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KISHWAUKEE DEKALB

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LUNCH: Salad, Hog Dogs, chili, salad, cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins

Invocation: Shadow Gentry

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
President Elect	Sue Doubler
Vice President	
Treasurer	Bob Hoffman
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Imm Past President	Mike Mooney
Lt. Governor	Jean Erlenborn
District Governor	Mary Zeronas

Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings

2nd, 3rd, 4th, Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
Faranda's Banquet Center
302 Grove St.
DeKalb, IL

K-Family Events/Meetings

Circle K Every other Thursday at
6:00 p.m. in HSC 506 or via
Teams Online.

AKtion Club – 2nd Wednesday, 3:45 at
Opportunity House
357 N. California St
Sycamore, IL

Defining Statement

Kiwanis is a global organization of
volunteers dedicated to improving
the world, one child and one
community at a time.

Flag Salute

As our flag signifies purity, valor, and
justice, may we as true Kiwanians
exemplify these virtues as we serve
the children of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Caroline Collins announced the members of the ad hoc committee for the USA 250th anniversary celebration; Jerry Smith, Ellingsworth Webb, and John Rey.

Mardi Gras meeting tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon 1:30 at Oak Crest.

Feed My Starving Children is back this November. We have 20 spots for Nov. 13th 3-5 p.m., and 20 spots for Nov. 15th 6-8 p.m. A social event follows, details TBD.

Interclub is Oct. 21st 6 p.m. at Sorrento's. It is rumored that there will be program from the District Office.

Circle K met Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the NIU Student Center. Next meeting is Oct. 22nd.

Check your yearbook information and send any corrections to Sue Doubler.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

Held during our regular meeting, we approved (with regrets) the resignation of Dave Conlin who has moved to Earlville, and Beryl Smith. A rousing chorus of "Beryl, Beryl, Beryl" echoed throughout to honor the long time member.

We also agreed to donate our 7 8' tables to the DeKalb Library.

Tabled was a suggestion to donate our largest tent due to the difficulty of using it.

Program:

While waiting for our program to show up, our President Caroline Collins interviewed herself and summarized her comments thusly:

"She recently joined Toastmasters which is a nonprofit educational organization that builds confidence and teaches public speaking skills. She decided to practice her first speech on us.

Caroline was born in Chicago, IL. but for most of her childhood she lived in Skokie. She came out here to go to school at NIU. She didn't know what she wanted to do at age 18 but she knew she liked French. She got a BA in French education. After graduating, she ended up at a school working with kids with autism. She fell in love with those kids and decided to get her masters in Special Ed. She now is working with adults with disabilities at Opportunity House. Right now, Caroline feels she is having a bit of a mid-life crisis because she is reflecting on her values and how she can incorporate more of them into her professional life. She highly values health, learning, bringing daily joy into her life (through one of her many hobbies), and helping others. She ended the speech asking people to reflect on how they can bring more joy into their life through their values."

Unfortunately our program, Steve Lundin of the DHS Marching Band was unable to join us, however, Erin Grych (John Smith's daughter) was able to fill in and forwarded a summary of her

comments. A check for \$350 was presented that will help the band cover its cost for a trip to Prague.

"Thanks again for your help today and for DeKalb Kiwanis generous support to DeKalb High School Band Program. I have attached my script plus some additional info about the band. I know I was asked a couple of questions too. I think one was do the students pay a fee to be in band - "yes a school fee of \$100, but if you are free and reduced that fee is waved"

The other was "What's the difference between the Band Parent Organization and the Music Boosters?" I shared that Music Boosters supports all music programs in DeKalb. Band Parent Organization is another group specific for band. They help organize snacks for after games or during Marching Band Competitions, who will help fit uniforms, help feed the band during band camp, etc.. It wouldn't be fair to ask an orchestra parent to come in and help fit uniforms for band members so there is a group of band parents to help support the band activities.

I have attached a link to the Band Parent and Fans Facebook group that has pictures and videos of the marching band."

[\(18\) DHS Marching Barbs Parents and Fans | Facebook](#)

Thought for the day

(via Bob Hoffman)

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

-Alan Dundes

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: (*Why not invite a guest?* – that could mean a prospective member!)

October 15: Jump ropes, part deux, Bob Hoffman

October 22: David Graham, NIU piano technician

October 29: Committee meetings

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 31
	Zoom: Jim Spencer, Misty Haji-Shiekh, Virginia Naples
	Guests: Jean Erlenborn, Lt Gov from Sycamore Club, Jack Scott
	Outside Speaker: Erin Grych
	Total 37