



MICHIGAN *Builder*

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Like milk & cookies,
peanut butter & jelly, wine & cheese, peas & carrots
and Batman and Robin...

It's Spring Divisional & Club Leadership Education

ONE DAY - IN PERSON

8 a.m - 3 p.m. - MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

Clubs earn points for the outstanding & distinguished club award program by attending the day's activities.

Please complete your club elections by March 1, 2022 so your 2022-23 officers can attend the club leadership education.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- March 5 - Divisions 1 & 2
- March 12 - Divisions 3 & 7
- March 26 - Divisions 4 & 5 & 6
- April 2 - Divisions 11 & 12
- April 9 - Divisions 13 & 14
- April 23 - Divisions 16 & 18
- May 7 - Divisions 10 & 17
- June 4 - Divisions 19 & 20 & 21

Open to ALL members!

2020-2021
club leaders will be
recognized for club
achievements

2022-23
leaders are encouraged
to attend Club
Leadership Education.





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Lt. Governors and District Chairpersons. Submit all articles, photos and
video to Thebuilder@mikiwanis.org. All photo and artwork must be sent
as either jpg or bmp files. Video must be sent as mpeg files.

December

- 9-12 Charity Poker - Shelby Township
- 11 Key Club Fall Rally - Pinckney
- 15 District Convention Planning Meeting-Bay City
- 18-21 Charity Poker - Saginaw
- 20-24 CHRISTMAS- District office closed
- 31 NEW YEARS EVE- District Office closed

January

- 1 NEW YEARS- District Office closed
- 7-9 Governor Training, Las Vegas
- 15 Kiwanis MI Foundation Board Meeting
- 22 Second District Board Meeting, 9:30 am Mason



CONGRATULATIONS!

Each day, I receive emails, see Facebook posts or hear from another Kiwanian all the good works you are doing. You strive each day to make a greater impact in your community and this year, we want to recognize YOU!

The Outstanding and Distinguished club program was designed to award clubs for going the extra step to make a greater impact in their community. This year, clubs receiving the distinguished or outstanding designation will have their name placed on banners during district events and will be invited to a special reception during the 2023 District Convention!

Information about the program can be found here

I look forward to seeing all 137 clubs receive recognition for all their hard work!

PS. If you need an extra pair of hands for your event or service project, please feel free to put me to work!



Yours in service.

Rosemary Robinson

2021-22 Governor
Michigan District
Governor@mikiwanis.org

Thank you for all you are doing!

KIDS NEED KIWANIS



WE NEED YOU!!! KIWANIS NEEDS YOU!!!

You have leadership capabilities that all of us are looking for in a Kiwanian!

Have you ever watched a relative or close friend make that commitment to lead an organization or a committee? Have you noticed the positive engagement in which he or she has enjoyed while volunteering in that leadership position? The rewards can be quite fulfilling!

You already have an interest in Kiwanis, you believe in our Kiwanis Mission ("Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time."), you respect others and their opinions, you lead your life or club or committee by example. You already know how to establish goals and implement District goals. You enjoy your fellow members and you work well with all of us. You have been a Club President at least one time!

It is not too much to ask of a fellow Kiwanian to step into a leadership role of Club President, Lt. Governor or District Committee Chair. You serve as you are called to do, and where you need to be. Our Kiwanis leadership roles are not a 24/7 job, but a commitment to serving an average of one to two hours per week. Along with live meetings, the video/Zoom meetings can encourage more interaction! Other expectations are found within the District By-laws. You would lead your Division and sit on the District Board of Directors.

HAVING NEW CLUB PRESIDENTS AND LT. GOVERNORS IS SO NECESSARY RIGHT NOW! AND SO IMPORTANT!



Vicki Okuniewski
2021-2022 Governor-Elect Michigan District
Governor-Elect@mikiwanis.org

As a Lt. Governor, you have a unique opportunity to get to know your Division clubs, their officers and members. Lasting friendships will be made, both in your Division and at the District level. You assist your clubs in sharing ideas and problems, fundraisers and projects. You are the connection between your clubs and the District. You work with club leadership to bring support and information to promote positive club experiences. You are that conduit from the District and International committees and leadership to bring ideas, assistance, leadership education and resources (i.e., ACE Tools) to your Division club members.

Some of us Past Lt. Governors had said that this position is one of the most rewarding, important, enjoyable and fun positions that you could have in Kiwanis!

We are still looking to fill a few Lt. Governor positions under Governor Rosemary Robinson. I will be grateful for your stepping forward to let us know if you have questions or any interest in serving as a Lt. Governor for your Division either this Kiwanis year or next year with me.

