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KISHWAUKEE DEKALB

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LUNCH: Boxed lunches; sandwich, fruit salad, chips, cookie
Today's Meeting: Led by Caroline Collins **Invocation:** Jack Goodrich

Officers for 2025-2026

President	Caroline Collins
President Elect	Sue Doubler
Vice President	
Treasurer	Bob Hoffman
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Imm Past President	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 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

Jerry Smith announced that the prayer breakfast was a success, but we will need a new chair for next year.

Jerry Wahlstrom passed around the signup sheet for our shifts at the Feed My Starving Children packing project, hosted at Suter's on Bethany Road. Dates are Thursday, November 12, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, and Saturday, November 14, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. We may want to go out to eat together after our Saturday afternoon.

Gary Vander Meer thanked all involved in delivering Meals on Wheels in September. He also announced that Peanut Day gross is over \$6,000!

Toney will hold a Mardi Gras meeting October 7th at 1 p.m. at Faranda's.

Dill Finucane reported that the September 28th VAC Golf Outing was bathed in sunshine and good times.

INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS Presided over by Sue Doubler

President: Sue Doubler
President Elects: Shadow Gentry & Jim Barker
Treasurer: Bob Hoffman
Asst. Treasurer: Al Mueller
Secretary: Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary: Jerry Wahlstrom
Immed. Past President: Caroline Collins
Board of Directors: (2026) Bill Cummings, Kathi Davis, Tim Duez
(2027) Jerry Smith, Bob Higgerson, Ellingsworth Webb, Bob Hadley
Outgoing Board: Shadow Gentry, Jim Barker, Gary Vander Meer, John Rey
Administrator (2 years): Gary Vander Meer
Lt. Governor: Jamie Saan
District Governor: Tracy Armstrong Fyffe

PROGRAM

Our speaker today was Chrissy Tiuczek, Superintendent of Recreation for the DeKalb Park District. A resident of the area since 2009. Previously worked for NIU recreation and athletics and in 2001 moved to DPD.

Our group was the first rental for the building, but we were in the lower level as the upper level (our old meeting place) is still under construction.

The big project of course, was the new pool that opened last month. It was important to get it open so the Illinois Department of Public Health could certify it, and it served over 8,500 people during the short period it was open.

DPD creates programs from birth to end of life. One of the new programs is the “out and About” trips for adults. Some are scheduled performances of the Joffrey Ballet’s Nutcracker, and others include mystery lunch trips; you don’t know where you’re going, but you won’t be disappointed. Other upcoming programs include Breakfast with Santa, and Breakfast with the Bunny for Easter, and several Kiwanians have been involved.

The DPD provides a comprehensive range of programs and you can peruse their complete listing on their website. [DeKalb Park District](#)

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

Courtesy of Google Random Thought of the Day search

“At one point in your life, you were exactly pi years old.”
- *Who cares*

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

Sept 23: **No meeting due to Faranda’s unavailability**

Sept 30: Officer installation. OFF SITE! at Park District Community Room (our old meeting place)

Oct 7: Board Meeting

Oct 14: Horizon League Video

Oct 21: TBD

Oct 28: Tom Mataya, OH Open House

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 22
	Guests: Mary Seymour, Joel Mulder (outgoing Div. 10 Lt Gov.), Jamie Saan (incoming Lt. Gov.) Ashley Giebelhausen (4C Director), Rick Burchell (VAC Director)
	Outside Speakers: Chrissy Tiuczek, Superintendent of Recreation, DPD
	Total 28