



# ***The Nugget***

Golden K Kiwanis Club

Decatur, Illinois

*Serving the Children of the world*

## **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**

Joel Hawkinson, Pat Riley, Cathy Sebok, Kathy Thompson, Cheryl Boss, Sally Williams

**Past President:** Harold Wilkinson

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

## **April 29, 2026**

**National Anthem / Pledge of Allegiance / Kiwanis Pledge:** Ron Black

**Invocation:** Pat Riley

**Piano:** John Baird

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

**Program Introduction** - John Baird

**Program:** Linda Boles, Decatur Quilters Guild

Topic - Decatur Quilters Guild Trunk Show and the "Raffle Quilt." (Has Raffle Tickets for sale.)

Linda Boles spoke to us about the Decatur Quilters Guild and quilting. The guild, a nonprofit organization, began in 1979 with nine members. It currently has 40 members, with 20 who are active. They make and donate quilts to hospice, veterans, DMH Cancer Care, CASA, and others. Last year, they delivered over 200 quilts. They also hand quilt at the Macon County Museum for the benefit of the museum. Their mission is to preserve, educate, promote, and share the art of quilting. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at Grace Baptist Church.

They are currently holding a raffle for a Delectable Mountain Star Quilt. It is an 85"X85" foundation pieced quilt. They began work on it in June of 2025, and completed it in February of 2026. It is a machine pieced and long-armed machine quilted work of art. They began working on the center block and worked their way out to the edge. Guild members worked on blocks each month which were added to the quilt. Raffle tickets are

\$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. Their website is [www.decatarquiltersguild.com](http://www.decatarquiltersguild.com). They are also on Facebook. They offer free classes for anyone interested in quilting.



**Quilters Guild assistants:**

Penny Barry

Elizabeth Montgomery

Rita Ham



**Announcements - Tom McQuiston**

Tom read the obituary for Jim Watson and gave a Tribute for our years with Jim since 2010. It was very meaningful, since Tom as well as several of our other club members were colleagues when they all taught at Millikin University together. He will be missed.

**May 13th will be an important meeting day!** We will have a Program presenting our new updated ***Kiwanis International Bylaws***, answer questions, then **VOTE** to accept them as presented and submit them to Kiwanis International for approval. We ask all club members to attend.

Also, we will have the ***Induction Ceremony for our three New Members:*** Dorma Finrock, John Ivens, and Mike Zia. We ask that the new members and their sponsors stay after the meeting in order for Jerry Pelz to do the New Member Orientation with them, which is always the 2nd Wednesday of the Month.

Tom announced that at the **“Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Good Samaritan Inn** on April 23rd, Golden K Kiwanis Club was presented with **“Organization Of The Year 2026” Award - “With Our Greatest Appreciation for Your Contribution, Which Help Feed Those In Need”**. Susan Rayhill accepted it.

**Macon Resources (MRI)** is having their **annual “Field Day” Fundraiser, Thursday, May 7th at Macon Resources, sponsored by CEFCU**. The fun starts at Noon with an Awards Ceremony at 12:00pm, followed by a BBQ lunch, activities: Basketball Game, Ice Cream Party, Kick Ball Game, Snacks, and games. And an afternoon of fun! Kyle Karsten provided “fliers” which are on the tables if you are interested.

Tom announced that **MRI Proudly Announces 2026 “Champion of Change” Award Recipients Susan & Mark Avery**. This award is presented annually to a business or person who have greatly impacted those we serve at Macon Resources, Inc. Susan and Mark will be honored at the MRI Field Day Annual Community Event coming up on May7th from Noon to 2:00pm.

**Attendance - Lynda** Durnil 51 members present 5 guests 1 speaker total present 57

**Health Report:** Roberta Williams

Marcia Uchterff had her stitches out, is healing and getting better. She loves all the cards.

Gary Cole has had some health issues and the Salvation Army said he would be back soon. He would welcome some cards.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Kevin Cleary

**Birthdays** - April 9 Steve Rayhill

**Anniversaries** - none

**Bob Hope Quotes:** Bob Hope said; “Mini skirts have become quite the fad, there are even some guys wearing them!”

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

**Kyle Anderson** - Reminded club members that June 12th is our **Golf Outing Fundraiser**. There are still a few “Sponsor Packets” on the back table for members to pick up and deliver. This is where we make our money. From the “Sponsor Paciets” that have been delivered, we have received about \$6,000 so far. They will have “blank sponsor packets” on the table for members to deliver to people/businesses they think might be a “Hole Sponsor.”

They have started collecting Silent Auction items and they are being turned in to Lynda Durnil and Karen Sivils.

Kyle said they still need teams and if a single member just wants to play golf they will create teams. Kyle encouraged club members to come to the golf dinner even if they don’t play golf. Next week they will start selling Dinner Tickets and Raffle tickets.

**Adopt A Street:** Kyle is thinking about doing a day in May, maybe a week day. He will meet with a group of volunteers after a club meeting to find a day between between May 13-15 to clean up the Litter on Oakland Avenue between Harrison and Pershing Rd. It takes 12 volunteers about 1 1/2 hours.

**Teach A Kid to Fish (Early Birds Project, Herb Dreier)** - This is a lot of fun to work with grade school kids and teach them to fish. Lynda Durnil has Schedules on her table if you are interested.

**Ron Black** - Announced that MRI (Macon Resources) donated a Gift Certificate for one Free Custom Made License Plate Sign (up to 10 letters which can be displayed in your home, kids bedrooms, dorm rooms, etc. They are made from old license plates by the members at MRI.

