



BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH: Scrambled eggs, fruit, bacon, sausages, french toast, sweet rolls.

Today's Meeting: Led by Mike Mooney

Invocation: Shadow Gentry

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:

We heard from Haber Scholarship recipient Nathalie Dominguez accompanied by Citalally Yolet Reyes (from Columbia).

Meals on Wheels for September is in the sign up stage and Gary Vandermeer is passing around the sign up sheet.

Al Mueller is hawking boxes of peanuts for this year's Peanut Day.

Make sure you record your hours for Beanzie. The hours signup is in circulation.

We had a potential new member as a guest today, Bill Pitney, a newly retired NIU College of Education staffer. Toney Xidis will be his sponsor if we haven't scared him off.

Program:

Our speaker today was Cortland Mayor Mark Pietrowski. Before becoming Cortland Mayor in 2021, Mark was a member of the DeKalb County Board from 2012 until 2020 and was chair for the last 6 years, and before that he was on the Kishwaukee College board of trustees beginning in 2009.

As DeKalb County Board Chair, the first "curve ball" that Mark faced was the Fairdale tornado, and touring the area of devastation made a deep impact on him. During his tenure the new jail was built and the Sycamore Forest Preserve (former Evergreen Trailer Park) was created.

After 8 years on the County Board, Mark decided it was time to try something new and with the Cortland Mayor retiring, he joined the race and won a three-way race with 54% of the vote, then was re-elected with 61%. Mark noted that Cortland is the most affluent town in the county, but because of its small size he does not have the luxury of a city manager. However, the list of projects that have been completed under his leadership is impressive; a splashpad at Suppeland Park, a fishing pond near the new elementary school (suggested by a young boy), and the creation of a bike pathway from Peace road to the city.

The housing market in Cortland is strong with plenty of lots available and the town is patrolled by a larger police force. At 4,700 residents currently, Mark expects that the next census will put Cortland over 5,000 which will require the city to address pensions for the police force.

Mark did not commit to saying how long he intends to stay mayor, but is not against continuing for the future, but he always intends to look for ways to help serve the public.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK (5TH WEDNESDAY)
HOWEVER, COMMITTEES WILL MEET IF THE CHAIR HAS ANNOUNCED A MEETING.

Thought for the day
(via Bob Hoffman)

“The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream.”
-Bill Murray

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

July 30th: (5th Wednesday) Committee meetings and reports

August 6: Board Meeting

August 13: Bill F. and TD Ryan - Freezing for Food

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 28
	Zoom: Jim Spencer, Misty Haji-Shiekh , Virginia Naples
	Guests: Bill Pitney, Nathalie Dominguez, Citalally Yoletth Reyes
	Outside Speaker: Cortland Mayor Mark Pietrowski
	Total 31