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International President: Paul Palazzolo; Governor: Kevin McConnell; Lieutenant Governor: Ronald Beem

President: Jim Busse; Secretary: Carl Polstra; Treasurer: Bill Paulin; Vice President: John Schinzer President Elect: Hugh McDermitt

## A Fond Remembrance

### Eloise Polstra



Carl Polstra [r] along with  
Lt Governor Ron Beam  
At the 2009 Installation Banquet

ELOISE CAPPS POLSTRA, 88 KINGS - Eloise Capps Polstra, 88, of Kings passed away Jan. 28, 2010, in Ogle County Hospice Serenity Home, Oregon. Born Feb. 4, 1921, in Lafayette, Ind. Her parents were Nathan and Evangeline Rhoda Capps. Graduate of West Lafayette High School and Lafayette Home School of Nursing in 1942. In 1943 she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corp and served until 1945. She then was a nurse with the Purdue University Health Department and worked for the Tippecanoe School District as a school nurse for 17 years. Married Carl Delmar Polstra on June 4, 1949, they enjoyed their 60th anniversary recently.

Carl is a Presbyterian minister and served several churches in Indiana. In 1977 they moved to Kings to serve churches in Kings and Holcomb, where she was a Sunday School teacher. Eloise served as clerk for White Rock from 1980 to 2000. She helped found Ogle County Hospice, cared for the first patient, was the first board member and treasurer and was very active in the Ogle County Hospice Organization from 1984 to 2006. She is a member of the Rochelle Chapter of DAR. She was the first board member and treasurer of the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and was active in Rochelle Christian Association. Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle and was in the Kings Kitchen Band.

Survived by husband, Carl of Kings; son, Bruce Polstra of Delphi, Ind.; special daughter-in-law, Jeanne Polstra of Hillsboro, Ohio; sisters-in-law Edna Blue of West Lafayette, Ind., and Vivian Capps of Fresno, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son, Jay R. Polstra DVS; daughter, Linda Polstra McClarty; brother, William Capps; husbands; and parents, Edward and Della Polstra.

Service at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle, with the Rev. Dr. John G. Hamilton officiating. Visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, in the church, and from 9:30 a.m. Monday to time of service. Service also at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Hippenteel Funeral Home in Lafayette, Ind. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the funeral home. Burial in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church and/or Ogle County Hospice. Arrangements by Coulon-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 815-562-6872. Online condolences can be made at [coulon-lyonsfamilyfh.com](http://coulon-lyonsfamilyfh.com).

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## President's Message:

As you all know, Carl Polstra's wife Eloise passed away January 28th. We all feel Carl's loss, as Eloise was a special person. Her involvement with Ogle County Hospice from its inception, Her being a founder of the Rochelle Food Pantry, her commitment to her faith and her interest in others are things not soon forgotten. Let us keep Carl, and his family, in our prayers as they journey to Lafayette, Indiana to lay Eloise to rest.

At Carl's request, the board meeting for February has been moved to next week. On February 4th, we instead welcome our own Wendell "Pal" Colwill who has graciously offered to speak to us. Lastly, there will be no weekly meeting on February 25th, that being the date of our annual Awards Banquet. I hope to see all of you then.

Jim

## Spiritual Aims for February

Heavenly Father, we ask for your support for our friend and fellow Kiwanian Carl Polstra and his family, as they grieve the loss of Eloise. Eloise now rests with you, healed, whole and at peace. May your healing powers be also with Carl and his family, so that they may emerge from their grief to happy memories and life-long service to you, so that they may all be reunited in your loving care.

Also, bring your healing powers to our fellow Kiwanians who suffer daily from health issues. May they become whole again, and enjoy this life you have so graciously given them.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen

## Interclub News

Rochelle Noon Club  
February 17th  
Luncheon meeting at 12:00 pm  
Abraham's Bar & Grill

## Upcoming Committee Assignments

### Breakfast & Greeter Committee

### FEBRUARY

Hugh McDermitt Ch. 562-8840  
Arlie Jennings, Chas. Reints  
Juan Roman, Dallas Schuler  
Larry Raymond, Archie Millotte G

### MARCH

John Schinzer Ch. 562-7922  
Lee Harris, Pat Lang  
Don Furland, Tom Villa  
Del Supler, John Robbins G.

### Meals on Wheels

February 04 - Don Horner, By Kyler  
February 11 - Carl Polstra, Larry Wing  
February 18 - Larry Raymond, John Schinzer  
February 25 - Jim Moorehead, Tom Plumb  
March 04 - Bob Colville, J B James

## Lt. Governor's Message

2010-2011 Lt. Governor elected at Feb. council meeting

The 2010-2011 Lt. Governor and Lt. Governor-elect will be elected at the Feb. 2 Division 13 Council meeting at KSB Hospital in Dixon. According to the I-I District Constitution, the name of Lt. Governor-elect Christine Beam (Byron) would automatically appear on the ballot. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Following the election of the Lt. Governor (2010-2011), we will elect the Lt. Governor elect (2022-2012). This is an important position and clubs should be thinking of the name of a person from their respective clubs to place in nomination. All nominations will be made from the floor. Each club is entitled to two votes.