**Cheryl Boss - Franklin/Grove School** "Teacher Appreciation Week"

<b>Monday, May 4th</b>	<b>Sundae Bar for 70 teachers</b>	Has Sign Up Sheets
<b>Friday, May 22nd</b>	<b>"Play Day"</b>	Needs 10 volunteers Has Sign Up Sheets

**Ralph Czerwiński** - Ralph announced that the Millikin University Children's Play Fundraiser had a Gross of \$5,560 Expenses of \$818.04 Net Profit of \$4,741.04 Tom and Ralph wanted to thank John Baird for managing the accounting, Lynda Durnil for all the secretary supplies, Bob Lewis for helping to sell tickets, Joel Hawkinson for the advertising, Gary Goeken for making the slides, and all who donated and gave support in some way. He also thanked Denise Myers and all the students who took responsibility for writing the play and doing the choreography and music. We look forward to producing it again next year.

**Paula Luckenbill - "Caps & Lids Sorting Workshop", at the Zoo, Friday, May 1st 9-Noon**

Paula Luckenbill and Susan Rayhill had a **"Booth"** displaying our "Caps & Lids for Benches" and "Flip Tabs for Ronald McDonald House" Service Projects at the **"Rock Springs Annual Festival of Spring"** April 25th. She reported that many people were interested in it and were going to start collecting.

**Paula and Susan have been asked if we were interested in using our Adopt A Street crew to clean up the litter along the lake shore from the Sailboat Club to the 9/11 Memorial before the Boat Races. They thought maybe the Early Birds would be interested in helping.**

**Susan Rayhill - Good Samaritan** Our 10 volunteers served 267 meals to adults and one child April 28th. Trauma Dolls - delivered 18 dolls to the Macon County Health Department.

**Charles Smith -Rock Springs Annual Festival of Spring** - Thanked 10 volunteers who helped parking cars.

## **Announcements - Tom McQuiston**

Tom read **Thank You Letters** from St. John's Children's hospital thanking us for our \$1500.00 donation and from Baby Talk thanking us for our \$500.00 donation to help them fulfill their mission to future children.

### **Key Club Updates:**

Mt. Zion Key Club The Key Club meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Elisa said they provided **Easter baskets** for 5 needy families for Easter. This project included a basket worth about \$50 for each child and then a basket with food for the family that was worth about \$75 and a \$25 Walmart gift card. The social workers in the elementary schools identified the families we served.

We are getting ready to host a concession stand for the **Aspire student field day on May 7th**. This will serve the athletes that are competing. Many of these athletes use this as an event that will help them train for the special olympics. I need to check in on Monday to see how many athletes are coming to the event. This is run by the Aspire program at our school so Key Club is just helping. We received a youth opportunities grant to fund the concession stand.

At our March meeting we made **pudding cups** into little bunnies and peach cups into little chicks and donated them to **Webster Cantrell** so they could give them to clients as a special treat. We have also done a

variety of other volunteering. We will have our last meeting next Wednesday during our activity period here at school (this time of year it is too difficult to meet in the evening). We will install our new officers.

St. Teresa Key Club They meet the 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the All Purpose Room.

**50/50 Drawing** - Roberta did not draw the Queen of Hearts. **New Pot Total \$ 38**

**Story for today:** Charles Smith

This couple who had worked at this company for 43 years were finally retiring. So at a family gathering to celebrate their retirement, everybody was asking "what are you going to do now that you are retired?"

The husband said; "that well, there were some projects around the house that I had not been able to do, so I think I am going to get to those now." The mom said; well, I've always wanted to get to learn how to play the piano, so I think I am going to take up the piano."

So for her birthday which was only two weeks away, dad bought her a piano. Three weeks later, the daughter was visiting and she looked around and said; "Dad where's mom's piano?" He said: "Oh, I sold it. The daughter said; "You sold it?" He said; "Yeh, I thought she might take up the clarinet." She said; "She doesn't want to play the clarinet. Mom wants to play the piano."

He said; "I know but with a clarinet, she can't sing."

**Dates to remember:**

05/10 **CareAge House Meals - Cathy Sebok** Sign Up Sheets for entrees

05/11 **Board Meeting Central Christian Church 1:00pm**

05/13 **New Member Induction Ceremony** with I-I Dist. Gov. Carol Burwash (Tuscola)  
**Club VOTES on the new Kiwanis International Bylaws**

05/26 **Good Samaritan Inn** - Susan Rayhill, needs 6 volunteers, 11-1pm

**Up Coming Programs:**

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

Apr 29 (JB) Linda Boles, Decatur Quilters Guild Topic - Decatur Quilters Guild Trunk Show and Raffle Quilt

May 6 (JB) Vanessa Duncan, Special Olympics "Polar Plunge" Topic - Special Olympics

May 13 (JB). Linda Little, CHELP Topic - Dementia Friendly Decatur

May 20 (JB) Kathryn Johnson, Community Liaison for East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

May 27 (JB) Wayne Kent Topic - Trips to Ukraine & Poland

**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
- \* Kiwanis clothing - Roberta Williams
- \* Golden K board meetings - 2nd Monday each Month, 1:00pm, Central Christian Church
- \* Decatur Lakeside 9/11 Memorial Flagpole and Flowers

**Wednesday Donations**

**1st - Food Bank**

**2nd - K.N.R.F.**

**3rd - School Support Programs**

**4th - Trauma Dolls**

**5th - Scholarship Fund**

**Hours** Remember to turn in or email your “End of the Month Hours” to **Karen Sivils**, so she can include them in the report she gives Lynda Durnil for her report to Kiwanis International.

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