



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*

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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

March 25, 2026

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

Invocation: Jan Allen

Piano: John Baird

Mike Runners: Harold Dausman, Dan Sebok

Photographer: Joel Hawkinson

Program: Mark Avery introduced Elizabeth Riddle, Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels presentation

- Program began in **1967** delivering five meals in Decatur; **July 1, 2002** Catholic Charities of Decatur assumed operation; funding from state plus Catholic Charities.
- Program serves **418** clients Monday–Friday (closed weekends); **65,086** meals served since July 1; added route in **2025** to reach **31** routes and will reach **32** routes in April; **6,161** volunteer hours reported in **2025**.

- Provides one meal per day, meals are diabetic-friendly and low-sodium, accommodates allergies/dietary restrictions; volunteers perform wellness checks and staff/volunteers contact emergency services or family when needed.
- Routes contain **16–20** clients (max **20**); volunteer time **~1–1.5 hours** per route; pickup **10:00–10:30**, deliveries **10:30–noon**; one route assigned per volunteer per day; state-mandated volunteer packet with background check; training is brief.
- Six paid drivers run North and South county routes (**~2.5 hours, >30 miles**); highest need for volunteers on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**; weekly availability emailed every **Thursday**; scheduling is flexible with substitute coverage.



You can contact Elizabeth to volunteer at 217-422-6611 or riddle_dec@cc.dio.org

Dick Virgin proposed that GK take either Tuesday or Friday to fill in vacancies.

Cathy Sebok presented Kiwanian of the month of February to Linda Rowden. Congratulations!!



Health Report: Cathy Sebok – cards went out to Betsy Herald & Marcia Uchtorff. Marcia had major surgery last Friday & is still in the hospital.

Attendance: Lynda Durnil

51members 1 speaker 3 guests 55 Total

Dick Virgin – word of the week – **finifugal** – a person who is afraid of finishing anything. No one guessed the meaning!

Dick – a new trifold brochure is coming out highlighting Golden K activities.

Announcements:

Dan Sebok – had current results of the Charity Mania cards. Several GK members “in the money”.

Susan Rayhill –She has trauma doll material & stuffing to take home

- Yesterday we served 140 hot lunches & 75 cold lunches at Good Samaritan Inn. 20 trauma dolls passed out.
- April 23 there is a Volunteer Appreciation dinner at Good Samaritan Inn, 4-6pm. GK will be honored. RSVP at the Inn, call 217-429-1455, or email office@goodsaminn.org

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

Karen Sivils – April 18 is Kite Day, Sinawik Park. Signup. Bring a chair & enjoy the day!

Ralph Czerwinski – This Saturday (10am) & Sunday (2pm) is the Children’s Play at Millikin. He thanked the club for their generosity.

John Baird – reminder that each week there is a jar on the registration table for donations. He read a thank you note from NE Community Fund for our \$120 donation.

Kyle Anderson – next week (after the Children’s Play) they’ll start concentrating on the golf outing.

Tom McQuiston – Be proud to be in GK – lots going on – Children’s Play, Kite Day, Golf outing....

- There is a trivia night in Charleston this Friday, March 27, 6pm. See him for more information.
- Lid workshop, zoo, Friday, 3/27, 9-noon, early bird: 8:30

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:

3/27/26 Lid workshop, zoo, 9-noon, early bird: 8:30

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 Rock Springs Festival of Spring, park cars

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Kevin Cleary

Birthdays: Harold Wilkinson, Evelyn Hood

Anniversaries: Gary Goeken

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

Quote from Bob Hope: “when they asked Jack Benny to do something for the Actor’s orphanage, he shot both of his parents and moved in!”

50-50 Drawing: Susan Rayhill did not draw the Queen of Hearts. The \$189 rolls over. Get your tickets!

Up Coming Programs:

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

4/22/26 Crystal Hoadley, Sunshine School Supplies

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: Ron Black

A man took a vacation to Israel with his wife and mother-in-law. During their time in the Holy Land, his mother-in-law unexpectedly passed away. The following day, the husband met with the local undertaker to discuss funeral plans.

“In cases like these, there are a couple of options to choose from,” the undertaker explained. “You can ship the body home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for just \$150.” The man took a minute to think about it and then announced his decision to ship her home.

The undertaker, intrigued by his decision, said, “That’s an interesting choice. Can I ask why would you pay \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when you can easily bury her here for \$150?” The man promptly replied, “About 2,000 years ago, a man died and was buried here. Three days later he rose from the dead, and I can’t take that chance!”

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