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"SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD"

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Happy Halloween everyone. As with anything in 2020, this Halloween will be different. There will still be trick or treating this year, but the suggestion is that candy be placed on a table outside to home. As for the annual cider and donuts at Kiwanis Park, that will not be taking place. In conversation with the city they stated they would not be providing cider this year and we should cancel it for this year. The city acknowledged how much the kids, young and old, enjoy this but with the way the virus is spiking in recent days this is for the best.

The first meeting for Chili Golf was held last week. As of now, the club is looking to continue this event this year. There will be no food served as in the past, and every effort will be made to keep member involvement as low as possible and outside. The committee will be putting together a plan over the next few weeks on how this might work. If anyone is interested in working on this, please contact Bob Johnson.

The Kiwanis Foundation of Jackson, our club's foundation, has committed to supporting the new YMCA center. The commitment is \$20,000 over four years. The club board will discuss this at our next meeting to see if we want to make a similar commitment. The Y still has their matching program in place so the money can be doubled. This is a valuable resource to the community as it provides numerous opportunities for kids to be involved in many different activities.

With the recent spike in virus cases and new rules from the Health Department, the board will be discussing how we should move forward at our next meeting on 11/4. This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know. Kiwanis International has also come out with some recommendations. The first division meeting will be virtual next week on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 PM and this will be one of the topics discussed. Once there is some clarification on this, I will let the club know. I know how much some of our members enjoy the face to face meetings, but I believe we need to look at some virtual options as well.

Hate to bring some not so happy news to you, but it seems to be the time we are living in at the moment. There are still good things happening, such as the Flag project, so do not lose hope. As a reminder the flags should be up by Nov 9th and taken down by the 14th weather permitting. With this being the November newsletter, I wish all of you and your loved ones and Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.





Kiwanis Newspaper Sale (December 11, 2020)

I regret to inform the membership that we will not be able to hold a traditional “street” sale for the 102nd annual Newspaper Sale. Virtually all our locations have taken a “no solicitation” stance, even if we wear masks and gloves. We are still going to print a paper but will have to rely on donations from a series of mailings – one of which is to you, our members. In the past many Kiwanians have helped the Newspaper Sale by making personal contributions. Because of the low attendance at our Friday meetings it is impossible to have a sign-up sheet with any significant results. So, I'm going to bring the sign-up sheet to you via a letter that Jim Philo and myself put together. This mailing will include a stamped return envelope. We are making this as convenient as we can for you to make a personal contribution. The mailing will go out the first part of November. Any donation is appreciated. As a suggestion, you may want to consider donating the amount of money you think you would have collected selling papers during normal circumstances. While the pandemic is causing problems for raising money for our shoes and boots fund, the need for these items is even greater with more families out of work and struggling. You are being spared from working in the cold but making a contribution will warm your heart and the feet of 400 children! Thanks, and God Bless. Joe Wolfe

Newspaper Sale Skit (December 4, 2020)

There will be no skit this year. The capacity for the Manor House is limited due to the Health Department's ruling. The rule also states that the only time you are permitted to remove your mask is while sitting at your table, which means the actors would have to wear masks and that could detract from the sound and facial expressions. Plus, since we cannot sell papers, the skit's purpose was to inspire Kiwanians to have fun while standing in the freezing cold selling our Kiwanis edition, so you are officially furloughed from the sale – but only this year! Joe Wolfe

Salvation Army Contributions (December 4, 2020)



Traditionally we ask the Salvation Army to attend the skit and bring their Red Kettle. The club contribution of \$2,000 along with personal contributions from members brought the total kettle collection last year close to \$4,000. Their bellringing is almost non-existent this year as businesses have adopted a “no solicitation” policy but their needs are greater than ever. We are going to take up a collection for the Salvation Army and the club will contribute \$2,000. In the mailing for a newspaper sale donation, I would suggest that you include a separate check for the Salvation Army. You can also get a check to me payable to the Salvation Army and I will see that it gets in the Red Kettle. Service to humanity is the best work of life! Joe Wolfe

Fall Fundraisers



Candles- Just a friendly reminder that I have the wonderful and fragrant candles for sale! \$20/ea. I will have fragrance samples at the Friday Meetings until November 13, then I will place the order!! They make a lovely gift for Christmas or for any other occasion! See me before or after the meetings to place your order. Payable in advance with cash or check made out to “Kiwanis Club!” Thank you, Mary Lou

Nuts & Candy – Nuts & Candy make a great holiday gift and can be purchased at the Friday meetings or by contacting Mike Zuchowski at mike.alphadesign@gmail.com or (517) 795-4097.

Kiwanis Calendar & Birthdays

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

11/4 – Board Meeting (Zoom) at Noon

11/5 – Division Meeting (Zoom) 7 PM

11/6 – Elmer Hitt – Chief of Police - JPD

11/8 – “PLANT FLAGS” 

11/13 – Nancy Peters-Lewis – Director-College
Access Center

11/14 – “HARVEST FLAGS” 

11/18 – Board Meeting (location TBD)

11/20 – United Way

11/27 – NO MEETING

Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3 – Mary Ann Seamans

11/6 – Stephanie Riggs

11/13 – Tim Walz

11/15 – Dr Jim O’Connor

11/16 – Frank Hones

11/17 – Chad Noble &

Lee Kohlmeier

