



FRIDAY NOON MEETINGS-CASCADES MANOR HOUSE



## Kiwanis Club of Jackson

Serving the Children of the World Since 1918



Happy New Year!!

I wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous 2023. Our club has truly been prosperous this past year and I can't wait to see what the next 12 months bring. December was truly a remarkable month. We were out in the community for our annual newspaper sale and the sale is on track to be one of our best newspaper fundraisers recent history. A huge thank you needs to go out to Jane Flores for getting the local media down to Jackson Crossing during the newspaper sale. You can read the article at:

<https://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/2022/12/100-year-old-world-war-ii-vet-among-those-helping-raise-money-for-children-in-need.html>

Now that the winter holiday season has passed, it is time to look forward to one of our favorite upcoming fundraisers: Chili Golf. Bob Johnson has his work cut out for him this year to win his friendly competition with Joe Wolfe over which winter fundraiser is going to bring in the most funds. No matter which one wins this year, the ultimate winner is the children of Jackson from our continued support.

Something that was suggested to me is that we recognize a volunteer each month for the hard work that they do for the club. If you have any nominations for the volunteer of the month, please let me know.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings in January.

### JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1

*Happy New Year*

Wednesday, January 4 -  
ZOOM Board Meeting

Friday, January 6 - Jackie  
Wickham - Youth  
Protection

Friday, January 13 - Monica  
Moser - Jackson  
Community Foundation

Wednesday, January 18  
Z Board Meeting

Friday, January 20 -  
Chandra Howard -  
Interview

Friday, January 27 - Ethan  
Smith - Civil War

**Saturday, January 28**  
**CHILI GOLF FUNDRAISER**

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## 104th Newspaper Sale Results

Right now (12/26) we stand at \$13,180 from the newspaper sale! We had 64 of our 79 members participate in some way! In the past two years we could only sell by mail as merchants were not comfortable having us on their premises due to COVID. Consequently, we were bringing in a little over \$9,000. The street sale made all the difference! Thanks, so much, to all who helped and 2023 will be a banner year for our shoes and boots program!

## Annual Christmas Open House

A special thanks to Nate and Katie Mahan for hosting the annual Christmas Open House along with Joe and Judy Wolfe on December 2nd. A record 60 people attended and enjoyed the warmth of the Mahan house, enjoyed food prepared by the Cascades Manor House, and best of all enjoyed the company of fellow Kiwanians and guests. Valet parking was provided by two Lumen Christi students. Less than 12 months before the next one!

## Salvation Army Red Kettle

Thanks to all who contributed to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle at the annual skit on December 9th. The club donated \$2,000 and those in attendance added another \$1,114 for a total of \$3,114 – best ever!!!!

## Ghostbusters!

The cast of “Ghostbusters”, our annual skit presented on December 9th, want to thank the audience for their participation – we heard hisses, boos, and a lot of laughter – and when asked. “Who you gonna call?” “Ghostbusters” was the unanimous response. We hope you had as much fun as we did and plans are in the works for another stellar Mighty Kiwanis Art Players production in 2023!





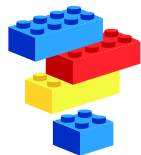


**Greg O'Connor**

There are not adequate words to express our thanks to all of you for your prayers, support and generosity to the kidney donor fund. Greg came through the kidney transplant surgery and is home recovering nicely. He walks in the house 45 minutes to an hour most days and taking his meds as prescribed. He reports to nearly feeling "normal."

There are lots of follow-up visits and trips to Ann Arbor but he is setting his sights on returning to work by February 1st. Thank you, again, for everything and keep the prayers coming. God Bless. Therese

## LEGO CLUB



The LEGO Club will be starting in January at the Montesorri School. If you have any LEGOS you would like to donate, please bring them to a Friday meeting. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with LEGO Club, please let Mike Z know.

## Gourmet Nut Sale



Our Kiwanis Club has been selling Gourmet Nuts at the Jackson Crossing. Thank you Beth, Mary Lou, Barb, and George for volunteering. Nuts are still available at Friday meetings or Contact Linda Hayes @ 517.474.7024 to purchase.



## Chili Golf

The Chili Golf Committee is busy getting sponsors and finishing up plans for the event taking place on Saturday, January 28th. If you would like to volunteer at the event, Bob will have a signup sheet available at the Friday meetings. The next Chili Golf Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9th at 3 pm at Bob's office.

## Roster Updates/Changes

It's time to get our roster booklets reprinted. Anyone who has any changes/updates from last year's booklet, please let me know by January 20th (address changes, work changes, cell phone numbers, email addresses, etc.). I would especially like to hear from the Northwest Club members who will now be added to our booklet as Jackson Kiwanis members. The format is as follows: Your name and spouses name, work title and company (or if retired, from what company), preferred mailing address, cell phone number, email address.

Thanks, Joe Wolfe: joewolfe1948@gmail.com  
517-740-3008

## KIWANIS CLUB OF JACKSON

### *Member Highlight*

Beth Philo

Thank you for your hard work.  
You are an Inspiration.

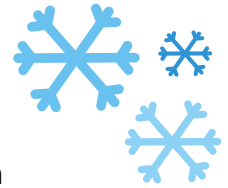
Beth Philo is the consummate Kiwanian! Anything to do with kids and she's all over it! She joined our Kiwanis Club in 2009 and listed her occupation as a "Storyteller". Her work with Kiwanis and kids, however, is the best story to be told. If you know Beth, you know she is a "take charge" person – not in a forceful way but in a kind and serviceable way. Her style of leadership is service first – she would never ask anyone to do anything that she would not help with at the same time.

Beth has been active with the Girl Scouts, the Aware Shelter, the Red Cross, and many other charitable causes and always in a leadership role of service. She spent several years on our Kiwanis Board and in 2014-2015 was our distinguished club president. In 2018 our Jackson Club turned 100 years old and it was Beth and her committee who organized a massive gala along with 100 years of Kiwanis memorabilia and a beautifully published history booklet telling the story of our beginnings to present. She has sponsored several new members, one of which, is her husband, Jim. And now Jim and Beth chair the flag project, our club's largest fundraiser.

Beth has worked on every Kiwanis project, and just in the month of December rang bells seven times for the Salvation Army, sold nuts at the Jackson Crossing, ushered at the Michigan Theatre, sold Kiwanis newspapers, and replaced all our name badges. The club honored Beth with a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award for her service and leadership. The next time you see Beth, please say "thank you" for all she has done – and if Beth should ask something of you, please do it because if you don't she will!



## Snow Days



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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.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/8 - Mike McDevitt  
1/13 – Bob Johnson  
1/15 – George Gancsos  
1/17 – Dave Ray  
1/18– Reg Fennell  
1/23 – Dick Erhardt  
1/27 – Jim Touse  
1/31 – Joe Wolfe



## Jackson Kiwanis SLPS

