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“Serving the Children of the World”

2020-2021

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Hope everyone is enjoying what so far has been a mild winter. We still have a couple more months but with a little luck maybe we will avoid any big snow. Probably just jinxed us.

Received an e-mail from Cascades Manor this week. Under the current orders, Cascades can have no more than ten people in at a time. This will be in place until at least February 22nd. With that being said, our meetings will continue remotely at least through that date. The board meetings will also be remote. There are speakers lined up for February so check out the list. I look forward to being able to see all of you in person. In the meantime, don't hesitate to join us via Zoom or by phone. The link can be found later in the newsletter. Don't hesitate to just call in via phone with the phone number and conference ID which is below the link. Several members make use of this and it works great.



By the time you read this letter, the Chili Golf event will be over. When the budget was put together this year the assumption was made that this event would not be able to be held. The committee put together a plan to have this a total outside event giving people who have played in the past an opportunity to get outside and enjoy our Michigan winter. It will not be like the previous events as the players will just play and be able to go home. A voucher will be given to each player so they can purchase something “to go” from Hankered Hills. Our hole sponsors have also responded in a big way as nearly \$7,000 has been collected. This will help us in a big way to continue to serve the children of Jackson.

The Kiwanis Foundation along with the club presented the first \$10,000 of our \$40,000 pledge to the YMCA. This donation was part of the matching grant, so it was doubled. Stephanie Riggs gave a presentation at the January 21st meeting on the plans for the new building. It will be a great addition to the city and will have many new features that the current building does not. They have raised enough funds to begin the building and have a rendering that was shared at this meeting. The plan is to start construction by this fall.

At our first February board meeting, the board will begin a discussion about performing a club assessment. This was mentioned at the beginning of my year and is still something I believe would benefit the club as we go forward. It never hurts to look at what you have been doing and can you do it better or do something different. Your input will be very important in this process. With the Jackson Community Foundation already doing an assessment of needs, the club will not need to do this part. We have reached out to the organization performing this and expect to get a copy of their results later this fall. This will help us in setting our club priorities.

Hope all of you are safe and well and still smiling. Thank you for all the good things you do for the children of Jackson and happy trails until we can meet again. Jim Philo

ZOOM MEETING LINK & CALL-IN PHONE NUMBER



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9795654397?pwd=bFVwQ2pLV2s5ankwYmpFN1d0S2hEUT09>

If you would like to attend the weekly Friday meetings and do not have access to a computer, please call the following number 646-558-8656. At the prompt, enter the following Meeting ID:979-565-9397 followed by #.
(Do not include spaces in the #)

KIWANIS CHILI GOLF CLASSIC

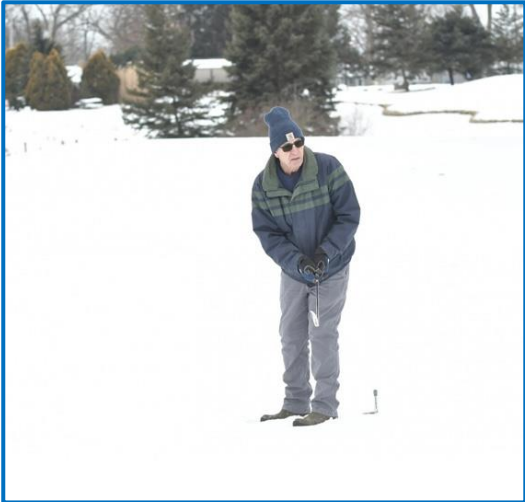


Are those
Bernie's
mittens?

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Even a pandemic couldn't keep Bob Johnson from holding the 35th Annual Kiwanis Chili Golf Classic. Bob and the Chili Golf committee had high hopes for a fun event, and it was that! 66 Golfers participated and were grateful that Kiwanians made it happen. Many of the golfers have been attending the event for 26 years and didn't want to break tradition. They were greeted by Kiwanis volunteers, and given a Hankerd Hills food voucher, a Kiwanis bag and a chance to enjoy the bon fire. The 2021 Kiwanis Chili Golf Classic raised over \$7000 for kids!

Thank you to the golfers, Bob Johnson and the Chili Golf Committee, over 50 local sponsors, and the Kiwanis volunteers who set up for the event. You all played a significant role in making this a fantastic Chili Golf Event! *For more information and photos, visit the Kiwanis Facebook page and mlive.com.*



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/3/2021 – ZOOM Board Meeting – Noon

2/5/2021 – Friday ZOOM Meeting – Noon

Bethany Stutzman – United Way - Jackson's
Response to COVID

2/12/2021 – Friday ZOOM Meeting

Kelli Hoover – History of Jackson Parks &
Recs and “What’s to Come”

2/14/2021 – **Valentine’s Day**

2/17/2021 – ZOOM Board Meeting

2/19/2021 – Friday ZOOM Meeting

Bee Cuthbertson & Jamie Lee – Jackson
County Child Advocacy Center

2/26/2021 – Friday ZOOM Meeting

Alexie Milukhin – Miss Jackson Crossroads
Empowerment Through Education

Updates will be available as we move toward
“in-person” meetings.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/17/2021 – Jeff Sekerke

**SAVE THE DATE**

Herb Elfring's 99th Birthday party

Saturday, March 20, 2021 2:00 – 5:00 PM

302 5th Street

Michigan Center, MI 49254

A SPECIAL INVITATION WILL BE SENT