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## Kiwanis Newsletter

March 2024

Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K

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*Club meets at 9:30 a.m. Fridays, St. Mary's Senior Center, 13150 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, [www.kiwaniselmgrove.org](http://www.kiwaniselmgrove.org)*

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### March 2024, President's Report



#### **Hello Golden K Members and Friends,**

As I was pondering (more like struggling) on what might be a good message for this month's newsletter, I find myself wondering how I was able to prepare countless memos, reports and correspondence over the almost 37 years that I served as an Assistant City Manager or City Manager in the four communities where I worked. Granted, most often the topics pertained to some matter related to city business, a project, a program, or an issue for information purposes or required resolution or action by myself, staff, the governing body or some related board or committee. Many times, the issues were challenging and on occasion controversial and divisive.

As you have probably thought each month that I have been writing these messages, where he is going with this one? The theme of my messages has been related to the future of our club. As each month goes by, I have become more concerned that we are content with the status that we have today and do not have the energy or the desire to do the things necessary for our club to grow and sustain its viability and longevity. When asked to assist or serve, the answer is often "I have done that or served in that role, and/or it is somebody else's turn to do that job or take on that responsibility". I can relate and respect that thought, but unfortunately, we are rapidly running out of those "somebody else's".

Several of our club officers have served in their position for many years and continue to go above and beyond yet at least one has expressed their desire to pass along those responsibilities in the not too distant future and understandably so. It is that time of the year again for the past president to tackle the job to compile a list of club officers for the 2024-2025 club year and present it to the membership at our annual meeting for consideration and approval. I know that Bob has been diligently working on this and will have his list ready to present to the club at an upcoming meeting. To

be honest, it is something that I am anxious about come next year when I am past president for the reasons noted above.

I realize that my messages can often be perceived as being somewhat negative, but I am trying to keep this important issue at the forefront and hopefully prompt some action that will lead to positive outcomes. I know that many of our members also understand that as well. I also know that the overwhelming majority of our members are loyal and dedicated and truly care about our Kiwanis club and its future. How do we turn that passion into action that will ensure the future of our club?

During the January 26, 2024, meeting of the Foundation Board Officers and Directors, the following actions were taken:

1. A grant request from Mark Ehlinger on behalf of the Potawatomi Area Boy Scout Council in the amount of \$500 for their "Friends of Scouting Foundation" was approved.
2. A grant request in the amount of \$692 from Mark Ehlinger on behalf of BSA Troop 156 (girl troop) for various camping equipment was presented to the board for consideration. After discussion, a grant in the amount of \$500 was approved.
3. Discussion was held regarding annual member donations to the Foundation. After discussion, this item was tabled until such a time a decision is made in regard to holding the 2024 Car Show.

During the February 2, 2024, meeting of the Club Board Officers and Directors, the following actions were taken:

1. Discussion was held in regard to the 2024 Car Show. It was noted that no one has volunteered to take on the leadership roles as they pertain to coordinating and organizing the various tasks needed for the event as well as coordinating the solicitation of sponsorships. A concern was also expressed in regard to having adequate manpower to run the event. Last and probably the most important point, it was noted that the schedule/timetable this spring/summer for the planned waterline construction along Watertown Plank Road could not be verified or confirmed by the parties involved. Hence leaving the Car Show at risk of being disrupted by construction. In turn, the Board voted 11-1 to suspend the event for 2024.
2. It was determined to turn over the vehicle damage claim from the 2023 Car Show to the insurance company for their resolution. The Club has a \$250 deductible.
3. Discussion was held in regard to both the BEHS and BCHS Key Clubs not having paid their dues to Kiwanis International. In addition, the BEHS Club has been suspended for non-payment of dues and an application for readmission was necessary along with the payment of the dues to be reinstated. Mark Ehlinger indicated that he would be working with the school to resolve these issues and report back at the March Board meeting. In addition, Lenny Johnson

will follow up with the BCHS Key Club to resolve their issues with nonpayment of their dues and will report back at the March Board meeting.

