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Golden K



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Pancake Day

Pancake Day is coming! Saturday, February 9th will be upon us sooner than we expect. Tickets will be available shortly, as well as flyers to be handed out. Check your calendar and be sure to make yourself available. In the following weeks, committee assignments will be made and schedules set.

Let's all work together to make this event successful. It takes leadership, preparation and determination to develop events, and it is up to all of us to contribute.

Awards Banquet

Our annual Golden K Awards Banquet is scheduled also, this year falling on Thursday, February 21st. As always, there will be no morning meeting that Thursday.

Since we lost our banquet hall, we will be working hard on other arrangements and will let you know soon as to where the event will be held.

Recent Speakers



Trisha Morrow - CASA



Todd Crusader – Rochelle Middle School



Dave Keener – World Famous Chocolates

**We proudly support the
following Service
organizations and projects...**

- Big Brothers & Sisters
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
- Community Leader
- Focus House
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hand in Hand
- HOPE
- Hospice
- Hub City Senior Center
- Junior Tackle
- K-Foundation
- Little League
- Little Miss Peanut
- Pegasus
- Rochelle AYSO Soccer
- Rochelle Food Pantry
- Rochelle Track Club
- Rock River Senior Citizens
- College Scholarships
- Spastic Paralysis & Bowling
- Village of Progress
- Young Children Priority One
- Youth Christmas

Kiwanis Education

Attendance Awards

Any member is entitled to receive a perfect attendance tab for each period of 12 consecutive months during which the member achieved a perfect attendance record.

The 12 month period does not need to coincide with the calendar year or Kiwanis administrative year.

Attendance at local board meetings and division meetings, district and national conventions, and other participation during the year count as makeup events for weekly meetings missed by a member. For a complete list contact our club Secretary.

Neither Kiwanis International nor the districts maintain individual attendance records; this is a responsibility of the local club.

Interclub Schedule

Rochelle Noon Club
December 16th
12:00 PM

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President's Korner



Kay and I hope you and your families enjoyed a Merry Christmas, and a memorable and Happy New Year. As with every year, we look forward in January, planning for the future, and it's no different here in the Golden K.

Work continues toward selecting a permanent meeting site. In the meantime we will continue meeting at the Masonic Lodge, which is also part of our consideration. We will be talking to the folks at Abraham's, and there are other locations in mind as well, notably the Iron Skillet at Petro. Once we have all the information available on these locations, we will bring a proposal to the board, then to the membership at large.

Don't forget. Pancake Day arrives on Saturday, February 9th. Work assignments will begin in a week or two. Meanwhile, keep your calendar free, and let's work together for a busy and successful event. Also February 9th, is the Rockford IceHogs game in Rockford later that evening. Anyone wishing to obtain tickets to this event can contact me at a meeting or by phone.

With that, let me wish you the best in health and happiness for 2013.

Chuck

Spiritual Aims



Heavenly Father,

Lord we thank you, in the year's dark season, that hope is not lost. We thank you for the rhythm of seasons, for the lengthening of days, for the Sun's course returning from southern skies.

We celebrate the beauty of your creation, and our part within it. May our celebrations be life-giving, and our prayers reach your heart.

For those who regard themselves as land-owners rather than stewards. For those who exploit people and planet.

For those whose labor for luxuries robs others of daily bread. For those whose labor at the soil, for those who sweat in the factory, for those who scavenge from waste, may the earth yield its fruit, in season, may that fruit be fairly shared, may your church live and preach the message of Jesus, good news for people and planet.

In this dark season, may your light grow, bringing life and hope and fairness, to all who inhabit the world you made.

Amen

Wendy's Fundraiser

The Wendy's fundraiser project has been completed, and we surpassed our goal of \$1250.00. We are now looking at other projects, or similar ones, to continue contributions to the Kiwanis International Eliminate! Program in 2013.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

Salvation Army bell ringing was a successful event. We were able to send \$4600 to the Salvation Army this year, with 96 hours worked by members and our associates. We will be having an article in the News-Leader detailing the project, and extending thanks to both the public, and local businesses who supported us.

Children's Shopping Event

The Children's Action Network's children's shopping Day was held on December 10th. Gift cards of \$75 each was presented to families in need, as well as donation for clothing. The children were taken to Wal-Mart by volunteers, given lists of needed items by CAN. We are proud to be a part of this worthy effort, and look forward to participating again this year.

A Poem

How do we listen
What do we hear
Sounds of the Children
as they come near.
But how do we listen
and what do we hear
laughing or crying
as they come near.
How do we listen
What do we hear
if we're always talking
as they come near.

D Swinton 9/2011

Committee Assignments

Breakfast and Greeter Committee

7:15 am Setup
Cleanup after meeting

JANUARY

Tom Villa – 815 562-8828
Larry Cich, Gerry Wine
Jack Gardner, John Wanner

FEBRUARY

Dennis Swinton – 815 562-3937
Dallas Schuler, Gordon Carlson
Jack Roberts, Dave Hakanson

Committee members are expected to remain for cleanup after the meeting. We are responsible for leaving the facility the same as we found it.

Committee Assignments

Meals On Wheels

Jan 03 – Al Hann, Don Romes
Jan 10 – Dean Herrmann, Juan Roman
Jan 17 – Jack Roberts, Don Horner
Jan 24 – J B James, Darrell Richert
Jan 31 – Tom Villa, Hugh McDermitt
Feb 07 – Chas Reints, Arlie Jennings

If you cannot work as scheduled, please arrange for your own replacement, and notify your partner.

January Programs

Jan 03 – Board Meeting
 Jan 10 – To be announced
 Jan 17 – To be announced
 Jan 24 – To be announced
 Jan 31 - To be announced

Programs Presented in December

Dec 06 – Board Meeting
 Dec 13 – Trisha Morrow - CASA
 Dec 20 – Todd Crusader - RTHS
 Dec 27 – Dave Keener, World Famous Chocolates

January Notes

January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 8, 1815 - The Battle of New Orleans occurred as General Andrew Jackson and American troops defended themselves against a British attack, inflicting over 2,000 casualties. Both sides in this battle were unaware that peace had been declared two weeks earlier with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812.

January 24, 1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of the precious metal near Coloma during construction of a Sutter's sawmill. An announcement by President Polk later in the year caused a national sensation and resulted in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking wealth.

Nothing greater can happen to a human being than that he be forgiven. And there can be no great love of things, ideas, or persons without an understanding of the central, ethical role that forgiveness should play in human affairs.

Pure forgiveness is unconditional; it exacts no tribute, requires no moral barter. Forgiveness is the divine answer to the very question implied in human existence, for we are, all of us, creatures who are fallible. This is why no man can truly love unless he accepts forgiveness as a way of live. For the deeper our experience of forgiveness, the greater our love.

- Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg

Old age brings along with its ugliness the comfort that you will soon be out of it...To be out of the war, out of debt, out of the droughts, out of the blues, out of the dentist's hands, out of the second thoughts, mortifications, and remorse that inflict such twinges and shooting pains – out of the next winter, and the high prices, and the company blow your ambition...

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?
 For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
 we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne."
 - Robert Burns, Auld Lang Syne



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 New Year's Day Dave Hakanson – B'day	2	3 Bob Erwin – B'day	4 John Schinzer - Anniv	5 Larry Cich – B'day
6	7	8	9	10 Lee Harris – B'day	11	12
13	14	15	16 Interclub – Rochelle Noon Club	17	18 Dean Herrmann - Anniv	19
20	21	22	23	24 Jim Moorehead - Anniv	25	26 James Buckler - Anniv
27	28	29	30	31 Bob Colville – B'day	01	02