We want to identify our next class of Lt. Governors, now, so that we can begin an introduction to the position of Lt. Governor in January 2022, followed by more comprehensive education and discussions in February and March.

"And the Miracle of Kiwanis is this: In the act of enriching the lives of others, we enrich our own lives every bit as much in a different way." – from the 2021-2022 Governor-Elect Workbook under "Leadership and Education."

You are needed, and you are a great leader, and you will make a great Lt. Governor in your Division and in the Michigan District of Kiwanis International! You have been a Club President, right? You've got this! I am excited to be working with all of you who come forward to work with Governor Rosemary this year and with me and the District during 2022-2023! You can contact us through our Michigan District Office!

executive director || 'Twas the night, before Christmas



Holiday Greetings!!

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the district,
All the Kiwanians were ready for Santa with milk and biscuits.

We're all glad that 2022 is here,
Because we don't want another 2021 year.
We were meeting online with Zoom by design,
But after a while, people began to whine.

So we started to meet back in person,
Which was great because there was more conversin'.

As the year went on we started to have more fun,
Because it's no good being cloistered and not see the sun.

So what were the highlights of this past year?

Well, draw close so you can more clearly hear.

Governor Fran presented her Children Are Our Future Project

Which was inspirational and took off like a rocket.

Kiwanis and Embracing Imperfections partnered
for an online summit on Youth Suicide in May,
to present students with some positive alternative ways.

Our District convention was in person in Dearborn,
Where we laughed, hugged, learned and weren't forlorn.

A comedian had us laughing, the Key Clubbers had us crafting,

The exhibitors showed us how to partner with them,

The workshops gave us ideas on fundraising and service gems.

Our annual Foundation and District Raffle was the best ever,

Thanks to everyone's efforts and endeavors.

Even with the pandemic, the year was a good one,

Thanks to Kiwanians getting back to what we have always done.

So in this season of Joy and Hope,

Look for ways to do things and eliminate the word "nope".

As you look to the future with an outlook that is bright,

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.



Greg Smith

Executive Director
Michigan District

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CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE

MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Ann Arbor, MI

Pamela Brown, M.D., Associate Professor Emeritus (Pediatric Gastroenterology), Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan

The Child and Family Life Department (CFLD) at Mott is celebrating its 100th anniversary this coming year. It was established in 1922 as the first department of its type, initially focused on a school and recreation program. Since then, the CFLD has been consistently supported by what is now the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation.

There has been an enormous growth of CFLD in the last 20-25 years. With the emphasis for medical providers (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants) to see more patients, time for them to focus on psychosocial needs has become more limited. Fortunately, there has been tremendous growth of support services including CFLD. 25 years ago, a small number of Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLS) staffed the inpatient activity rooms and were not visible elsewhere.

CCLS have expanded to the following areas: Pediatric Cardiothoracic Unit (2000), Canton Health Center Clinic (2001), Ped Surgery (2007), Infusion Clinic (2009), Radiation Oncology (2011), Radiology (2013), Neonatal ICU (2015), Mott Ambulatory Care Clinics (2017), MRI (2018), Brighton Center Specialty Clinic (2018), Bridge @Mott (2019), Northville Health Center (2020), Mott Blood Draw Clinic (2020) Since 2017, CHFD has provided services 24/7. There are currently 40 Certified Child Life specialists contributing to a total of 70 staff members. There are also three art therapists, four music therapists, and five FT "learning therapists." Programs include digital technology and therapeutic gaming. Sophie's Place music studio construction will be completed this month (Nov. 2021) with opening dependent on guidelines from Infection Control.

A recent CEO recognized the importance of CCLS and shifted Child Life inpatient staff positions to the hospital operating budget. Kiwanis is one of the largest donors to Child Life. Donations have occurred yearly since inception in 1922. Financial support is used to: 1) fund pilot projects 2) provide playroom supplies, 3) provide Xmas gifts and 4) support other areas that aren't funded. If pilot projects are successful over the first year, the sponsoring unit will then provide the funding as per pre-agreement.

CCLS are invaluable in helping children relax to be able to more reasonably undergo difficult parts of the physical exam and scary procedures. This enables pertinent parts of the exam to be completed in younger and/or anxious children. Additionally, procedures are more reliably performed/completed. Parents are more relaxed because their children are less anxious and more cooperative. SO, the stress level of providers is also reduced. Child Life specialists provide developmentally appropriate education customized to each individual child to help them prepare for a hospital experience.