4. Discussion was held on the President's luncheon and it was decided that it would be held again at the Bluemound Country Club on a yet to be determined date in September. Additional efforts will need to be made to promote and encourage attendance.
5. Jim Buskel reported that there was an Interclub tentatively planned with the Pewaukee Club for the following week.

A big thank you to the members who diligently work to find quality speakers for our meetings. Through their efforts, we have speakers lined up for May and a speaker chair for June. I would encourage each member to consider taking on a month or a portion of a month in the future so we can continue this worthwhile club tradition. As noted above, Jim Buskel has been working on scheduling an Interclub with the other Kiwanis Clubs within in our division. So far, we have had an Interclub with the Wauwatosa Club (in lieu of the Pewaukee club noted in the minutes) and the Waukesha Club. Jim is working on rescheduling the Interclub with the Pewaukee Club and will be working on scheduling one with other clubs in our division and the area. It takes four members from our club for it to be recognized as an official Interclub. For us to be recognized by the WIUM District and get a Roundtable Patch, we need to have ten Interclubs and attend meetings of our two Key Clubs during the club year. If you are interested in attending one of these, please let Jim know.

As always, please see Lee Schlitz and check the sign-up list for Invocations and Hospitality that is available at most meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

Thank you.

*Bill*

### **West Allis Kiwanis Satellite Club News!!!**

The West Allis Kiwanis club satellite meeting on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, included Donna Jorgensen.

Donna is with **Hope Ministries in West Allis**. Our club is helping Hope Ministries by conducting a hygiene drive for kids and their families in the West Allis school district that are in transition. This includes homeless, living out of cars, as well as couch to couch with people that they may know. The main need at this time is socks. The families in these situations generally keep their socks on at all times because they tend to move from place to place and don't want to lose their socks. Other products needed are shampoo, body wash, deodorant, tooth care and feminine products. We will be working with Hope Ministries to set up the drive as well as helping to collect and package the products for distribution. These highest need families number about 10 or more parents and children in the West Allis school district at any given time.

Jen Bond



**Club Member BIRTHDAYS - *Chairman, Cupid***

*Dick Seeling* 3/14  
*Paula Keefer* 3/16  
*Frank Souk* 3/16  
*Gunther Friedl* 3/30

**HOSPITALITY- *Chairman, Lee Schlitz***

*Bob Hawkins* 3/1  
*John Fischer* 3/8  
*Mark Ehlinger* 3/15  
*Paula Keefer* 3/22  
*Larry Holloway* 3/29

**INVOCATIONS - *Chairman, Lee Schlitz***

*Lee Schlitz* 3/1  
*Jim Kieso* 3/8  
*Dick Boulay* 3/15  
*Ray Shannon* 3/22  
*Larry Holloway* 3/29

***2023/2024 Monthly Speaker Program Sponsors***

*March Sponsors: Dick Seeling, Ray Shannon*

*April Sponsor: Dick Seeling*

*May Sponsor: Dick Seeling*

- March 1**      **Speakers, Becky Tetzlaff, Director of Special Projects, Elmbrook Humane Society  
Nicole Latus, Volunteer Coordinator, Elmbrook Humane Society  
Topic: Celebrating 60 Years of Enhancing the Bond Between Humans and Animals**
  
- March 8**      **Speakers, Suzanne Rasmussen, Sales Director, New Perspective Senior Living - Waukesha  
Topic: Whole Person Well Being at Every Level**
  
- March 15**     **Speaker: Johnny Koremenos, Waukesha County Board Supervisor for District 8; Village of Elm Grove; City of Brookfield Wards 2,7,8,13,14  
Topic: Update on Waukesha County Government**

**March 22**      **Speaker: Suzanne Skopek, Director of Family Services & Early Head Start Program, National Centers for Learning Excellence --- Waukesha County**  
**Topic: Early Childhood Educational and Social Services in Waukesha County**

**March 29**      **Speaker: Angela Walters, Chairwoman, Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors, Owner, Walters Realty Group at EXP Realty**  
**Topic: Professional Standards of Realtor Practices in the Public Interest**

### **Members, It's Election and Committee Appointment Time**

Past President, Bob Hawkins, has been contacting members for the slate of Officers to serve the 2024/2025 Kiwanis year. He also has been contacting members to serve as Directors for the Club and Foundation. The Goal is to have members committed to serve and be presented for Club Board approval during the March Club Board meeting.

