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Bingo

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Breakfast with Santa

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Christmas Tour of Lights

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Interclubs

Sponsored Youth

Key Clubs
Dave Wimann
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K-Kids
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Mother's Day Breakfast

Zach Goswick

Meals on Wheels

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Membership

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Pancake Day

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Public Relations

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Scholarships

Bob Elliot

Social Events

Irene Stewart

Spiritual Aims

Dale Halverson

Terrific Kids

Nancy Verhoven

House

Don Chapin
Dr. Jack Damrow

Guests:

As it was family day we had a few, specifically Tom Waller brought his son Gabe and our leader Dr. O'Leary brought his lovely wife Becky and their three equally as lovely children Audrey, Daniel and Grace.

Students:

What were you thinking, its Christmas break.

Announcements:

Meals on Wheels January 9-13 and 16-20.

Committee chairs need to get there reports in to Ed.

District meeting in Green Bay this February, if interested check with Ed. January Blood drive coming up.

Ace of Hearts drawing:

Ryan Van Roo draws the 6 of Clubs and \$ 522.00 over.

Happy Dollars:

Dr. O'Leary was happy to have his family present at the meeting.

The Show:



Wanda Diderich was with us today from

CASA of Rock County. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children and Wanda is the Volunteer Coordinator.

In 1976, Superior Court Judge David Soukup of Seattle, WA, saw a recurring problem in his courtroom: In criminal and civil cases, even though there were always many different points of view, you walked out of the courthouse at the end of the day and you said, 'I've done my best; I can live with this decision,' he explains.

"But when you're involved with a child and you're trying to decide what to do to facilitate that child's growth into a mature and happy adult, you don't feel like you have sufficient information to allow you to make the right decision. You can't walk away and leave them at the courthouse at 4 o'clock. You wonder, 'Do I really know everything I should? Have I really been told all of the different things? Is this really right'"

To ensure he was getting all the facts and the long-term welfare of each child was being represented, the Seattle judge came up with an idea that would change America's judicial procedure and the lives of thousands of children. He obtained funding to recruit and train community volunteers to step into courtrooms on behalf of the children: the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers.

Thank's to Dave Fleig for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.

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