



LUNCH: Flour tortillas with pulled pork, blacks beans, rice, tomatoes and jalapenos; chips and salsa, cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by Sue Doubler **Invocation:** Jerry Smith

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
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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 Wednesday at
4:30 p.m. in HSC 506
(usually 1st and 3rd
Wednesday)

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 announced that our meetings won't be carried on Zoom anymore — at least not for a while, anyway. Her license to broadcast our Wednesday sessions has expired.

Toney Xidis will be holding a Beanzie meeting here at Faranda's today after lunch,

Bill Finucane updated us on the ongoing success of November's Freezing for Food marathon. The Salvation Army is still distributing goods that were collected months ago, though the last boxes of macaroni and cheese are finally gone.

Joe Gastiger announced that the next round of classes sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Community begin next Tuesday and Wednesday at Oak Crest. You'll find the full list of programs and instructions about how to register at <https://www.lilcdekab.org/>.

Joe also noted a Pop Box today: Dick Downen and his wife Peggy were featured on the front page of Wednesday's Daily Chronicle. They were photographed at their polling station, voting in Tuesday's primary.

PROGRAM

Jim Barker introduced DeKalb County Sheriff Andy Sullivan — a lifelong resident, who's spent thirty years as a law enforcement officer, and has developed strong relationships with county and city officials and local social service agencies.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office operates as a full-service public safety institution whose responsibilities extend far beyond the popular image of patrol cars and arrests. The department provides countywide law enforcement coverage — especially in rural areas and unincorporated communities — responding to emergency calls, traffic incidents, accidents, and weather-related hazards. Deputies patrol hundreds of miles of roadway, and assist municipal police departments when needed. They are both primary responders and a crucial backup force for towns in DeKalb County.

The Sheriff's office manages the county jail and takes charge of the custody, safety, and transport of detainees, ensuring that individuals move securely between arrest, court appearances, and, when necessary, transfer to other jails. Deputies serve as "officers of the court," providing courthouse security, serving subpoenas and civil papers, executing warrants, and enforcing court orders. In this sense, the sheriff's department forms a vital bridge between policing and the judiciary, carrying out the practical work that allows legal decisions to be carried out.

Taken together, the sheriff's department in DeKalb County represents a multifaceted institution whose daily work spans emergency response, corrections, judicial support, and community engagement.

Sheriff Sullivan highlighted the work of his office's Communications Center, which serves as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), and handles calls for help 7 days a week, 24 hours per

day. Apart from dispatching officers to catch criminals and solve crimes, the PSAP provides referrals to 22 different agencies: it's a very busy headquarters.

Domestic violence calls are the most volatile and often the most dangerous. For the past five years, the department has had co-responder social workers on staff who accompany deputies on mental health calls.

Sheriff Sullivan encourages those who are interested to enroll in the Citizens' Police Academy. The program is free, and meets for ten consecutive sessions on Thursday nights. Each session runs for a couple of hours. The Academy was formed to give citizens a realistic view of the Criminal Justice System, and gives the Sheriff's Staff the opportunity to interact with the public in a very positive way. Applications for the program are taken in November.

One of the toughest problems the sheriff has is trying to hire and keep enough officers. This is a nationwide problem: fewer and fewer young people want to be police officers these days. At one time, the Sheriff's Department might expect 200 candidates whenever they hope to hire somebody; now, though, they seldom receive more than 25.

Need a ride to Kiwanis?

Several Kiwanis members have volunteered to give a ride to our meetings if needed.

(Please give them a couple of day's notice if possible.)

Bob Gilmore 815-764-9010

Kathie Davis 815-751-9085

Bob Hadley 815-739-8869

Bob Hoffman 815-742-3765

Jerry Smith 815-751-6265

Thought for the day

(via Bob Hoffman, presented by Shadow Gentry)

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

-Abraham Lincoln

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

2026

March 25: DHS Key Club

April 1: Board Meeting

April 8: D428 Supt. Billy Hueramo

April 15: Michelle Groeper, TAILS

April 22: Club Business: The future of Beanzie

April 29: Committee Meetings (if scheduled)

May 6: Board Meeting

May 13: Clergy appreciation day

May 20: Denise Moran, Sycamore Hospital/Letitia Westgate

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 26
	Zoom: N/A
	Guests:
	Outside Speaker: DeKalb County Sheriff Andy Sullivan
	Total 27