

FRIDAY NOON MEETINGS CASCADES MANOR HOUSE



From the desk of  
President Chandra

Don't forget that the newspaper sale is on December 16th. The newspaper sale is an important tool to get information about Kiwanis out into the community and collect funds for our Shoes and Boots program.

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I hope the upcoming holidays bring you peace, happiness and a chance to visit with family and friends. December is a busy month for our family with Orion, my oldest, turning 11 this year. Many of you probably remember him coming to Kiwanis meetings as a tiny baby.

We have many great events coming up this month starting with our second annual Christmas Party at Nate's house this year on December 2nd.

The following week (December 9th) is our annual Kiwanis Skit. It will be my first time participating in such a time honored tradition. The Salvation Army will be on hand with their red kettle collecting donations. Let's show them the generosity of Kiwanians.

I have to admit that the start of my Kiwanis presidency has been a bit rockier than I had intended between having an unexplained recurrent illness, sick children and a funeral all in the past two months. I must thank our officers and board members for stepping up and handling our club during my prolonged absence, especially Chad, Mike, Joe and Nate.

Thinking forward, my current intention is to start our website redesign over Christmas break and start on our community analysis in earnest in January with the start of the new calendar year. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in either venture.

Happy Holidays,  
Chandra

P.S. If you get a chance, please stop by and admire the beautiful garlands and lights at Kiwanis Park.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, December 2 -  
2nd Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec 7 -  
Zoom Board Meeting

Friday, December 9 -  
Skit & Salvation Army

Friday, December 16  
Newspaper Sale!

Wednesday, December 21  
Zoom Board Meeting

Friday, December 23 -  
NO MEETING

Sunday, December 25 -  
**Merry Christmas!**

Friday, December 30  
NO MEETING

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## Kiwanis Christmas Party



There is an open house on Friday, December 2nd at Nate Mahan's house, 1751 Probert Road, Jackson, MI 49203 from 6pm to 9pm. Kiwanians, family and friends are welcome. Please let Nate know you are coming 262-4634. Food, beverages, fellowship and fun provided as well a valet parking!

## Kiwanis Skit Day, Friday, December 9th

The Mighty Kiwanis Art Players will present their version of Ghostbusters for the annual kick-off of the Newspaper Sale. This is a great meeting to bring spouses and friends. Arrive early to get a prime seat. Also, bring a little extra money for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle. They give up bell ringing at our Newspaper Sale locations and the club, in turn, donates \$2,000 to the Red Kettle. Last year members contributed an additional \$1,000. Let's do it again!

## Newspaper Sale, Friday, December 16th

Our 104th annual newspaper sale will be on Friday, December 16th and assignments have been made, so please keep your commitment. The newspapers, bags, and vest will be at the Cascades Manor House at 9:30am on 12/16 in the East Wing (small room near the parking lot). Free lunch will be available from 11:30am to 2pm (Little Caesars Pizza). While it may be cold on the outside, think about the 400 kids (800 feet) you will warm by working the newspaper sale!

## The Red Kettle and Kiwanis

In the 1960's, Captain Ted Dalberg of the Salvation Army joined our Kiwanis club. Captain Dalberg worked on a lot of our Kiwanis projects because he believed in helping his Jackson neighbors. In those days, our newspaper sale was mostly on the city streets as that was the major shopping area. On Kiwanis newspaper day, Captain Dalberg would not have his bellringers work. Kiwanians, on the other hand, would volunteer to be bell ringers as a fair trade of services. Our relationship with the Salvation Army is indeed long-standing. As our newspaper sale expanded to other shopping areas (Walmart, Sam's Club, Jackson Crossing, etc.), the Salvation Army has kept their end of the deal by not scheduling bell ringers at those locations. We have almost 20 spots open for bell ringing and to keep the spirit of Christmas alive and help our partnership with the Salvation Army, please consider ringing bells. The Salvation Army helps thousands of Jackson families each year and the Red Kettle is their major source of income.

Joe Wolfe  
517-740-3008

## Christmas at Kiwanis Park

Take a drive by Kiwanis Park and see the beautiful holiday decorations. Kiwanis members, along with People for the Parks, added multi-colored lights to the entrance of the park and last Saturday, Kiwanis volunteers hung the garland and bows to complete the project! Thank you to Chandra Howard, Dave Mahon, Barb Pauli, Sally Wingle, Reg Fennell, Mike & Carol Z, Llinda Hayes, and friend, Gail Vaughn, for helping to create a festive vibe for our beautiful park.





## Snow Days



With Winter approaching, please be on the lookout for Jackson Public Schools "snow days". If JPS schools are called off on a Friday due to snow, there will NOT be a Kiwanis meeting as the Cascades Manor House will also be closed. Listen to local news stations for the latest school closing notices.

## Chili Golf

The next Chili Golf meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 3 PM at 414 N Jackson St. All members are welcome! Bob will have a signup sheet for the event after the holidays.

## Aktion Club

The Aktion Club has started meeting in October with 13 members registered. In October, they put together 12 boxes for the Samaritan's Christmas Children boxes. They also made Christmas decorations and decorated the tree at the Michigan Theatre. Four tie blankets were made and will be donated to various places in the community. As in past years, members also enjoyed helping at the Halloween event at Kiwanis Park.



## Gourmet Nuts



**Gourmet Nuts are available for \$25/can and make an amazing holiday gift! Contact Linda Hayes @ 517.4747024 to purchase.**

## LEGO CLUB



LEGO Club will be starting in January. If you have any LEGOS to donate, please bring them to a Friday meeting after the holidays. Mike Z.



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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

December 13  
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December 15 - Caroline Brown

December 20 - Scott Timms



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