Techniques include medical play, relaxation therapy, distraction therapy (cognitive behavioral therapy, guided imagery)





Examples of Key Procedures supported by Child Life:

1. Blood Draw/IV Placement for infusions of medications: There is frequent turnover of phlebotomists. A survey of phlebotomists indicated that many have no training in child development and haven't identified best practices for reducing the anxiety generated by blood draws or IV placement. The CLFD team is now developing a tool kit including child development educational materials. This work has also resulted in the hiring of a child life specialist who works solely with the phlebotomists.
2. MRI- In Pediatrics in general, we aim to minimize the exposure to radiation. MRI involves no radiation and often provides better definition than a CT scan. The down side: length of exam, noisy and claustrophobic settings that previously limited the exam to older children and adolescents. Child Life involvement has reduced the need for anesthesia allowing younger children to go under MRI without sedation: In the first two years, they reduced sedation for 900 patients, who would have otherwise been sedated. There was a 97% success rate for patients in avoiding anesthesia when a CCLS assessed a child could complete the MRI without sedation.



There has also been some expansion into the adult (Michigan Medicine) hospital in conjunction with the Office of Patient Experience. Medical management of chronic illness has improved enabling many patients with previously terminal pediatric diseases (i.e. Cystic Fibrosis and Congenital Heart Disease) to survive to adulthood. The "transition" from pediatric to adult care is often traumatic. A pilot study was recently published affirming the value of Child Life-type support at the adult Cardiovascular surgery unit for patients undergoing open heart surgery. CCLS are also available to provide support to children of adult patients. The focus includes explaining the medical problem in developmentally-appropriate terms and explaining what a child will see when he/she visits the parent.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO EIGHT LEADERSHIP TOPICS.

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

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SLP

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

SHARING INFORMATION AND IDEAS, WHILE MENTORING AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE MEMBERS

Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

Thank you for supporting your district Service Leadership Programs. Do invite us to be a program for your club meeting. We love to share how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club are providing service to local communities and building leadership skills.

Aktion Club Administrator

Position Available

K-Kids Administrator

Position Available

Builders Club Administrator

Position Available

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Today's teens are tomorrow's leaders.

Through Key Leader, you and your club can make a difference in a teen's life.

Start looking for that special student, 14 to 18 years of age, that you would like to send to Key Leader.

This year's Key Leader conference will be held **April 29th through May 1st., 2022**, at Faholo Conference Center in Grass Lake, Michigan. Registration will open February 1st, at the Michigan District website.

Leaders must work with others to create a legacy of leadership, based on courage that will touch people's hearts, and stimulate their minds. After all, great leaders are made, not born. This is the value of Key Leader. We create the keys that will unlock the leadership legacy of tomorrow.

The Key Leader conference is a weekend-long, experiential leadership program for today's youth leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most-meaningful leadership development experience.

The mission of Key Leader is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. This is why Kiwanis and Key Leader are such a natural fit. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

For more information on Key Leader, please check out the website www.key-leader.org, or contact Michigan District Chair Person, Carol Abadie, via email at Cabadie@comcast.net, or call me at 734-624-1190.

The five Key Leader principles that help build the foundation of servant leadership are:

- Personal Integrity – Doing the right thing
- Personal Growth – Developing in mind, body, and spirit
- Respect – Showing consideration for self, others, and your surroundings
- Building Community – Developing relations to achieve positive goals
- Pursuit of Excellence – Expecting and achieving the best while living a life of purpose

Kiwanis International President

PETER MANCUSO'S

2021-22 Priorities

Our first priority is to improve the club experience in order to increase the value every Kiwanian finds in membership, as well as to attract new members. Let's start out by recognizing that everything of value in Kiwanis happens at the club level, and that the purpose of every other part of our organization is to help our clubs offer outstanding fellowship and service opportunities to their members. In order to succeed in recruiting and retaining members, a club needs to provide a membership experience that would make a prospective member want to join it. More at kiwanis.org/acetools.

Our second priority is to increase membership through club growth, retention and new club openings. A growing membership means more service — in particular, hands-on service. A growing membership means greater fellowship. A growing membership solves financial problems at every level of our organization. A growing membership means more outstanding leaders who are willing to serve. And all of these things will be even more important as we recover from the effects of the pandemic. For club opening and club membership, respectively, go to kiwanis.org/clubopening and kiwanis.org/clubstrengthening.

Our third priority is to expand Kiwanis Youth Programs to positively impact more young people around the world and to develop tomorrow's leaders. It's my hope that in the future our predominant form of service will be developing tomorrow's leaders through our Service Leadership Programs. And it is very important for our clubs to appoint Kiwanis advisors who are fully faithful to the duties of sponsorship. Our SLPs are what make us unique. They are what we know how to do the best. They represent hands-on service, not just raising money to give to others who actually render the service. They offer our greatest opportunity to make the world a better place. Our SLPs are the jewels in the crown of Kiwanis, and they continue to grow. More at kiwanis.org/advisor.

