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KISHWAUKEE DEKALB

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LUNCH: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cheesecake

Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins

Invocation: Bob Hoffman

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:

Feed My Starving Children is TOMORROW 3-5 p.m. and Saturday 6-8 p.m. at Suter Foods.

All Kiwanians and guests are invited to Rosita's tomorrow starting at 5:30.

[Let's Talk Turkey](#) is next Friday at the Salvation Army 830 Grove in DeKalb from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Freezing for Food](#) is scheduled for December 4-6 at Hy-Vee.

PROGRAM

Our own Jerry Smith recounted his trip to Washington DC on August 20th of this year courtesy of [Honor Flight Chicago](#). Over 12,000 WW2, Korean, and Viet Nam era veterans have now taken part via Honor Flight Chicago who organizes 7 flights per year.

The day began early at 2 a.m. with a trip to Midway Airport and a Southwest Airlines flight to Dulles International outside of Washington DC and didn't conclude until 11 p.m. that night when Jerry finally arrived back home. Along with Jerry on the flight was Sycamore Resident Ed Kuhn.

The day was a whirlwind of activities and included stops at the WW2 Memorial, Korean and Viet Nam war memorials and the Marine Memorial on the National Mall followed by a visit to the National Air & Space Museum/[Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#) in Chantilly, VA.

Jerry was joined by a guardian who accompanied him the entire day and manned a wheelchair when necessary. Police blocked freeway entrances to ensure a safe and efficient bus trip to the various destinations.

The most moving moments came from the unexpectedly large crowds of well-wishers who cheered the veterans upon arrival at Dulles and their return to Midway. Mail call included letters, notes, and pictures from friends, relatives, and school children and was greatly appreciated, and possibly brought a couple of vets to tears.

We were also honored by the presence of Mike Embry who talked briefly about his Honor Flight in 2024. Always looking for ways to make a positive impact for the area, Mike is working to establish DeKalb as a flag city, and he referenced the repair of the Memorial Clock by the Rotary Club. Impressively, DeKalb County sent over 2,000 soldiers overseas during WW1.

Check out the links below for the Chronicle article about Jerry's Honor Flight along with Mike Embry's article on DeKalb County Online:

[From DeKalb to D.C., these veterans say Honor Flight gave support they didn't see in '60s – Shaw Local](#)

[Chicago Honor Flight Today - August 20, 2025 Honoring one of DeKalb's Veteran legends - Jerry Smith - DeKalb County Online](#)

Thought for the day

(via Shadow Gentry)

"A smile is a facelift that's in everyone's price range"

-Tom Wilson

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

November 19: Mary Hess and Craig Smith, DeKalb Township

November 26: Member Interviews!

December 3: Board Meeting

December 10: Tom Mataya-Opportunity House

December 17: Steve Lundin-DHS Band

December 24: No meeting

December 31: No meeting

2026

January 7: Board Meeting

January 14: TBD

January 21: TBD

January 28: Dan Templin, DeKalb Community Fund

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 32
	Zoom:
	Guests: Jean Erlenborn, Lt Gov from Sycamore Club
	Outside Speaker: Mike Embry
	Total 34