, missing manhole covers, funky odors.

Health Report: Cathy Sebok –Marcia Uchtorff will have major surgery this Friday, Kristin Hargrove home from hospital, doing well, Mickie Wilmot (wife of Kevin) will have knee replacement tomorrow

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

44 members 1 speaker 4 guests 49 Total

Dick Virgin – word of the week – meldrop – drip of mucus that forms on the end of your nose when you are out in the cold or just have a super runny nose.

No one guessed the meaning!

Announcements:

Dan Sebok – Charity Mania cards: he'll have results next Wednesday.

- There will be an interclub in Tuscola next Wednesday, March 25th. We will be filling Easter eggs. Sign up

Susan Rayhill – Next week is the last collection for Dove's Domestic Violence & God's Shelter of Love. Think of the items you use when you get up in the morning (comb, toothpaste, etc.). Monetary donations appreciated.

- Next Good Samaritan Inn is March 24, 11-1
- She has trauma doll material & stuffing to take home
- Next Careage House meal is April 12, sign up.

Mary Jean Bauer – There will be a Spring Luncheon, Wednesday, April 22, 1pm, KC Hall. Sign up.

Karen Sivils – April 18 is Kite Day, next week sign up sheets. Hopes to see all of us there!

Bob Lewis – taking donations & selling tickets to the Children’s Play on Mar. 28 & 29

Tom McQuiston – you can pick up Children’s Play posters to distribute.

- Kite Day April 18, sign up next week

Key Club Updates:

St. Teresa Key Club: meets 1st Sunday of the month, 6pm, All Purpose Room

Mt. Zion Key Club: meets 4th Sunday of the month, 6pm, cafeteria

Dates to Remember:

3/24/26 Good Samaritan Inn, 11-1

3/28,29/26 Millikin “Children’s Play”

4/12/26 Careage House meal

4/13/26 Board Meeting, Central Christian Church, 1pm

4/15/26 GK elections

4/18/26 Kite Day, noon-4pm, Sinawik Park

4/22/26 Spring Luncheon, KC Hall, 1pm

4/25/26 Interclub to Tuscola

4/25/26 Rock Springs Festival, park cars

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Susan Rayhill

Anniversaries: None

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

Quote from Bob Hope: You know marriage is making a big comeback. I know personally that in Hollywood people are marrying people they never married before!

50-50 Drawing: Joel Hawkinson did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$153 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

3/25/26 Elizabeth Riddle, Meals on Wheels

4/1/26 Bruce Nims, Group hiking trips to Switzerland & Italy

4/8/26 Debbie Bogle, United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois

4//15/26 Grant Bullock, Master of Science in Education, Suicide Prevention

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

Speaker ideas...if you have an idea for a Golden K speaker, please let John Baird or Mark Avery know.

Story for today: John Dunn

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