Our fourth priority is to offer educational and training opportunities to better prepare our own current and future leaders for success. One of the recurring themes in high-performing clubs is that they have great leaders at the top. As such, leadership education is vital to the future of Kiwanis service. More at kiwanis.org/training.



OUR FIFTH PRIORITY IS TO SUPPORT THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND, WHICH IS STAFFED BY EXPERTS ANXIOUS TO HELP CLUBS WITH FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES, FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT AND GRANT SEEKING.

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From your friends across the
Michigan District of Kiwanis

season's greetings

Thomas Oliver Holiday Greeting Program

Kiwanians listed below have made a contribution to the Program to wish you and your family happy holidays and to ensure a better holiday season for hospitalized children around our Michigan District

Individual Greetings

Adrienne Marcath Wyandotte 1000
Al & Angie Cotto Downriver West
Alanna Harvey Haslett-Okemos
Allan Joseph Medwick Kalamazoo
Andrea Hepburn Alpena
Andy & Darlene Swift Riverview
Arthur J. Hayes Allen Park
Austin & JoAnn Hoffman Woodhaven
Barb & Bill Duran Downriver West
Ben & Jeri Probert, Past Governor 2000-2001 Chelsea
Ben Spencer Aktion Club of West Branch
Benjamin Dollard Midland
Beth Caswell Hillsdale
Beth Pelkey, Past President Alpena
Beverly Wiggins Detroit #1
Bill & Debbie Consiglio Downriver West
Bill Cline Saginaw Thomas Twp
Bob & Barb McCoy Woodhaven
Bob Buzzie Aktion Club of West Branch
Bob Snell Woodhaven
Bonnie Bartlett, Past Lt. Gov, Div 11 Brooklyn
Bonnie Markiewicz Woodhaven
Brendan Hoy, President Woodhaven
Carl and Laurie Papa Shorewood
Carl Joyce Southgate
Catherine Walsh Aktion Club of West Branch
Charles A. Phibbs, Past Lt Governor, Div 6 Ann Arbor Western
Charles Bissell, President Rochester
Chris Calvin Wyandotte 1000
Christian Ledford & Chloé Louks Woodhaven
Clare McMillan Downriver West

Claudia Magnotte Eastpointe
Clif & Cathy Stone Downriver West
Connie Hacht Aktion Club of West Branch
Dan Sheehan, Past President Gladwin
Dan Stoneback West Branch
Darrel & Joan Penix Woodhaven
Dave Crawford Gladwin
David & Mercia Foster Mt. Pleasant
David B. Goodwin, CPCU Allen Park
David Marousek, President Westside Kalamazoo
David Weber Alpena
Denise Browning Greater Gibraltar
Dennis & Denise Dimoff, Past Gov. 88-89 Brighton
Denny Shumway West Branch
Diana S. Miller, Treasurer Gladwin
Diane L. Kinlen, President Riverview
Don & Kathy Yokley Allen Park
Don & Lynne Killion Dearborn
Don Garvin Southgate
Don Lutz, Past Lt. Gov Monroe
Donald Mitchell, Past Lt. Gov Allen Park
Donna Dysinger Gladwin
Dr. Karen L. Moore Gladwin
Elaine Orr Alpena
Elaine Shumway West Branch
Eleonor & Jeffrey Jenks Cosmopolitan Detroit
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Fred Schroeder, Past Lt. Gov Utica-Shelby Twp
Gary & Bev Surratt Addison
Gary Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer Saginaw Northwest
George Lukowski Wyandotte 1000

George Lytle, member Colonial Plymouth
Gordon & Margie Schleicher Chelsea
Governor Rosemary Robinson Swartz Creek
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Greg Grover, President Saginaw Thomas Twp
Greg Smith, Executive Director South Oakland County
Gregory D. Bader, Sr. Allen Park
Henry & Rita Hill, Treasurer/Trustee Downriver West
Hugh & Peggy McNichol South Lansing
Jack & Lorett Kramer West Branch
Jake Trout Aktion Club of West Branch
Jan Stewart Gladwin
Jane Heise, President Caledonia
Jean Boyer Pontiac
Jennie Haigh Saline
Jeremy Fassett Clare
Jessica Turner Mount Pleasant
Jim & Diane Talbot, KMF Trustee Battle Creek
Jim & Rosemary Robbins Woodhaven
Jody Brylinsky Downtown Kalamazoo
Joe Wolfe Jackson
John E. Schenk Ann Arbor
John Hacht Aktion Club of West Branch
John R. Bassett Ann Arbor
John Steele Kalamazoo
Judy Cock Southgate
Judy Greer Alpena
Julanne Williams Ann Arbor
Julie A. Nelkie West Branch
Karen Gerow Greater Gibraltar
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Kathie Wilder Ann Arbor
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Kay and Jim Jorgenson Woodhaven