I-I District Executive Director Jae Nae Remala will be the featured speaker.



Lt. Governor Christine Beam  
2010-2011

## Key Club/Builders Club

The presidents of both the Builders Club and Key Club, along with their advisors Marcy Bruhn, Vicki Graff and Danae White, have been invited to join us at our annual Awards Banquet on February 25th. Let's welcome them, and insure they have an enjoyable and memorable evening.

The Key Club will be electing new officers for the 2010-2011 year, who will begin serving after the II-District Key Club convention in April. The election will be held next month.

In addition, the Key Club will be joining us at our annual Pancake Day event this February 13th at Hicks Hall, Rochelle United Methodist Church.

Of note, the Rochelle Middle School Builders Club, along with the Student Council, raised \$150.00 for the Haitian Relief Fund. A big round of applause to those fine youth.

## Annual Bowl-A-Thon (Reminder)

Annual Bowl-A-Thon to support Spastic Paralysis Foundation



The entire Kiwanis Family will head for the lanes to bowl Feb. 21 in support of the Spastic Paralysis Foundation. Division 13's annual Bowl-A-Thon will take place at Plum Hollow Bowling Lanes in Dixon, IL from 1-4 pm. Warmup and registration at 12:30 pm.

"Pledge sheets will be distributed to each club to reproduce for its members," Bowl-A-Thon chair Jim Wickert of Sauk Valley Club said. "It is now up to each member to help 'Our Finest Project' through the pledges they get. We are hoping to donate more than we did last year." Each team should be composed of five bowlers. Key Club and Aktion clubs are encouraged to enter teams. Jim Busse has the pledge sheets, available for anyone.

## District 13 Events

Division 13 Council meeting Feb. 2: KSB Hospital, Dixon, IL

District Mid-Winter Convention Feb. 12-14: Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, Oak Brook, IL

Division 13 Bowl-A-Thon Feb. 21: Plum Hollow Lanes, Dixon, IL

## Kiwanians Give Aid for Haiti Relief

A catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Its epicenter was near Léogâne, approximately 16 miles west of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. The earthquake occurred at 4:53 PM local time at a depth of 8.1 miles. The United States Geological Survey recorded a series of at least 33 aftershocks, 14 of which were between magnitudes 5.0 and 5.9.

The International Red Cross estimated that about three million people were affected by the quake; the Haitian Interior Minister, Paul Antoine Bien-Aimé, anticipated on January 15 that the disaster would claim between 100,000 and 200,000 lives. "The scale and complexity of this disaster are enormous, and children and their families are still struggling to find the basic necessities of life. Food, water, shelter and medicine are in short supply and conditions in makeshift camps are degrading. The threats to children's health and well-being grow every day they do not receive help," said Annie Foster, the team leader of Save the Children's emergency response.

Kiwanis and Kiwanis International Foundation has provided a grant from its disaster relief fund to UNICEF to help in its effort to provide relief aid to Haiti. Contributions currently are being accepted by the foundation for its disaster relief fund, or you can send your contributions directly to UNICEF. To contribute to the foundation, go to [www.kiwanis.org/foundation](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation) and click on the "Give Now" button.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the countless individuals suffering because of this natural disaster," Division 13 Lt. Governor Ron Beem said. "I urge each club in Division 13 to help serve the children of Haiti who are truly the most innocent victims of this tragedy by donating \$100 to the Kiwanis Foundation or to UNICEF." "We are Kiwanians," Beem added. "This is what we do."

**Current February programs:**

- February 04 Pal Colwill
- February 11 Board Meeting
- February 18 Rapesch Manek - Rochelle Pharmacy
- February 25 No Meeting (Awards Banquet)

**Programs presented in January:**

- January 07 Board Meeting
- January 14 No Meeting
- January 21 Sgt. James Messer - Ogle County Sheriff's Department
- January 28 Chet Olson

# February 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Division 13 Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bob Elliott - B'day
<b>7</b> Bill Gaston - B'Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Chas Reints - B'Day	<b>12</b> District Mid-winter Convention	<b>13</b> District Mid-winter Convention
<b>14</b> District Mid-winter Convention	<b>15</b> Marvin Winkel - B'Day	<b>16</b> Bob Dennis - An-niv	<b>17</b> Ray Kannheiser - B'Day Leroy Shoemaker - B'Day	<b>18</b> Warren Moe - B'Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Arlie Jennings - B'Day Tom Plumb - B'Day
<b>21</b> Don Romes - B'Day Division 13 Bowl-A-Thon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Awards Banquet - 5:30 pm Rochelle Country Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Tom Plumb - An-niv
<b>28</b>						

**Kiwanis Education**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN KIWANIS**

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

-Chuck McGrath

**BRING IN YOUR RECYCLING CANS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**