



Kiwaniis®

KISHWAUKEE DEKALB

Volume LV, Number 27

June 24, 2026 Editor, Susan Doubler

<http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

LUNCH: Shrimp Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies
Invocation: Bob Hoffman

Today's Meeting: led by Caroline Collins

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
President Elect	Susan Doubler
Vice President	
Treasurer	Bob Hoffman
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Imm Past Pres	Mike Mooney
Lt. Governor	Jean Erlenborn
District Governor	Mary Zeronas

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

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 those virtues as we serve the children of the world.



Peanut Day: Meeting today after the regular meeting.

Division 14, last annual picnic ever: Picnic is Tuesday, July 7th, 6:00 pm, at Sycamore Park back at the shelter by the old softball fields. Sign up is going around today and next Wednesday. If you are not going to be at next weeks meeting and want to attend the picnic let Sue Doubler know. The \$10.00/person cost will be covered by the club from the Interclub budget. This will be the last Div 14 picnic as we are merging with Div 10 on Oct 1st.

Sycamore Kiwanis 75th Anniversary: Sycamore Kiwanis will be celebrating their 75th year of service on Friday, July 17th, 5:30 pm at Sycamore St Mary's Parish Hall. Individual invites are going out (I've received ours today at home) to each member at their home address. If you don't get one let me know asap & I'll contact Sycamore. Cost is \$50.00/person to attend.

DECON: District Convention takes place July 31 – August 2, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield IL. Our club is allowed 3 delegates for voting at the business meeting on Saturday. Let Ken Doubler know if you are interested in being a delegate.

Biking With Beanie: Event is Sunday, July 12th. Sign up sheets are going around, or contact Toney Xidis, for work to be done at the event. This is an important fundraiser for the club and we need everyone to work doing something. Options are set up, registration, SAG, rest stops, America 250 events, etc.

4th Quarter Dues: Dues invoices are going out. Please pay promptly so bills can be paid through the end of the year.

America 250: Per Ellingsworth Webb celebrations will be held at the courthouse in Sycamore on Wednesday, July 8th, beginning at 3:00 pm. There will be free hot dogs, chips and water, an air shows overhead and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. There will also be a number of performances and activities for the kids.

★★★★PROGRAM★★★★

Today's program was a series of poetry readings by John Bradley and our own Joe Gastiger. Per Joe the responsibility of the poet is to write poems that speak on behalf of the forgotten, erased, or disenfranchised people in our world. John and Joe read several poems each that they had written which illustrated these concepts.

"On Hearing a Recording of the Voice of Walt Whitman" was read by John. It's about hearing a scratchy voice on an original wax cylinder of Walt Whitmans voice, believed

to be recorded by Thomas Edison. John also read poems based on historic events. He also read poems about a lynching in Duluth MN, teleporting to a Waffle House in Rome GA, Mary Todd Lincoln & the spirits of her son and husband, Billy the Kid playing croquet, going to Mecca, and The Queen of Outer Space.

Joe’s list included poems about Invocations for the New Year, Half an Hour before the war (Hiroshima before the bomb went off), All Clear about re-booting and erasing all those piled up thoughts in your head, what happened when the Taliban took over in Afghanistan and how the world ends for women there, loved ones in hospice, and on a much lighter note The Octopus and all their quirks. Did you know an Octopus could look like a rock or coral, go through an opening as small as their beak and open jars from the inside. Fascinating creatures.

Thank you John and Joe for such a thoughtful program.

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

- July 1st Board Meeting
- July 8th Cricket!, Jim Barker
- July 15th Maurice McDavid, Mitchell Elementary School principal
- July 22nd Adam Van Boekel, Crowbotics
- July 29th 5TH WEDNESDAY, NO MEETING, there may be committee meetings.
- Aug 5th Board Meeting
- Aug 12th Steve Braser, Sycamore Mayor

Today’s Attendance:

27	Kish Kiwanians (in person)
0	K-Family
1	Other Guests: Jonathan Crail
1	Outside Speaker: John Bradley
	Total

Have a closing thought for the day? Submit it to Bob Hoffman.
“You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream”

Serving the Children of the World

