



LUNCH: Beef medallions in gravy with rice, stir-fried vegetables, Italian bread, cake

Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney

Invocation: Jack Goodrich

Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
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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:

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. She'll need to know who plans to attend by next Wednesday.

Bill Finucane noted that Biking with Beanzie is now just 24 days away. The next planning committee meeting will convene at the Junction on Thursday, July 3, at 5:30 PM.

Next week, Bill and Toney Xidis will present our program — highlighting routes, pointing out various tasks we must attend to before the ride. This year, we'll prepare signs for bikers after a regular Wednesday club meeting. Sign-up sheets for Beanzie workers are being passed around.

Bob Hoffman reminded us that a Membership Committee meeting will follow today's talk.

Jerry Wahlstrom thanked volunteers for helping out at the Fun Jam in the Park last night. A group from the Chicago suburbs showed up with various exotic reptiles and a good-sized tortoise, which captivated a crowd of kids. Unfortunately, though, Steve Cichy was swallowed whole by a Burmese python, and may not be heard from again.

Our next chance to volunteer comes on Tuesday, July 8th, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. Jerry encourages newcomers to participate.

PROGRAM

Jerry Smith introduced Derek Hiland, Interim County Administrator, who has worked in public administration for the City of DeKalb and now DeKalb County for more than twenty years. Derek grew up in Ottawa, Illinois, earned his degree in meteorology at WIU, and previously served communities in Iowa and Macomb.

Derek started in the Planning Department for the City of DeKalb, and later took charge of economic development for the county. He has been the chief planner, and the interim administrator since Brian Gregory stepped down last year.

Derek sees good days ahead for DeKalb County. At tonight's meeting, he expects the County Board to approve the appointment of Corey Rheinecker as his replacement. Rheinecker's expected to succeed him in August.

Derek spoke about his efforts to implement the One County Initiative — a wide-ranging project meant to improve access, efficiency, and local services to county residents, developers, and visitors.

He has tried to be an ally to all while promoting fiscal responsibility and holding the line on taxes. County government is organized into 26 departments. Derek spoke about the ongoing work in several of these:

- The Treasurer’s Oce has implemented an online payment and review system that’s cutting waiting times at the Sycamore center significantly.
- The Health Department has (so far) received about \$700,000 more from the federal government as a result of several court rulings against opioid manufacturers. They’ve created a new sharps disposal drop off site and a community lab-draw program, where county residents.
- The DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center is in much better shape now than it was a year ago. At one, with a declining census — due, at least partly, to fears about COVID — the Center was costing taxpayers about \$200,000 per month. That gure has been cut in half. A year ago, the short-staed Center had to pay high-priced nursing agencies to provide adequate care. The nursing home has a full staff now, and no need to hire extra help. A number of outside services have been rebid as well, resulting in additional savings. When Derek first took the job, laundry services, for instance, cost the county about \$6,000 per week.
- The County Engineer provided Derek with a long list of roadway improvements, scheduled for the next ve years. Plans to widen the Peace Road bridge, put a roundabout on Plank Road, and reduce hard curves on that twisty highway aim to make those routes more safe.
- There’s a new bike path being paved down Barber-Greene Road, connecting Cortland to big shopping centers.
- Altogether, about 47 miles of county roads are slated to be repaved this summer.

Finally, Derek fielded some questions about wind and solar energy farms sprouting up across the county. The state legislature has limited the county’s authority to restrict these projects.

Thought for the day
(via Bob Hoffman)

“The windshield is bigger than the rearview mirror because what’s ahead of you is much more important than what’s behind you.” —Jelly Roll.

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

June 25: Biking with Beanzie

July 2: Board Meeting

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

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 26
	Zoom: Jim Spencer and Misty Haji-Sheikh
	Guests: Jean Erlenborn, Lieutenant Governor
	Outside Speaker: Derek Hiland, Interim County Administrator
	Total 30