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Margie Ballheim Wyandotte 1000
Marian O'Higgins, Past Governor 2017-18 Detroit #1
Mark & Joann Bomia, Director Downriver West
Mark and Janet Ott Coldwater
Mark Brannon Allen Park
Mark Piegza Southgate
Mark Suhowski Fenton
Marsha Kozmor Greater Gibraltar
Mary Evans Woodhaven
Mary G. Blashill South Haven
MaryLou Anderson Allen Park
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Ronnie Moorehouse, Club Treasurer Aktion Club of West Branch
Russ Taylor Saginaw-Thomas Township
Sarah Jane Dinklemann Holland
Sarah Kew, Past Governor Downriver West
Scott Greenlee East Lansing
Sejla Kulaglic Detroit #1
Sharon Gwizdowski, Lt. Gov- Div 1 Shorewood
Sheila C. Connolly Detroit #1
Stacey Nill, District Administrative Secretary Greater Lansing YP
Stacie Hegenauer Alpena
Steven & Debbie Witt, Past President Saginaw Thomas Twp
Sue Cowen Saline
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Tom Talluto, Past Lt. Gov Cadillac
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Tracy Solmes Hastings
Vic Samuelson Haslett-Okemos
Violet Wilson, Club President Aktion Club of West Branch
Wendy Marecle Belleville
Werner von Daggenghausen West Branch
Wesley & Jackie Wickham Hillsdale
William C. Chynoweth East Lansing
William Gohier, Past Gov 2010-11 Haslett-Okemos

Chelsea Club Satellite @ CRC
Kiwanis Club of Allen Park
Kiwanis Club of Battle Creek
Kiwanis Club of Bay Area
Kiwanis Club of Brighton
Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn
Kiwanis Club of Canton
Kiwanis Club of Chelsea
Kiwanis Club of Dundee
Kiwanis Club of Fenton
Kiwanis Club of Grosse Ile
Kiwanis Club of Jackson
Kiwanis Club of Mendon
Kiwanis Club of Shorewood
Kiwanis Club of South Lansing
Kiwanis Club of St. Johns 707
Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven
Paw Paw Kiwanis Club
Rochester Kiwanis Club
Wyandotte 1000

In Memory Greetings

In Memory of Art & Clair Koester Woodhaven
In Memory of Beth LaBelle Woodhaven
In Memory of Bob Walicki Downriver West
In Memory of Chuck Moreno Downriver West
In Memory of Gary Hawkins Downriver West
In Memory of Lorraine Stone Downriver West
In Memory of Skip & Erma Clack Woodhaven
In Memory of Walter Floyd Dentel Addison
Susan Stewart-Brenner, In Memory - Shorewood Volunteer Shorewood

Club Greetings

All Members of The Kiwanis Club of Saginaw
Bronson Kiwanis Club
Caledonia Area





On Oct. 9, 2021, South Oakland County Kiwanis Club hosted their first fundraising event entitled “Fostering the Arts” at Gen2Gen Ministries in Southfield. The focus of South Oakland County Kiwanis is to help those aging out of foster care. Statistics show these young adults need the most help once they leave foster care. In SE Michigan alone statistics from 2019 showed that over 19% of those who age out of foster care become homeless. Another statistic showed only 47% of those exiting foster care were reunited with their families, which is the lowest percentage ever recorded. There is an urgent need to assist young adults exiting foster care.

The “Fostering the Arts” was a vision of the spirit filled current president, Sheryl Stevenson and we are proud her vision shinned through. The event showcased performances that included but were not limited to

poetry, song and dance. There have been over 200 attendees with the combination of in-person and virtual views. The audience was fed great performances in poetry, song and dance and more importantly information regarding foster care services with speakers from The Children’s Center of Detroit, Friends of Foster Kids and a licensed social worker. The event ended with the distribution of the club’s traditional care duffel bags provided to our foster center partners and light refreshments.

This is the first of many we plan to host annually. The event can be viewed on the clubs’ FB page at Kiwanis Club of South Oakland County.

Keep your eyes open for South Oakland County Kiwanis Club as we have a committed group of members who are determined to make positive impacts in our community.



Boat races on the Grand River, Lansing with Kiwanians monitoring

Seventy Years

and still going strong!



Lansing Sesquicentennial Parade with group

The Kiwanis Club of South Lansing recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of its October 15, 1951 Charter Night. The club was chartered as the Kiwanis Club of Lansing-Everett with 27 members. Lee Grinnell was its first president; Lyle Fuller, Vice President; and George Tanner, Secretary-Treasurer.