As mentioned by President Keefer, many members have served Club and Foundation Board positions. The position of Club and Foundation Board Secretary is reluctantly being filled by John Troglia. John would like a replacement to step forward and fill the Assistant Secretary position. John would explain and teach the duties of the Secretary position to the Assistant Secretary. **Members, think long and hard about taking on this responsibility.**

President-Elect, Don Meyer, will be contacting members to serve as chairs for the many committees that enable our Club and Foundation work. Please look forward to Don contacting you to chair a committee. It takes a lot of effort to operate our service club. Each of us needs to do more than one thing to make it operate well.

### **Club and Foundation Annual Meeting**

Kiwanis International, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, requires that each Club shall conduct an Annual Meeting. This Annual Club Meeting includes Club Members voting on the slate of Officers and Directors for the next Term of Office, i.e. one year for Officers and three years for Directors. President Bill will be announcing the Annual Meeting date in the near future.

**BSA Potawatomi Council Presented with Golden K donation to further Scouting in Waukesha County.**



**Golden K President Bill Keefer presents a \$500.00 Check to Chad Sorce, District Director, BSA Potawatomi Council**



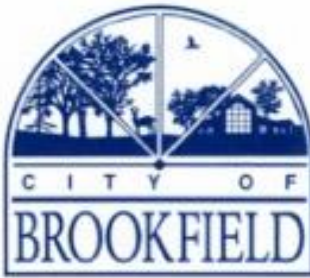
**Find Club Correspondence on following pages:**

Brookfield Public Library, January 31, 2024

Brookfield Public Library, email

Book Ahead, December 26, 2023





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January 31, 2024

Mr. Richard Boulay  
Treasurer  
Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K  
P.O. Box 235  
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Dear Mr. Boulay,

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K for your donation of \$110.00 to the Brookfield Public Library for the purchase of children's books in recognition of your club's guest speakers.

The stickers you provided will be placed inside the children's books and a list of those titles will be sent to you.

We are very proud of the services and materials offered here at the Brookfield Public Library and we appreciate your gift and support.

Sincerely,

Cathy Tuttrup  
Director of Library Services

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Mr. Boulay,

Thank you and Kiwanis, Elm Grove Golden K for your generous donation of \$110.00 to our library in recognition of your group's guest speakers.

The following books will receive book plates in their honor:

**Books for older readers:**

*The Wicked Ones* by Robin Benway

*Of Light and Shadow* by Tanaz Bhathena

*The Night Hunt* by Alexandra Christo

*Chloe and the Kaisho Boys* by Mae Coyiuto

*Where You See Yourself* by Claire Forrest

**Books for younger readers:**

*15 Secrets to Survival* by Natalie D. Richards

*Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up* by Jenn Bishop

*The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall* by Ali Standish

*Amazing Insects Around the World* by DGPH Studio

*Can't Get Enough Horse Stuff : Fun Facts, Awesome Info, Cool Games, Silly Jokes and More!* by Neil Cavanaugh

*Tee Time on the Moon : How Astronaut Alan Shepard Played Lunar Golf* by David A. Kelly

**Cathy Tuttrup**

Director of Library Services

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1977 Sunnyside Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53186



December 26, 2023

Dear Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove,

On behalf of all of us at Book Ahead, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$3,000 and your continued support of our organization.

In 2023, we have given books to over 2200 children, and we have a goal to reach at least 3000 children in 2024. We continue to provide books to Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start, Waukesha County Head Start, and Waukesha County WIC (Women/Infants/Children supplemental nutrition program). With your unwavering support, we are now able to purchase all NEW books for the children. Imagine how exciting it is to be the first one to open a book—a book that is yours—a book that no one else has looked at before you.

We also hope that by looking at these books together, the parent/child bond is strengthened, and a love of reading is born in the lap of a caregiver.

Again, we so appreciate the help you have given our organization. We could not do any of this without you!

With much gratitude,

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