



# Kiwaniis®

## KISHWAUKEE DEKALB

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**LUNCH:** Beans and wieners, pasta salad, cookies  
**Today's Meeting:** Led by Mike Mooney **Invocation:** Jack Goodrich

### Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
President Elect	Caroline Collins
Vice President	Sue Doubler
Treasurer	Jack Goodrich
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Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Imm Past President	Bob Hoffman
Lt. Governor	Jean Erlenborn
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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 listed a number of upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Meals on Wheels continues through September
- Let's Talk Turkey and Freezing for Food promotional dates
  - Sept. 21 at Hy-Vee
  - Sept. 28 at Van Buren Plaza
  - Dec. 5 at Hy-Vee

See Gary for exact times, but they begin at 11 a.m.

Bill Finucane announced that the City of DeKalb would like to assemble a task force to plan events for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The first meeting will be held at the Egyptian Theater on Thursday, September 11, at 4PM. Jerry Smith volunteered to be our representative.

Steve Cichy reminds everyone that the Finance Committee will be meeting at his home at noon on Tuesday, September 23.

## Program:

We were visited by two representatives from Northwestern Medicine/Kishwaukee Hospital, Mike Kokott, VP of Operations, and Marckie Hayes, Senior Staff Program Director.

Mike moved to DeKalb when he was 6 years old, and is a DHS and NIU graduate. Mike started at kish hospital as an orderly (who does what nobody else wants to) in 1975. Mike currently has responsibilities over Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee and Valley West Hospitals, including Radiology, Lab, Rehabilitative Services, Behavioral Health, Cardiopulmonary Care, Facilities, Food and Nutrition, Pharmacy, Environmental Services, Wellness Center, Admitting. Expert in originating/developing nouveau service lines, including regulatory/billing/compliance, legal, financial, and operational (LinkedIn profile).

One of the challenges of a modern hospital is managing available beds based on what type of care is needed. Currently the hospital has almost 100 beds, but they are converting 10 beds to meet current demand. The Emergency Department (ED) can have as many as 20 patients and this handled because of recent upgrades.

NM/KCH is involved with the community and supports the DeKalb Community Garden.



Marckie highlighted the awards the system has won (too many to list here, the PP slide program is available in a link), but he is especially proud of the Magnet Award in 2020.

**Thought for the day**

(via Bob Hoffman)

“A single act of kindness can ripple through the world.”

-Channeling Aesop?

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

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September 24: (Elvera Room) OFFICER INDUCTION

October 1: Board Meeting

October 8: Steve Lundin, DHS band trip to Prague

October 15: TBD

October 22: David Graham, NIU piano technician

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 30
	Zoom: Virginia Naples, Misty Haji-Shiekh, Jim Spencer
	Guests: Jack Scott, Jean Erlenborn, Lt Gov from Sycamore Club
	Outside Speaker: Mike Kokott, Marckie Hayes from NM/KCH
	<b>Total 37</b>