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LUNCH: Cold Cuts (roast beef, ham, turkey, cheeses); lettuce, tomato; potato chips, pasta salad, cake.

Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins **Invocation:** Jerry Smith

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
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Treasurer	Bob Hoffman
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Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings

2nd, 3rd, 4th, Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
Faranda's Banquet Center
302 Grove St.
DeKalb, IL

K-Family Events/Meetings

Circle K Every other Wednesday at
4:30 p.m. in HSC 506
(usually 1st and 3rd
Wednesday)

AKtion Club – 2nd Wednesday, 3:45 at
Opportunity House
357 N. California St
Sycamore, IL

Defining Statement

Kiwanis is a global organization of
volunteers dedicated to improving
the world, one child and one
community at a time.

Flag Salute

As our flag signifies purity, valor, and
justice, may we as true Kiwanians
exemplify these virtues as we serve
the children of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Dunlop called for a brief Social Sports Committee meeting after lunch today. Music at the Mansion begins tonight at 6:30 pm for all those willing to brave the downpour.

Sue Doubler announced that the Sycamore Kiwanis Club will throw a 75th anniversary party on Friday, July 17, at the St. Mary's Memorial Hall on Waterman Street. We're welcome to come join them.

On July 7, they'll also host District 14's last summer picnic at the Sycamore Golf Club. The paperwork's all been signed; we'll be absorbed into Kiwanis District 10 thereafter.

The 108th Kiwanis Illinois—Iowa District Convention meets at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield this year from July 31 through August 6. Tracy Armstrong of Quincy will become our next governor. Anyone from our club who'd like to go will share a small stipend to cover the 50\$ registration fee and a meal or two.

Sue also reported that at our next meeting we'll welcome three new DeKalb High School graduates: this year's Barry Haber Scholarship winners.

Toney Xidis reminded us that they'll be a Beanzie Committee meeting here at the Lincoln Inn at 1:00 on Wednesday. Signs advertising the upcoming ride have been posted along the bike trails threading through DeKalb County.

Jerry Wahlstrom urged us to turn out for the next Fun Jam in the Park on Tuesday evening, June 16, from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. There will be music, so bring a chair — and why not an extra, for somebody else? — over at Welsh Park, and games to play as well.

We've also agreed to help out on July 30th.

Jerry noted that our long-time member (and perennial volunteer) Beryl Smith passed away at Oak Crest earlier this last week. He passed around a sympathy card for us all to sign, as our group chanted Beryl, Beryl, Beryl!

PROGRAM

Bill Finnucane welcomed Jacey Brooks, the Women's Basketball coach at NIU, who talked about the challenges she faced last year during her first season. She knew she had some big shoes to fill, she said, and spent much of her time building a team culture, laying a foundation for years to come.



The team made a lot of progress from last November up through March, as players adjusting to new systems on offense and defence. Three key players suffered season-ending injuries. Nevertheless, the team got better overall, and longtime fans could see the women gaining greater skill and confidence.

Going into Season 2, Jacey talked about her players and new prospects. Of the 15 women on last year's roster last year, five have graduated; four went through the transfer portal to other schools. Six starters are coming back: three out of four of last season's top scorers.

Eight newcomers have joined the team: four incoming freshmen, and four transfers from other schools. Jacey mentioned but did not dwell on the ins and outs of revenue-sharing agreements between college athletes, top tier programs and the NCAA.

Jacey spoke about the surprises that come from joining a new conference: the Horizon League — a group of twelve Midwestern schools that focus more on basketball than football. Their scheduling is less predictable than the MAC's was, so games may fall on different days than Huskie fans expect.

In non-conference games this coming season, the team will face some strong opponents: Iowa, Northwestern, and DePaul.

Coach Brooks is proud of her players' work for local charities and their academic success. The team's average GPA last year was 3.5, and several players are at 4.0. No one on the team earned less than a 3.2.

Need a ride to Kiwanis?

Several Kiwanis members have volunteered to give a ride to our meetings if needed.
(Please give them a couple of day's notice if possible.)

Bob Gilmore 815-764-9010 Kathie Davis 815-751-9085 Bob Hadley 815-739-8869
Bob Hoffman 815-742-3765 Jerry Smith 815-751-6265

Thought for the day

Courtesy of Bob Hoffman

"Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things."

- Henry Ward Beecher

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: (*Why not invite a guest?* – that could mean a prospective member!)

June 17: NIU MBB coach Matt Majkrzak
June 24: Poetry - John Bradley, Joe Gastiger
June 31: Committee meetings
July 1: Board Meeting
July 8: TBA
July 15: Maurice McDavid, Mitchell Elementary School principal
July 22: Adam Van Boekel (Crowbotics)
July 29: Committee meetings
August 5: Board Meeting
August 12: Steve Braser, Sycamore Mayor

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	Zoom: N/A
	Guests: Kim Groom, Immediate Past Governor of the Kiwanis I-IDistrict
	Outside Speakers: Jacey Brooks, NIU Women's Basketball coach
	Total 27