Boys' Basketball Trophy (Craig Wotring presenting to Sexton High School coach)

As was the case in 1951, there was a wonderful mix of occupations in the charter members – from undertaker to used car salesman to attorney to minister to loan officer to dentist. The celebration was held at Walter French Junior High School, with Walter Patenge (then Michigan District Governor) making the charter presentation.

The club merged with the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Village in 1981 and, in 1999, changed its name to the Kiwanis Club of South Lansing to better reflect the area served by the club.

The club was very active in its early days, building an out-house (using only a hammer and nails as no saw was provided) for what was then Camp Kiwanis in 1976, donating \$800 to a Girl Scout troop so it could take an educational trip to Washington, DC, building wheelchair ramps, providing games and a dunk tank at the Lansing School District's safety patrol picnic, working the registration at Ellen's Race, promoting an inoculation drive, hosting a pancake breakfast, hosting a Kiwanis High School Girls Volleyball Tournament in 1998, and providing flag football trophies in 1974.

Fund raisers have included garage sales, Kiwanis Peanut Days, boat races on the Grand River, mixed nut sales, knife sales, and car wash ticket sales.

In 1964, Club President Craig Wotring presented the first Capital Area Conference (CAC) traveling trophy to the champion Sexton High School boys' basketball team. It has presented the trophy every year since, and has had to add a base to the trophy in order to include all of the winning teams. It continues to present the trophy to the Capital Area Athletic Conference's (CAAC) Blue Division championship team. The club began presenting a similar trophy to the girls' Championship team in 1988.

In 2004, club members raised \$50,000 for and recruited over 1,800 volunteers to build a 13,000 square foot playground at Hawk Island County Park in Lansing. It was built entirely with community volunteers who were involved in the development, design, and actual construction. The build was completed in only seven days, during which there were many days of thunderstorms and heavy rain. On the last day, workers had to take cover when a tornado warning was issued for

the area. A second similar playground was built in 2012 for the Maplewood Women's' Shelter.

The club partnered with The Dictionary Project and other Division 16 Kiwanis clubs in 2005 to provide dictionaries to all third-grade students in the Lansing School District – public, charter, and parochial. This partnership continued until 2018, during which time over 6,000 dictionaries were personally delivered to students. In addition, club members built a huge dictionary and entered it in the Lansing Sesquicentennial parade in 2009.

The club's current signature project is a partnership with Reo Elementary School. The partnership has allowed members to provide a variety of services to the students, faculty, and the school property. Even though some students are learning remotely, members deliver 100 Weekend Survival Kits that include breakfast items, easy-to-prepare meals, protein-rich easy entrees, dairy (when available), and snacks, every other week. Club members have also tutored students, served breakfast prior to standardized testing, worked in the library, donated books and ear buds, mentored and read to stu-



Hawk Island Playground (unknown)

dents, donated \$1 per child enrolled in the Lansing \$aves program, donated \$1,000 to the school's literacy program through Reading is Fundamental, and spruced up the building.

In 2020, club members accepted Governor Fran's challenge to start a new YCPO Project. It partnered with the Expectant Parents Organization in Lansing to provide 50 tote bags stuffed with baby supplies and books (thank you Detroit #1 Kiwanis) for new parents.

Providing games at the Special Olympics Carnival in Mount Pleasant, donating Christmas gifts through Operation Santa, grilling hot dogs for the Lansing Parks and Recreation summer program, taking calls for WKAR and Children's Miracle Network fund raisers, donating furniture and housewares to St. Vincent's, working registration for the Lansing Mayor's Family River Walk, serving lunch at the South Side Community Kitchen, packing and delivering Weekend Survival Kits,

>> **seventy years continued** <<



South Haven Kiwanis Club honored for its contributions to the community

The South Haven Kiwanis Club, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, was recognized in October by the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce for its contributions to the community over the years.

The Kiwanis Club received the Non-profit Organization of the Year during the Chamber's annual Business Excellence Awards ceremony. As part of its award, the Club received a plaque and a proclamation signed by U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, State Rep. Beth Griffin and State Sen. Aric Nesbitt, who all represent the South Haven area and Van Buren County.

The Kiwanis Club of South Haven was one of six businesses, non-profit groups and individuals who received awards from the Chamber, which has a membership of over 350 entities.

