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LUNCH: Chicken fajitas, black beans, rice, tomatoes, jalapenos, onions, cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins

Invocation: Joe Gastiger

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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:

Jack Goodrich has several ink cartridges he'd like to give away for an HP printer. Check with Jack to see whether your particular model uses the same brand and size.

Bill Finucane thanked club members for their contributions to the Salvation Army's food pantry. Altogether, we have filled five Thanksgiving baskets this year. Bill reported that nearly 600 turkeys have been distributed to needy families; Let's Talk Turkey took in 306 birds to give away, and collected \$5135 to spend on groceries.

This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, TD Ryan returns to the HY Vee parking lot to host Freezing for Food — an annual drive to fill our local pantries. All are invited to drop off nonperishable items.

Gary Vander Meer noted that some of us have signed up to ring the bell next weekend beside the red kettle at Schnuck's. He'll send out reminders early next week.

Jerry Wallstrom presented this year's Perfect Attendance awards. Many of our members have qualified year after year. Bill Finucane leads the club with the highest number of service hours, and Herb Buhr holds the record for the longest, uninterrupted stretch: 55 years.

PROGRAM

On the day before Thanksgiving, we expect smaller numbers, so we didn't host a guest speaker at lunch. Instead, Jim Barker, wearing a Jupiter shirt, quizzed several of our members about their favorite shows, movies, and so on — starting with himself.

Jim Barker enjoys many different sorts of cuisine, especially Mexican and Indian food. His favorite films include *The Godfather*, the Monty Python comedies, and — further back — *Arsenic and Old Lace*. He admits to watching *Gilligan's Island* every day after school as a youngster. His top musicians? Tom Waits and Radiohead. His celebrity dinner guests would be Abraham Lincoln and Francis Ford Coppola. Forced to choose between Shakespeare and the Three Stooges? Moe, Larry, and Curly. Jim spent some years as a very competitive dart player. He's also a big fan of cricket, and the Fortnite video game. Perhaps the most exotic trip Jim has taken was down to Miami in 2013, to see the Huskies compete in the Orange Bowl.

Caroline Collins also favors Indian and Mexican restaurants. She enjoys movies that make you think — such as *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* — and sci-fi dramas: *Star Gate* and *Battlestar Galactica*. Favorite band? Bastille, from Great Britain. While working at the Convocation Center, she shook hands with Rod Blagojevich, and almost got to say hello to Barack Obama. Caroline takes inspiration from the teachings of the Buddha. Ideal dinner guests might be her mother — before she had kids — and her paternal grandfather, whose stories entertained her as a child. Her most exotic travel destination? Western Australia, where she has a sister. Caroline likes reading, knitting, and swing dancing, and William Shakespeare ranks a bit higher for her than the Three Stooges.

Bill Finucane likes Mexican and Italian food, though he doesn't eat very much meat, and he's actually very allergic to chicken. His favorite movie is *The Candidate*, with Robert Redford, and he's been a big fan of *Dr. Who* since the 1970's. Bill's also fond of *Hogan's Heroes* and episodes of *The Lone Ranger*. His favorite singer? Petulia Clark, as in "Downtown" and "I Know a Place." Band? As a matter of fact, Led Zeppelin. Bill has met Jim Edgar and Dick Durbin when they've visited Northern, and the most exotic place he's visited with Rita was a trip to Paris. He'd like to host a dinner with his paternal grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, and JFK or Jacqueline. Somehow, Bill's still involved with fast pitch softball — as a player, and now a coach. *It's a Wonderful Life* resonates with Bill, as do the Three Stooges, and his safest piece of advice: *What the hell are you doing?*

Ask Tim Dunlop what he'd like for supper, and he'll probably choose a Mexican dish — preferably, tuna ceviche. Tim recommends *Sound of Freedom*, a haunting documentary about child-trafficking, followed by *It's a Mad Mad MadMad World*, and — if that doesn't cheer you up, maybe some reruns of *Leave It to Beaver*. Carlos Santana is Tim's favorite performing musician. The most exotic trip Tim has taken was a motorcycle ride down the Baja Peninsula with old friend Mark Sawyer. The most celebrated people Tim has hobnobbed with are Jack Goodrich, of course, and once up a time, heavyweight Sonny Liston. Best piece of advice? If you're worried you're not as smart as the other guy, come to work earlier. If that doesn't help? Work over your lunch hour. If that's still not enough, then stay a little later than everybody else. Many people don't know that Tim was an accomplished pottery maker, back when he took classes at NIU's School of Art. Tim would like to have dinner with his grandparents and with the Stooges as well, although Shakespeare might fill in if Shemp weren't feeling well.

Bill Minor likes Southern comfort food, shrimp and grits particularly. Top movies are *The Majestic*, *The Martian*, and *Project Hail Mary*. Bill also likes *The Newsroom* — a series formerly on HBO with Jeff Daniels. His favorite musicians: Buddy Holly and Bruce Springsteen. Also, singer Martina McBride. The most exotic places Bill's traveled to are Vietnam (Courtesy of Uncle Sam), and Sydney, Australia, where he walked across a bridge spanning the harbor. Bill would be happy to have dinner with Gordon Waldo, his mentor in graduate school, who provided help at just the right time. Bill enjoys weird fiction — he's an avid and eclectic reader, wishes that he were more musical and more adept at learning other languages. Bill has had 2 ½ near-death experiences, and they, perhaps, have helped to shape his best words of advice: Always take a little less of the credit, and a little more of the blame, than you deserve, Bill says. And with words like that, Shakespeare edges out the Stooges.

Finally tally? Stooges: 3, Shakespeare: 2

Need a ride to Kiwanis?

Several Kiwanis members have volunteered to give a ride to our meetings if needed. (Please give them a couple of day's notice if possible.)

Bob Gilmore 815-764-9010

Kathie Davis 815-751-9085

Bob Hadley 815-739-8869

Bob Hoffman 815-742-3765

Jerry Smith 815-751-6265

Thought for the day

(via Bob Hoffman)

"Give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 9:18)

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

December 3: Board Meeting

December 10: Tom Mataya-Opportunity House

December 17: Steve Lundin-DHS Band

December 24: No meeting

December 31: No meeting

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January 7: Board Meeting

January 14: TBD

January 21: Service Project TBD

January 28: Dan Templin, DeKalb Community Fund

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 27
	Zoom: Jim Spencer
	Guests: N/A
	Outside Speaker: N/A
	Total 28