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LUNCH: Cold Cuts (ham, turkey, roast beef, cheeses,), pickles, pasta salad; cookies, chocolate cake

Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins

Invocation: Al Mueller

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
President Elect	Sue Doubler
Vice President	
Treasurer	Bob Hoffman
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
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Lt. Governor	Jean Erlenborn
District Governor	Mary Zeronas

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

Sue Doubler reminded us the Kiwanis Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Convention will be held in Springfield from July 31 through August 2. She asked board members to approve a motion appointing Ellingsworth Webb and Bob Hadley as our delegates. A motion was made by Gary Vander Meer, seconded by Bill Cummings, and passed by voice vote.

Toney Xidis again asked for volunteers to help run our Beanzie Bike Ride, coming up this Sunday, July 12. One and all are invited to meet at the Rec Center on South Fourth Street on Friday morning, to organize and distribute supplies for our rest stops along the way.

On Saturday morning at 9:00, those who can are asked to gather at our shed in Fairview Cemetery. From there, we'll set off marking routes and setting up signs to try to keep riders from getting lost.

Thus far, we've had 58 online registrations — about as many as we did last year — and 5 mail-in sign-ups.

Tony Chulick noted that the potluck picnic hosted by the Sycamore Kiwanis Club was well-attended and quite enjoyable. Our district governor, Mary Zeronas, was there, and gave a fine presentation on how Kiwanis contributions are helping to combat childhood diseases.

Ellingsworth Webb reminded us of today's America 250 celebration at the courthouse in Sycamore. This afternoon, there will be hot dogs and water, and games for kids, capped by a 4:30 public reading of our Declaration of Independence. Though that document was formally approved and signed on the 4th of July, it wasn't until a few days later — July 8th — that anyone outside the convention hall in Philadelphia actually heard it proclaimed for the first time.

Today's celebration should conclude by about 6:30.

PROGRAM

Today, our own Jim Barker gave a presentation on the game of cricket, which he became acquainted with long ago while watching now-and-then episodes of ABC's Wide World of Sports.

Cricket, one of the world's oldest and most popular sports, is played by more than two billion people, particularly in India, Pakistan, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, the Caribbean, and many other Commonwealth nations. Two teams of eleven players compete on a large oval field with a rectangular pitch in the center. The batting

team tries to score runs by striking a hard leather ball and running between two sets of wooden wickets, while the fielding team attempts to dismiss batters by knocking over the wickets, catching the ball before it bounces, or using several other methods. The team scoring the most runs wins the match.

Cricket has often been compared to baseball, but the strategy and pace are quite different. A bowler delivers the ball by keeping the arm straight, and each set of six deliveries is called an "over." Matches range from fast-paced contests lasting about three hours to traditional "Test" matches that can unfold over five days. Although the rules may seem unfamiliar at first, cricket is admired for its blend of skill, patience, tactics, and sportsmanship. Around much of the globe, it enjoys the same cultural importance that baseball, football, or basketball holds in the United States.

Few Americans realize that the U.S. really does have a professional Cricket League, and American teams have sometimes done very well. Two years ago, an American team beat Pakistan in group play.

Cricket will be added to the menu at our next Summer Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028.

Jim promised to send out links to his notes today, for anyone curious about the rules, scoring system, and other peculiarities of this consummate British game.

Yes, matches can run for several hours or for several days, but the players do get a tea break now and then.

Thought for the day
Courtesy of Bob Hoffman
“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies..”
- Mother Theresa

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

- 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

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 24
	Guests: 0
	Outside Speakers: 0
	Total 24