South Haven's Kiwanis Club was first chartered in 1921 and remains as the city's oldest continuously operating service club. With a mission to "Serve the children of the world – one child, one community at a time," the club annually distributes approximately \$15,000-20,000 to groups that focus on helping children, primarily, and the South Haven community, in general. The club sponsors the South Haven High School Key Club and provides scholarships annually to graduating seniors. It has also provided funding to the South Haven Public Schools Robotics and History clubs, helped purchase new uniforms for the South Haven High School Marching

Band, a new scoreboard at Baseline Middle School, and has provided funding to We Care INC, HOPE Parent Resource Center, Blessings in a Backpack, HeadStart, Lory's Place, Project Christmas Hope, Boy Scouts, and other groups. The club's members also volunteer by taking part in Michigan Department of Transportation's Highway Cleanup twice a year, Thursday Night Meal program at First Congregational Church and Red Cross blood drives.

In keeping with its ongoing mission to serve the children and community of South Haven, the South Haven Kiwanis Club has gotten off to a fast start to the new fiscal year by cleaning up a two-mile stretch of M-140 Highway as part of MDOT's annual Highway Cleanup program and participating in two community Trunk-or-Treat programs during Halloween.

South Haven Kiwanis Club members are shown receiving the Non-Profit of the Year award from the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce during the Chamber's annual Business Excellence Awards ceremony in October.

Rebecca Burkert
Editor and General Manager
South Haven Tribune

2020-21 OFFICER INFORMATION CHANGES

BELLEVILLE AREA

K19033 (2016)

Division 4

Denny's Restaurant,
2033 Rawsonville Rd.,
2nd & 4th Tues., 6:00 PM

Pres: Angela Lee,
17170 Theresa Ln. New Boston, 48164-8809

Phone:

Email:

Sec: Shataura Clayborne,
1330 Nash Ave, Ypsilanti, 48198-6209

Phone: (734) 796-0212

Email: shatauraclayborne@gmail.com

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

K14375 (1993)

Division 3

The Pantry Restaurant,
44945 Morley Dr, Clinton Twp, 48036 Wed., 7:30 AM

Pres: Kerry Jantz,
46868 Jewel, Macomb, 48044-5466

Phone: (586) 610-3511

Email: kjantz@parkwaychristian.org

Sec: Richard Moeller,
49438 Galway Dr., Macomb, 48044-1797

Phone: (586) 226-2250

Email: clintontownshipkiwanis@gmail.com

LAPEER

K02468 (1941)

Division 17

Chef G's,
450 W Nepessing St., Lapeer, 48446
Wed., 12:15 PM

INDIAN RIVER

K09627 (1979)

Division 21

Indian River Golf Club,
3301 Chippewa Beach Rd.,
Mon, 11:45

WARREN

K04791 (1957)

Division 1

Simple Palate,
27380 Van Dyke, Warren, 48093
1st & 3rd Thurs., 12:10 pm

Pres: Wendi Previdi,
32220 Gainsborough Dr., Warren, 48088-1379

Phone: (586) 277-7412

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OWOSSO

K00598 (1921)

Division 18

Kiwanis Village Community Room, 1464 N. M-52, Owosso,
1st and 3rd Tues, 6:00 PM

Pres: William Pearsall,
2500 Lyons Rd., Owosso, 48867-9770

Phone: (989) 743-5766

Email: jbpearsall@chartermi.net

Sec: Jack Wing,
5351 Mason Rd., Owosso, 48867-9358

Phone: (989) 725-5025

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LAPEER

K02468 (1941)

Division 17

Chef G's, 4
50 W Nepessing St., Lapeer, 48446
Wed., 12:15 PM

Pres: Gary Tong,
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Phone: (810) 664-2622
Email: gary@gtasystems.net
Sec: Terri Cranick,
9074 Washburn, Columbiaville, 48421-9358
Phone: (810) 656-8689
Email: tcranick@chartermi.net

HAMBURG

K10325 (1981)

Division 6

Hamburg Coney Island,
9580 Chilson Commons (M-36), Pinckney,
Tues., 7:30 AM

Pres: Walter Kristy,
3335 Rush Lake, Pinckney, 48169-8533
Phone: (248) 390-4657
Email: walterkristy@msn.com
Sec: Vacant

GROSSE ILE

K05603 (1962)

Division 5

VFW Post 7310, 8840 Macomb St.,
Thurs., 7:00 PM

Pres: Kelly Fusinski,
25837 Dreschfield Ave.,
Grosse Ile, 48138-1602
Phone: (586) 596-2923
Email: kfusinski@hotmail.com

SAGINAW

K00106 (1917)

Division 10

Saginaw Club, 219 N. Washington,
Thurs., 12:15 PM

Pres: Kelly Shay,
925 Kennely Rd G108, Saginaw 48609
Phone: (989) 751-1257
Email: kshay@spsd.net

Pontiac

1st & 3rd Tues., Noon
Oakland Schools
Technical Campus N.E.,
1371 N. Perry St.,
Contact: Jean Boyer,
Phone: (313) 618-45
Email: geewhiz432@aol.com

