Kiwanis
CLUB OF HOLLAND

The Windmill

November 15, 2026

Upcoming Schedule

18 November 2026 - Golden Age Dinner at The Willows
25 November 2026 - No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
27 November 2026 - Tool Raffle
2 December 2026 - Member Meeting at Shamrock Hills
5 December 2026 - Kiwanis Community Christmas Event at the Community Center
9 December 2026 - Board Meeting at The Willows
16 December 2026 - Kiwanis Christmas Party at The Willows
18 December 2026 - Terrific Kids Presentation
23 December 2026 - No meeting
30 December 2026 - No meeting
6 January 2027 - Member meeting
13 January 2027 - Board Meeting
26 February 2027 - PTO Basket Raffle (fundraiser for school PTO)
13 March 2027 - Kiwanis Meat Raffle at the Boys & Girls Club Building
29 April - 2 May 2027 - Tulip Festival

Last Meeting Details - November 11, 2026

We had 25 members attend our meeting. During the meeting, the following items were discussed:

Correspondence - We received thank you letters from Cathy Fabiatos, Superintendent of HCS, for the donation to Key Club in honor of Thomas Koester and for the donation to help fund the senior banners. We also received a Polar Plunge donation request for Special Olympics from Sara Dembski for her 10th Anniversary of participating in the event. Members wanted to know if there are any Key Club members participating. That is unknown at this time.

Aktion Club - MaryKay Z./Tom I. - The club continues to collect clothing in garbage bags and other household items in boxes. Drop off sites at Holland Chiropractic, Arcade McDonald's, and Springville McDonald's. Items will be turned in to Savers as a fundraiser to benefit Eagle Star Housing and Compassion Connection. Aktion Club members will host a final drop off of items at the Willows on Wednesday, November 25th between 9-11 A.M. They will pack all donations and transport to Savers by noon.

Key Club - Susan V. reported that four Key Club members planted tulip bulbs at the new town sign on 1 November. The club members are also excited to help serve next week at the Golden Age Dinner.

Terrific Kids - Presentations to two deserving students (Lily & Rhyatt) were made on October 30th at the Boys & Girls Club of Holland. Members present included Bonnie B., John E., Ken F., Marcia H., and Susan V. The next presentation will be at 3:30 P.M. on December 18, 2026. Members invited to be present.

Social Media - We are still locked out of our Facebook page for "impersonating a business". Tonia W. and Jenn P. will work with Patty S. and Susan V. to get control of our page back from FB. For now we need to post our activities and posters to the Holland Community Page. It will not have the same reach due to how the Facebook algorithm is designed, but it is better than nothing or starting over. Our personal page has about 2,000 followers and has built to that over 10 years. We also need photos that you take after events to post on social media, our website, and in future Windmills. Please send your photos to two emails - kiwanisclubofholland@gmail.com and jpenfold3@gmail.com

Tulip Planting - Key Club planted bulbs on 1 November at the new town sign. Approximately 3,000 bulbs were planted by ten Kiwanis Club members last Saturday, November 7th in the chilly weather. They took care of all the planting beds in town as well as the other town sign. Susan V. still has about one and a half boxes left if anyone has ideas where else to plant them or would like to purchase more bulbs.

Golden Age Dinner - Nov. 18th - Times: Arrival of Key Club around 5:30/5:45. Guest arrival: 6:00 P.M. Dinner: around 6:30 P.M.
Rick C. reported that we have 166 people RSVP'd for the dinner which includes 31 Kiwanians. He handed out seven cake mixes and frosting for members to make cupcakes for dessert next week. We are prepared to make the big announcement as well as have a guest speaker planned to address the audience. We will have the Kiwanis Highlights brochure available for distribution. We will need members to assist with clean up after the event.

Tool Raffle - Scott Y. reported that money is trickling in for the raffle tickets. We are at about $2500 profit at this time. There are still a lot of outstanding tickets, so sell, sell, sell! We hope to do Facebook live for the drawing on November 27th.

Poinsettias - Kim L. has collected 13 names so far and has ordered the poinsettias from the HCS PTO. She needs minimal assistance to distribute them when they arrive Thursday the 19th.

Community Christmas Event - The committee has been working hard to plan the event at the new location. On Saturday, November 28th at 10 AM, John E. needs help setting up the lights and trees in town. Then starting on Wednesday, December 2nd through Saturday, December 5th he will be setting up at the Community Park on Legion Drive. All who are able to help, please lend a hand. It was decided to call the event "Kiwanis Christmas" and the flyers will be finished by early next week to put up at the businesses throughout town. After the event, we will need help breaking down and moving the snowmen to display downtown.

Kiwanis Christmas Party - Scheduled during our regular meeting time on December 16th. Marie S. will have all the details soon. We will be providing donations for FISH. They have requested sides for ham dinner (pineapple, gravy, stock, yams, and cereal).

Calendar Raffle - Susan V. reported that she needs donations for the March Calendar raffle. Need donations by the second to last week of January. We will sell tickets in February with the drawing during the whole month of March 2027.

Scholarship Committee - Marie S. has scheduled a meeting on January 13, 2027 for the Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact her.

Additional community needs/info

- Susan D. reported that she has a friend who has an electric chair lift available for someone in need.
- We also received a request for a hospital bed if anyone is aware of one.
- Dan H. reported that there is a new scam going around targeting individuals for money. He will report about it at the Golden Age Dinner.

Help Needed

25 November - drop off donation items at Willows to Aktion Club members between 9-11 A.M.
18 November - Members received cake mixes and frosting to make cupcake for Senior Dinner.

November Birthdays

Bonnie Baker
Jeremy Roth
Donna Silliman

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