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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

With the recent pause instituted by the health department, our weekly meetings are on hold at least through December 4th. But this has not stopped the club from still moving forward. Joe Wolf and his team are working on the newspaper sale for the Shoes and Boots project. Even though we will not be standing on cold street corners peddling the paper, they came up with a way to continue this fund raiser. You should have received a letter in the mail requesting a donation for this project. The need is still there and if you can donate, please send it to Joe. The plan is still to distribute the vouchers through Jackson Public Schools, but we may need to be open to looking at other ways to get these into the community, especially with the uncertainty of virtual or in person learning. Barbara Baird-Pauli has stepped up to lead this effort. Don't be afraid to reach out to her with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

Another change just for this year is the mighty Kiwanis Art Players had to shut down its production. Does this break my heart, yes and no. The fun and comradery of this day will be missed. For me it was also a great way to start the Christmas season. From the aspect of having to be part of this production, I may miss it a little but do not plan on dwelling on it. I've only been on stage once and that was in high school for the play 'Meet Me in St Loui's'. After that experience I knew being an actor wasn't in my wheelhouse.

During our Kiwanis production, the Salvation Army would pass around the Red Kettle. In addition to the club's \$2,000 donation, which we will be making again this year, they would usually pickup another \$2,000 from the attendees. With the Salvation Army unable to have bell ringers this year at many locations, any help that you can provide would be appreciated. If you would like to donate to the Salvation Army you can send it to Joe, so the club gets some recognition. You can also send a donation directly to the Salvation Army or set up virtual Red Kettle. See their web site for details.

Chili Golf is still moving forward. The committee has put together a way to make this work with minimal club participation and personal interaction. As stated last month, food will not be served. It will provide a way for people to have some outdoor winter fun.

Between the club and Kiwanis of Jackson Foundation, a pledge of \$40,000 has been made to the YMCA capital campaign. This was also part of the Consumers Energy Foundation match, so the total is \$80,000. The donation is spread over four years. This fits nicely with our focus on kids as the Y has many programs that benefit kids and should be able to continue and add more with a new facility. The club has committed \$5,000 for this year.

Each year the club will look at this when the budget is built along with the other organizations that we support, and hopefully be able to continue to support this. The Foundation does have the ability to cover this should circumstances change.

This year has placed many challenges in front of us but has not stopped us from continuing to support our community in sometimes new and different ways. As we start the Christmas season let's not lose focus on what we can do together to make the lives of kids better in some small way. During this Christmas season remember what the season is about. Please stay safe and healthy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you, your families and loved ones.

Jim Philo

Kiwanis Newspaper Sale

Thank you, fellow members,

I am so touched by the generosity of our members. As of this writing, 28 of our members have donated over \$3,500 to our Newspaper Sale and I am hoping we will get that much again from the general mailing which has not yet gone out. I thought we would be lucky to hit \$5,000 this year but now I'm seeing \$7,000 or higher and without one paper being sold on the street! Our Jackson club is truly is the greatest service club in the world! Peace and joy and blessings to all!
Joe Wolfe

Salvation Army Donations

The Club has approved a \$2,000 donation to the Salvation Army and we usually present this during our Skit and ask members to bring personal donations to the Salvation Army that day as well. With no Skit this year, we cannot turn a blind eye to the wonderful work the Salvation Army does and because they cannot be out in the community ringing bells, their need is greater than ever. I would ask members to make checks payable to The Salvation Army and mail them to me: Joe Wolfe, P O Box 805, Jackson, MI 49204. I will deliver the club's check and your check around the 20th of December. Thanks for supporting our long-time Kiwanis partnership with the Army. Joe Wolfe

Fall & Winter Fundraisers

Candles

Thank you so much to everyone that ordered candles this year. The order has been received by Middle David Candle Company and will be delivered to my home the week of Nov 30th! I will have them for you at the December 11th Kiwanis Meeting (providing everything is running smoothly). Thank you once again for supporting Kiwanis with this fundraiser!

Merry Christmas and A Very Happy and Safe New Year to Everyone!!!
Mary Lou

Nuts & Candy

Nuts and Candy are available for pickup or delivery. (\$25/each) To order, contact Mike Zuchowski at mike.alphadesign@gmail.com or (517) 795-4097.

Chili Golf

Bob Johnson and the Chili Golf Committee are in the process of deciding if they are going forward with chili golf this year. They want to make sure the event will be safe for everyone involved. More information TBA this month.