Dearborn

Tues, 6:00 PM
Park Place Banquet Hall,
23400 Park Ave.,
Contact: Renea Callery,
Phone: (313) 505-0331
Email: reneaewi@gmail.com

Troy

2nd & 4th Tues., 12:00 pm
Noni's Grille,
3364 Rochester Rd, Troy
Contact: Vicki Cerven-Astell,
Phone: (248) 561-8934
Email: vastell95@gmail.com

Hamburg

Tues., 7:30 AM
Hamburg Coney Island,
9580 Chilson Commons (M-36),
Pinckney,
Contact: Walter Kristy,
Phone: (248) 390-4657
Email: walterkristy@charter.net

Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation

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Club: Downriver West
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Lt. Governors 2021-22

DIVISION 11

Michael Zuchowski (Carol)
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Club: Jackson
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and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army are just a few of the other recurring service projects performed by club members.

Club members have also provided support at Lansing's Memorial Day Celebration, held food drives, set out flags for a variety of holidays, established a Memorial Garden at Hawk Island County Park, hosting baby showers in support of Michigan's Children's Hospitals, competing with Division 16 clubs in annual Toys for Tots competitions, distributing books to local literacy advocates, and enjoying Kiwanis camaraderie at a variety of social events.

The club has sponsored several Sponsored Youth Programs over the years – Otto Middle School Builders Club, Gardner Academy Builders Club, Attwood Elementary School KKids, Willow Elementary School KKids, Transitions South Hummingbirds Aktion Club, and Southside Community Coalition Terrific Kids.

Over the years, club members have served Kiwanis above the club level, including 11 Division 16 Lt. Governors, seven years as Aktion Club Administrator, four years as Key Club Administrators, three years as Builder's Club Administrator, three years as Community Service & CMN Chair, and one year as Human & Spiritual Values Administrator. In addition, Harry Elsenheimer (1966) and Liz Luttrell-Wilson (2011-2012) served the Michigan District as Governor.

Club members have also supported the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation as Division 16 Trustee (eight years), Treasurer (six years), and Secretary (two years).

The club has proudly supported the Kiwanis Children's Fund with annual donations, awards, and significant contributions to the Eliminate Project and IDD. It has also supported the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation with annual club donations, awards, and significant individual donations.

The club has awarded 13 George F. Hixson Fellowships, four Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Awards, three J. Douglas Alexander Awards, an Al Dailey Award, and two Walter Zeller Fellowships.

Here's to another 70 years of making a difference one child and one community at a time!



2020-21 GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

*Congratulations to the Petoskey club
for being the overall winner of the 2020-21
Governor's Membership Trophy Award!*

Petoskey	+9
Lac Ste. Claire	+6
Cheboygan	+5
South Lyon	+4
Delta	+4
Grand Ledge	+4

Net gain from 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021
and includes clubs only with at least a net
gain of +4 based on official membership
numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

In Memoriam

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| Danny L. Hulbert
<i>Williamston</i> | Jack D. Cook
<i>South Haven</i> | James Gleason
<i>Hamburg</i>
<i>Secretary, 2014-21</i> |
| Ann Campbell
<i>Williamston</i> | Harold F. Filbrandt
<i>South Haven</i> | Barry D. Pierce
<i>Charlevoix</i> |
| Richard Kowalczyk
<i>Cheboygan</i> | Donald E. Brodrick
<i>Colonial Plymouth</i> | Janet Lee
<i>Hillsdale</i> |
| William Shoemaker
<i>Brooklyn</i> | Laverne N. Weber
<i>Saginaw-Thomas Twp</i> | Frederick Hill
<i>Colonial Plymouth</i>
<i>50yr Kiwanian</i> |
| Richard Feight
<i>Tecumseh</i> | William D. Pittsley Jr.
<i>Swartz Creek</i> | John Haught
<i>Adrian</i> |
| Reade Kates
<i>Owasso</i> | Edward W. Bawden
<i>Golden K Grand Rapids</i> | Robert H. Steiner
<i>Clinton Township</i> |
| Ralph Heuerman
<i>Rocheater Hills</i> | Judy Brown
<i>Niles-Southwestern</i> | |
| Sandra K. Huber
<i>Tri Cities, Grand Haven-
Spring Lake</i> | | |

as we go to **PRESS**

Active Clubs	137
District Beginning Membership	3451
As of November 24, 2021	3473

Net Gain **+22** members

SLP MEMBERS	CLUBS	PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids	11	
Builders Club	34	
Key Club	86	353
Circle K	10	63
Aktion Club	16	16