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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

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Weekly Meeting: Thursdays - 11:30 am
Slater Family Ice Arena Lounge, BGSU

Officers 2026-27

PRESIDENT * Eric Myers

PRESIDENT-ELECT *

SECRETARY * Cindy Hofner

TREASURER * Andrew Kalmar

PAST PRESIDENT * Paul Herringshaw

DIRECTORS 2026-2028

Michael Penrod, Mark Reddin, Tom Ross, Chris Smalley

DIRECTORS 2025-2027

John Calderonello, Sharon Libby, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Gale Swanka

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Geoff Howes

OCTOBER 2026 PROGRAMS

Organized by Larry Weiss

October 1

ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT OWENS

Kevin Brooks

Owens Community College

October 8

**ST. MARK'S, KIWANIS, & ROTARY'S
TANZANIAN MISSION TRIPS**

Pastor Robin Small

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

October 15

BGSU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL

Jeff Schooley, Circle K Members

October 22

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Inge Klopping

BG Kiwanis

October 29

ELDER FRAUD

Steve Snyder

Former Secret Service

Adjunct Professor, BGSU



Kiwanis
CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

Speakers in September

Organized by Dick Edwards and Nadine Edwards



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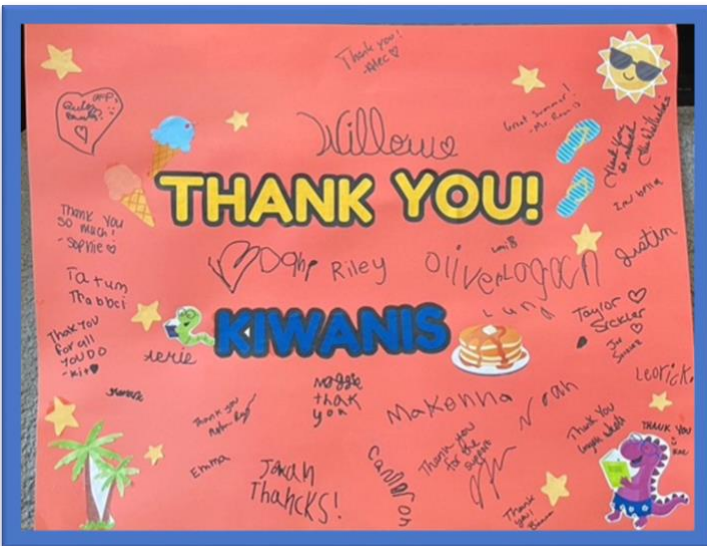
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1. Director of the biggest marching band in the land, **Jon Waters**, BGSU professor of music.
2. Head BGSU hockey coach **Dennis "Willy" Williams**.
3. Bowling Green State University President **Rodney Rogers**.

Making a Difference



A thank-you poster from elementary-school students who benefitted from a Kiwanis Club donation in support of summer programs organized by the Wood County Educational Service Center through Community Learning Centers.

PROGRAMS for OCTOBER 2026

Organized by Larry Weiss

OCTOBER 1, 2026

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

AT OWENS

Speakers:

Kevin Brooks

Admissions Recruiter

Owens Community College

Greeters: Ashley Vetter, Sp. C. Hofner

Meals: Larry Nader

Raffle: Dick Martin

Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Sharon Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Dick Martin

Introduction of Speakers: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz

OCTOBER 8, 2026

ST. MARK'S, KIWANIS, & ROTARY'S TANZANIAN MISSION TRIPS:

AN UPDATE

Speaker:

Pastor Robin Small

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Greeters: Bryan Cavins, Sp. D. Nemeth

Meals: Karen Seeliger

Raffle: Steve Libby

Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod

Guest Recognition: Larry Nader

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz

OCTOBER 15, 2026

BGSU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL

Speakers:

Jeff Schooley

Circle K Sponsor

Members of Circle K International

Greeters: Brenna Reynolds, Sp. Z. Schmidt

Meals: Geoff Howes

Raffle: Char Scherer

October 15 continued

Inspirational Moment: Lee Meserve

Guest Recognition: Scott Regan

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Myers

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

OCTOBER 22, 2026

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Speaker:

Inge Klopping

Bowling Green Kiwanis

Greeters: Megan Newlove, Sp. B. Ferguson

Meals: Roger Anderson

Raffle: Dick Martin

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Larry Nader

Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Nader

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Sharon Libby

OCTOBER 29, 2026

ELDER FRAUD

Speaker:

Steve Snyder

Former Secret Service Agent

Current BGSU Adjunct Professor

Greeters: Matt Feasel, Sp. T. Hasselman

Meals: Lee Meserve

Raffle: Stacy Cochrane

Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Larry Nader

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeff Schooley

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

Saturday, October 3
Sharon Libby

Wednesday, October 7
Eric Myers

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

Wednesday, October 14
Pete Rappold

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

No Birthdays

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

Sunday, October 25
Ted Haselman
Linda VanBlaricom

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

Tuesday, November 3
Lindsay Miller
Wednesday, November 4
Tina Ohmart Mendoza

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER



WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

Thursday, October 1
John & Kris Fawcett

Saturday, October 3
Stacy & Kevin Cochrane

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

Monday, October 12
Liz & Doug Eilberg

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

No anniversaries

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

No anniversaries

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

No anniversaries



Happy Halloween



Kiwanis News



(Left) 2026-2027 President **Eric Myers** poses for a presidential portrait.



(Right) President **Paul Herringshaw** presents the September Kiwanian of the Month certificate to **Chad Plontz**, who organizes the club's Fantasy Football league and grilled hamburgers at our annual picnic in August.



(Left) President Paul presents Legion of Honor certificates to longtime club members **Joan Callecod** (35 years) and **John Archer** (50 years).



(Right) **Ashley Vetter** receives the badge that marks her transition from new to regular member of Kiwanis.

Kiwanis News *continued*



President **Paul Herringshaw** presents a check for \$5000 from Kiwanis to the **Wood County District Public Library**, represented by library director **Michael Penrod** and youth librarian **Maria Simon** (both Kiwanians). The funds will support the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, which has grown quickly after Ms. Parton's recent death.



(Left) Club secretary **Cindy Hofner** presents **Tom Bamburowski's** 45-year Legion of Honor certificate to Tom's son David.



(Right) President Paul presents a donation of \$1,500 from the Kiwanis Kids Fund to **Kathy Mull**, executive director of the Cocoon (and a Kiwanian).

BG Kiwanis Transitions to a New Year

Our September 24 meeting marked the end of the Kiwanis 2025-2026 year, in a ceremony emceed by **Eric Willman**. **Geoff Howes** was selected as Kiwanian of the Year. We honored and thanked our outgoing president **Paul Herringshaw** and welcomed our incoming president **Eric Myers** and president-elect **Sharon Libby**. **Cindy Hofner** was re-elected as secretary, and **Andrew Kalmar** was re-elected as treasurer. Outgoing board members were thanked, and incoming board members were inducted. **Mike Shertzer** gave **Paul Herringshaw** a beautiful larger-than-life-size gavel. It was a great day to celebrate Kiwanis and Kiwanians!



(Above left) A congratulatory cake.
 (Above right) President **Eric Myers** and Immediate Past President **Paul Herringshaw** show off the cake.
 (Left) **Mike Shertzer** delivers inspirational words.
 (Right) President **Paul Herringshaw** presents the Kiwanian of the Year plaque to **Geoff Howes**, newsletter editor.





(Left) Past President **Eric Willman** was master of ceremonies for honoring the outgoing officers and installing the new ones. (Right) Eric thanks and congratulates outgoing President **Paul Herringshaw**.



Eric and Paul welcome new Board of Directors members **Tom Ross** and **Chris Smalley**. **Michael Penrod** and **Mark Reddin** (not pictured) were also elected to the board.



(Left) Eric and Paul thank **Cindy Hofner** for serving as club secretary in 2025-2026 and congratulate her on being re-elected as secretary for 2026-2027.

