



LUNCH: Cold cuts (roast beef, ham, turkey), cheeses and breads, pasta salad, potato chips, fruit salad and cookies.

Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney

Invocation: Bob Hoffman

Officers for 2024-2025

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| President | Mike Mooney |
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| District Governor | Kim Groom |

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:

Gary Vander Meer reported that this past Saturday's Breakfast with a Bunny at Hopkins Park went very well: there were no screaming children this year, and though the Bunny overheated, and had to rest for a while, everyone enjoyed themselves. Gary thanked Bob Hadley and Toney Xidis for showing up to help.

Gary also reminded us that May is the month our club members deliver Meals on Wheels. We'll do our best to cover one route here in town on Mondays and Fridays. Ordinarily, we pair up: one person drives, the other navigates; either raps on the door, meal tray in hand. Sign-up sheets are floating around.

Sue Doubler is looking for volunteers to greet visitors at our Kiwanis table at the DeKalb County Expo — Thursday, April 24, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM — held at the NIU Convocation Center. She reminded us, too, that she's recruiting delegates for the upcoming Kiwanis National Convention in Pittsburgh, June 25-28.

Lieutenant Governor Jean Erlenborn introduced Marlene Ceja today, the new Director of Development at Opportunity House in Sycamore. Together, they hope to revive our local Aktion Club; meetings are slated to start again in May.

Tim Dunlop has scheduled a Kiwanis Wine Tasting get-together at the HY-Vee Club Club Room on Derby Day — Saturday, May 5, at 5:00 PM. We're encouraged to bring hor d'oeuvres, pick up a bottle of wine (preferably at Hy-Vee) and tuck it in a paper bag to conceal its label. Sooner or later, after repeated samplings, our judges will decide which one tastes best.

Program

On October 22, 1922, St. Mary's Hospital opened in DeKalb, and the very next day DeKalb Public Hospital opened. Today St. Mary's is deserted but DeKalb Hospital now houses over 60 apartments in Barb City Manor. Local historian Steve Bigolin presented an excellent program of it's history.

Its location on south First Street was originally the farm of Silas Vaughn and his family and a building fund of \$225,000 was acquired including \$20,000 from Joseph Glidden pledged after his death in 1906. Jacob Haish contributed \$400,000 for an expansion that was completed in 1961.

The building closed as a hospital in 1975 and in 1977 it was sold for \$1. The city then authorized building renovations under the guidance of the nine-member, volunteer DeKalb Housing Commission and Barb City Manor opened its doors Feb. 1, 1979, as a retirement home for elderly persons of moderate-to-low income.

Chronicle article: [Barb City Manor in DeKalb celebrates 45 years in 2024](#)
BCM YouTube channel: [Barb City Manor - YouTube](#)

Thought for the day
(offered by Bob Hoffman)

"1 cross and 3 nails can add up to forgiven"

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

April 16: Steve Bigolin-Barb City Manor
April 23: Club Business
April 30: No Meeting (5th Wednesday)
May 7: Board Meeting
May 14: Sean Frazier, NIU Athletic Director
May 21: TBA
May 28: Bill Nicklas

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| | Kish Kiwanians (in person) 30 |
| | Zoom: James Spencer |
| | Guests: Lieutenant Governor Jean Erlenborn Marlene Ceja, Director of Development, Opportunity House Mark Sawyer (on loan from Florida) |
| | Outside Speaker: Steve Bigolin |
| | Total 35 |