



LUNCH: Chicken breast in mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes and cheddar cheese, Caesar's salad, bread, and cookies
Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney **Invocation:** Shadow Gentry

Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
President Elect	Caroline Collins
Vice President	Sue Doubler
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Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
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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:

Bill Minor and his wife have recently moved into Oak Crest, and there will be an estate sale held at his former home on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 AM until 3 PM. That's at 1622 Pickwick here in DeKalb.

Sue Doubler had several brief announcements:

An Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee meeting will be held here at Faranda's on Saturday, June 21, at 8 AM.

Please check your entry in our yearbook to make sure it's up to date. Sue has sent us each a directory online. Now is the time to make any corrections, before it goes to print.

Sycamore will host our next Interclub on Tuesday, July 1, at 6 PM. They'll gather at the Golf Clubhouse at the Sycamore Park, 940 East State Street for a picnic-style supper.

Sue will hold a Membership Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 18, right after our lunchtime session.

She has scheduled a special, short Board Meeting next Wednesday at Faranda's at 11:45. She'd like to have the Board's approval for several proposed donations.

Bill Finucane noted that Biking with Beanie is 31 days away. The Beanie Committee will meet at Yen Ching on Tuesday, June 17 at 6 PM to get ready for our summer bike ride. Bill will be passing around sign-up sheets for Beanie workers next week.

Larry Forsberg announced that Kiwanis is going ahead with plans to try to redraw its district boundaries. One proposal — perhaps the most practical — would link us to Kiwanis clubs in Elgin, Geneva, and St. Charles. Larry thanked our club for keeping the Let's Talk turkey and Freezing for Food campaigns going, now that WLBK has changed its format and no longer carries local news. Finally, Larry reminded us that our upcoming Kiwanis National Convention will be in Pittsburgh this year, June 25-27.

Tim Dunlop pointed out that a number of club members attended the municipal band concert last night. This evening kicks off Music at the Mansion: Flat Cat's the headline act out on the Elwood House lawn. The show starts at 6:30. Tim also presented Toney Xidis with a bag of Mardi Gras carnival masks, rescued by a friend from the Knights of Columbus.

Ken Doubler noted that this summer's District Convention will be held in Davenport, Iowa, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

PROGRAM

John Smith introduced Kirk Lundbeck, who succeeded Dee Palmer as director of the DeKalb Municipal Band in 2012. Our local ensemble — the oldest in

Illinois — has been performing every summer since 1854, yet has only had five directors in its 171-year history.

Before Kirk took the baton, all four previous conductors came from the Palmer family. Kirk remembers his first performance with Dee on July 22, 1969 — just two days after Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. Kirk was 16 — officially, still too young to join the band — but Dee knew how eager he was and how skilled, and Ed Simpson, the lead trombone player was too sick to perform in that year’s Memorial Day parade. Kirk got the music, memorized it overnight, and was ready to play the very next day.

As a young teenager, Kirk frequently caught the bus after school to Dee’s music store in downtown DeKalb. Sometimes, he’d bring his tiny tape recorder to let Dee hear how his playing was improving. Dee Palmer was his mentor and later his boss, when Kirk took a job at the store, and has been with the municipal band, year after year, since he turned 17.

Kirk took on greater responsibilities as Dee, seemingly ageless, became more frail. He shared Dee’s belief that, each week, they should try to put on a show for everybody, and the band’s repertoire reflects that. Kirk added 170 new pieces to a library that now has more than 5000 scores — some that will have to be digitized before the brittle pages crumble away.

Before Dee passed away, Kirk would thank him after every performance. Nowadays, he washes off that statue of Dee by the bandshell at Hopkins Park shortly before the musicians start to arrive. Kirk is understandably proud of the tradition he was inherited, and hopes we’ll all turn out on Tuesday nights.

Thought for the day

“1854 — 2025. . . and the band played on.”
- *Shadow Gentry*

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

June 18: Derek Hiland - State of the County

June 25: Biking with Beanie

July 2: Board Meeting

July 9: Mark Eddington, P.E. Executive Director - Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District (John Smith)

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 31
	Zoom:
	Guests: 3 from our Rockford club, 4 from the Sycamore Kiwanis, Mike Embrey
	Outside Speaker: Kirk Lundbeck
	Total 40