(Right) Eric congratulates Paul on his election as immediate past president.



(Left) Eric congratulates **Sharon Libby** on becoming president-elect for 2026-2027.

(Right) Past President **Eric Willman**, President **Eric Myers**, Immediate Past President **Paul Herringshaw**, and President-Elect **Sharon Libby**.



(Left) Newly installed President **Eric Myers** addresses the club.



(Right) **Scott Regan** presents a token of appreciation to Immediate Past President **Paul Herringshaw**: a book of Black Swamp history, in honor of Paul's weekly local history trivia quiz.



(Left) **Mike Shertzer** presents outgoing President **Paul Herringshaw** with a hand-crafted larger-than-life-size gavel. *(Right)* President **Eric Myers** unveils his effigy, which will greet meeting attendees for the next year.



Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

Here are three Sentinel-Tribune articles from October 1926 that may be of interest.

Friday, October 8, 1926, page 1: **"KIWANIS PROMOTE PLAN FOR COMMUNITY CHEST"**

Friday, October 15, 1926, page 1: **"KIWANIS BACKS CALITHUMPIAN"**

Friday, October 22, 1926, page 4: **"NAPOLEON KIWANIS MET HERE FOR INTER-CITY MEET"**

Friday, October 8, 1926, p. 1

Kiwanis Promote Plan For Community Chest

The Bowling Green Kiwanis Club unanimously passed a motion to present the matter of establishing and maintaining a community chest in Bowling Green, when they held their monthly business meeting at the Commercial Bank dining room yesterday noon.

Rev Vorhies, of the Methodist church, presented the report to the special committee on the question. Attorney S. W. Bowman, a member of the committee spoke in favor of the plan.

The attorney stated that it was the idea of the committee to sift out the most deserving charity needs, and save the business men from the necessity of being hounded for funds for this charity and that, and to budget the free donations of the people through a year.

Any new and unforeseen need can be considered by the special council that has charge of the chest and the city would be much better off, Mr. Bowman stated.

The report of the committee, which was very enlightening and easy to understand is reproduced verbatim as follows:

Foreword: The rise of community life in America brings a train of problems which we are led to feel should be dealt with by all who wish to perpetuate our institutions and build up the personnel of our state. We are confronted with the fact that many agencies for good among our people are in the field and are not receiving adequate support and consideration from the people. We further realize that ambitious but misguided people often clamor for public support. The citizen is placed in a dilemma. What resources has he at hand whereby he can sift the chaff from the wheat? He wants to discharge his full civic responsibility, yet he wants to temper his benevolence with justice. It is our earnest conviction, therefore, that a community chest would serve such a purpose in the city of Bowling Green and we therefore submit the following program of operation:

I. ORGANIZATION

1. We, as citizens, respectfully request the Mayor of our City to call together a group of representative people of our city who shall constitute what shall be known as The Community Chest Council. This Council shall be made up of two representatives of each of the following groups:

- A. The Bowling Green State Normal College.
- B. The Bowling Green Public Schools.
- C. The Bowling Green Council of Churches.
- D. The Woman's Club (or, if

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advisable, representatives from each of the womans clubs.)

E. The Various Lodges.

F. The Commercial Club.

G. The Kiwanis Club.

H. The Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Probate of Wood County.

I. And any other representative citizens or organizations which the Mayor may think should have representation.

The Mayor shall issue a call to meet at the designated time and place to transact the following business:

A. The Mayor shall preside over this body.

B. Each cause that feels that it should have a place in the Community Chest Budget may present its case before this body.

C. It shall be the duty of this body to finally decide upon the askings for each cause and set the total figure which becomes the Campaign goal.

D. This body shall choose a Board of Administration to handle the affairs of the Community Chest, which shall be composed of seven outstanding citizens. To these shall be entrusted the further details of this work.

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MORE INFORMATION ON KIWANIS

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E. This body shall also carry the cause of the Community Chest to the various organizations which its several members represent.