Kiwanis Flags

A big thank you to all the members, the Aktion Club, Knights of Columbus, and spouses for helping to make this project a success again this year. There were 1182 flags placed this year for the holidays. Overall, there were very few glitches. The only real issue was the flags that were left up after Veteran's Day that went through the windstorm. There was some damage but not an overwhelming amount.

This project raised a little over \$48,000 including about \$2,500 in donations and was able to go forward even with the pandemic. Two customers with a total of 35 flags did not renew this year. We are hoping to see them back next year which should put us back over 1200 flags. As you may know, the price was raised to \$40 per flag and this did not impact our number of flags in any way. We will also continue with leaving the flags up from Memorial Day through Flag Day as we got positive feedback from this.

In addition, with some members not renewing their club membership, there are two routes where we need a member to step up to help on each of these routes. If interested contact either Beth or me. Again, a big thank you as this would not be possible without your help and dedication.

Flag Project Chairs - Jim & Beth Philo

Club and Foundation Team Up for \$40,000 Contribution to

The Jackson YMCA Capital Campaign

At a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Foundation of Jackson agreed to commit \$40,000 to the YMCA's Capital Campaign over the next four years.

At the regular Club Board meeting on the same day the Board agreed to a Designated Gift to the Foundation of \$5,000 as their part of the first year's installment. The Foundation plans to present the first \$10,000 payment to Kiwanis member Stefanie Riggs who is the YMCA's Director of Development and Community Relations at the regular Club meeting on January 22, 2021. Stefanie will be our speaker that day. The Foundation plans to request the Club for a \$5,000 Designated Gift in each of the next three years as their commitment to this overall contribution.

What makes this gift even better is that it is part of the funds to be matched by the Consumers' Energy Foundation Matching Gift program. This provides a total impact toward the success of the Capital Campaign of **\$80,000**.

The idea for the contribution came about when the Foundation was presented with a request from the YMCA for a \$5,000 commitment toward a new auto belay system for the rock wall in the current Jackson facility. With the understanding that the Capital Campaign was well underway and close to 80% of its goal, and the knowledge that the bulk of the Y's programs and most of its financial aid are directed to the children of the community, just like our Kiwanis Club, the Foundation Board agreed that a major commitment was indeed in order. We were able to confirm that the new auto belay system will be moved to the new facility, so we are taking care of an immediate as well as having a major impact on the Y's long-term needs. One of the benefits that our Kiwanis Club will realize with this gift is Naming Rights to a part of the new facility that will be agreed upon later.

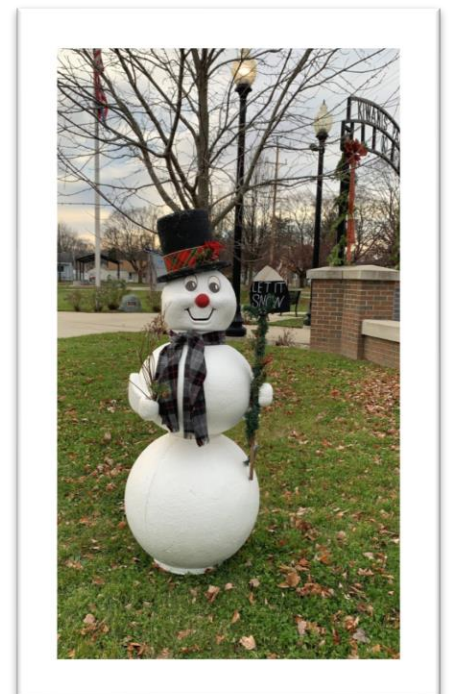
George Veach

Kiwanis Park Christmas

“Perfect Gift Toy Store” Donation

A \$500 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Jackson was made to “Together We Can Make a Difference” for the Perfect Gift Christmas Shop. The toy shop provides several thousand children with gently used, handmade and new toys plus hundreds of gift bags of personal care items. It is made possible because of volunteers and partnerships with St. Vincent DePaul, and more than 100 other businesses, churches and schools. “It’s a gift of LOVE!”

The Christmas Elves finished decorating just in time for the snow!



December Calendar

12/2/2020 – ZOOM Board Meeting

12/4/2020 - Friday Meeting Cancelled

12/11/2020 – Friday Meeting TBD

12/16/2020 – ZOOM Board Meeting

12/18/2020 – Friday Meeting TBD

12/25/2020 – CHRISTMAS!!

Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/5 – Amanda Casler

12/13 – Nicole Vissel

12/15 – Caroline Brown

12/20 – Scott Timms