2. The Board of Administration shall organize with Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The duties of this body shall be as follows:

A. To arrange budget details not already covered by the Council and make itself accountable to the Council in all that it does.

B. To select the various officers named from its number and place in their hands the duties that usually fall to their respective offices.

C. To vote appropriations out of the Floating Fund as they may find causes of need arising.

D. To determine in the interim between meetings of the Council the worthiness of causes that fee.

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KIWANIS BACKS CALITHUMPIAN

The Kiwanis Club approved the plans to hold the annual Calithumpian evening celebration again this year, when they convened at the weekly luncheon on Thursday night.

A motion that the club go on record as favoring a Calithumpian celebration was passed unanimously. The plans as announced by chairman of the Calithumpian committee "Bobby" Mustain, will be better than ever before. Several business men are working to perfect a great program for the event, which will be held on Friday night, Oct. 29.

District Lieut. Gov. Dan Clark, of Delphos, was the speaker at the Kiwanis meeting and proved to be very inspiring and entertaining.

Calithump: a noisy boisterous band or parade

Friday, October 22, 1926, p. 4

SOCIETY

BY MISS FLORENCE MUNN

Napoleon Kiwanians Met Here for Inter-City Meet

About fifty Kiwanians from Napoleon motored to Bowling Green last evening to join with the Bowling Green "Builders" in an intercity meeting, which was declared a great success.

The two clubs revelled in noise and confetti throughout the evening, which was climaxed by a great speech by Governor Wilbur G. Hyde, of Chillicothe, O. Cheers and songs intermingled with shouts of laughter as confetti twisted through the air in serpentine thrusts from one table to another provided plenty of entertainment as the ladies of the Presbyterian church served the usual delicious luncheon to the prominent businessmen of two counties.

Pres. Frowine, of the Bowling Green club, was the presiding officer during the festivities, welcoming the Napoleon brothers and Governor Hyde. President Orwig of Napoleon responded, suggesting that more intercity meetings between the two should be held because of the common interests.

A bunch of songs provided the Napoleon program of stunts with Frim, Scrist of the high school and Miss Lenore Clymer featuring with several solos and duets. A Bowling Green stunt also was on the program.

Governor Hyde addressed the combined membership of the two clubs praising Napoleon for their fine work during the past year and praising the Bowling Green club for backing the School Bond issue which is now before the voters.

He declared that the Kiwanis Club in backing the underprivileged child, does not necessarily back betterment of conditions for the poor or crippled child. It is the provision of good schools that helps give the child an opportunity to better himself. Without these he is underprivileged.

Governor Hyde stressed the idea of spreading the golden rule in all human relations in his fine address.

He stressed the fact that color should not be made a difference between races. Beauty is not color, but form, grace, thought and action. He did not advocate the child, which is partly accomplished.

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intermarrying of races because it would mean the deterioration of both but openly advocated better and more equal treatment of the yellow and black races.

The expansion of the Kiwanis International to all English speaking nations was declared a possible means of obtaining better understanding between Britain and the United States.

The meeting was featured by noisy favors brought over by the Napoleon Club, Leo Lake's Orchestra music, round robin introduction of all present and songs.

Parent Teachers Meet.

The opening meeting of the year of the P. T. A. of the training school, was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the sixth grade room. There was a good attendance which we hope to increase for the other meetings of the year.

Because of the nature of the program it was given first followed by the business session.

Miss Mills, critic teacher of the sixth grade had charge of the program which was given as follows:

The 6th class under the direction of Miss Morelock gave a demonstration lesson in singing. First they sang about "The Tree in the Wood," then the "Trifold Ladder" was used for syllable singing, this was especially interesting as part of it was done by the children in two part singing. The class also gave a splendid demonstration of sight reading from their music books. The children responded readily to Miss Morelock's every direction and their soft, musical voices were especially enjoyable.

After the class in music the 6A group under Miss Mills gave a demonstration lesson in Geography, these demonstrations were not specially prepared for the day but were part of the regular work. To see and hear the eager responses of the children was an inspiration.

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