



“SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD”

2020-2021
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Where Do We Go From Here

I first want to say thank you to the club for giving me this opportunity to serve as your president for this coming Kiwanis year. I am honored and more so humbled to be given this opportunity. I hope I'm up to the task at hand.

I would also like to thank Mary Lou for her service this last year as our club president. It was certainly a different and at times a difficult year which none of us would have imagined one year ago. This last year had some challenges to all of us personally as well as a club. She faced those with a caring heart and positive manner never losing site of why we exist as a club. She weathered it very well, I think, and should be proud of her year. Again, thank you Mary Lou and I hope I can do just as well.



So that brings me to my theme for this year, Where Do We Go From Here.

With the pandemic having a big impact and still having an impact in how we conduct our normal business the question that is still out there is how do we keep our members engaged. Even though we are back to having meetings many of our members are not comfortable attending for good reason. We were unable to hold our Kids Against Hunger food packaging this spring. The summer movie program was cancelled as well and will likely not take place in December at the school Christmas break. Who knows about next summer. We did, however, build money in the budget for this next year for this project. We were unable to have our summer picnic which I always looked forward to as an opportunity get to know our members more and to have some fun. We will try to have one this next year, but it may be in a different form. The annual Halloween party at the park may not happen the same way it has in the past. The flag project has helped, not just from a fund-raising standpoint, but several new and existing members have become involved with this project which is the most important part. These are just a few of the things that I could think of and there some I'm sure I've missed.

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Please do not think all is doom and gloom though it feels like it at times. I know we as individuals are measured by how we respond to adversity. I believe our club can be measured the same way. One of the things I've been thinking about is could our meetings be live streamed on our Facebook page. I do not know what it takes for this to happen but will explore this. And if any member has some insight in how to make this happen please let me know.

So where do we go from here. I believe it is time for the club to look at our needs as well as the needs of the community. During the early part of the pandemic, the club heard of some serious needs in the community. In response to that, the club provided funds to the United Way, Salvation Army, and the South-Central Food Bank. But in the back of my mind I felt we may have missed other opportunities to help in some small way. Thus, the reason for assessing the needs in our community. As for the club, we currently have only three fund raisers, Chili Golf, the Newspaper Sale for shoes and boots, and the Flag Project. Chili Golf and the Newspaper Sale, however, are problematic due to the pandemic. Do we want another fund raiser or are these sufficient? Where should we be spending our funds? We currently provide funding to multiple nonprofits in the community. Is there a place where we could have a bigger impact and get our name in the community some more? Many of you know we refurbished the playground area at the Aware Shelter this summer. Our challenge now is to keep it up which I believe we are up to. These are just some of the reasons I believe a club assessment should be done. Kiwanis International has tools that can be used so we do not have to invent the wheel. This will be some of our early discussions at the board level for without buy in by the club there is no reason to proceed. So please let me know your thoughts on this. Also, if you have ideas for the Halloween Party please let me or Reg Fennell know. I know Joe is racking his brain on the newspaper sale and how it can be done if things do not change between now and December so let him know if you have any thoughts.

I would be remiss if I did not talk about membership. Every year we seem to just hold our own or lose a few members. As an example, during this last Kiwanis year between the new members that were added and those that dropped for various reasons, our membership is at 73, down one starting this year. Of even more importance is the demographic makeup of our club. Growing our membership and making the club more representative of our community is the responsibility of each of us. Just a simple ask of our friends and colleagues can go a long way in increasing our membership. You may get turned down, but nothing ventured nothing gained. On a good note, I've noticed that our new members are involved with the club either through the Flag Project, the Aware Shelter Project, or attending board meetings. Should you find someone interested in becoming a member invite them to a meeting and get the information to Dick Hitch so he can follow up. We all need to work on this.

I'm looking forward to this next year of being your president and president of the best service club in Jackson. Thank you for the honor of being able to serve you and together we will get even better.

Jim Philo

KIWANIS PARK CLEANUP DAY

I would like to thank all the Kiwanis volunteers who helped with the cleanup at Kiwanis Park. The park looks beautiful and is all ready for winter. Thank you to Dick Erhardt, Denny DePra, Carol and Mike Zuchowski, and Linda Hayes.

Pat Kiessling



INSTALLATION DINNER

What a wonderful celebration dinner at the Cascades Manor House on Friday, September 25, 2020 for the Installation of Officers for the 2020-2021 year. Congratulations to all!!



2020-2021 Kiwanis Officers-Jim Philo, President; Chad Noble, President Elect; Joe Wolfe, Secretary; Mary Hitch, Assistant Secretary; Mike Zuchowski, Treasurer; Mary Lou McFadden, Immediate Past President



Thank you, Lt. Governor Jackie Wickham for Installing our Officers and Directors, for the 2020 - 2021 year.



2020-2021 Directors- Dave Mahon, Carol Zuchowski, Colleen Chimielewski, Reg Fennell. Not shown are Amanda Desnoyer, Shelly Jusick and Lee Kohlmeier



Outgoing Directors Linda Hayes and John Grzesikowski. Thank you for your hard work and continued commitment to Kiwanis.



Hixson Fellowship recipients Bob Johnson, Eileen Lehnert, Therese Hesslau, Pat Kiessling, Beth Philo, Dick Hitch and Joe Wolfe.



Mary Lou McFadden was honored with the Al Dailey Award (in honor of the past Executive Director of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, Al Dailey) and is a special award given this particular year due to the COVID-19 disruptions that club presidents had to face in scheduling meetings and events.

MEMORIAL HONORS



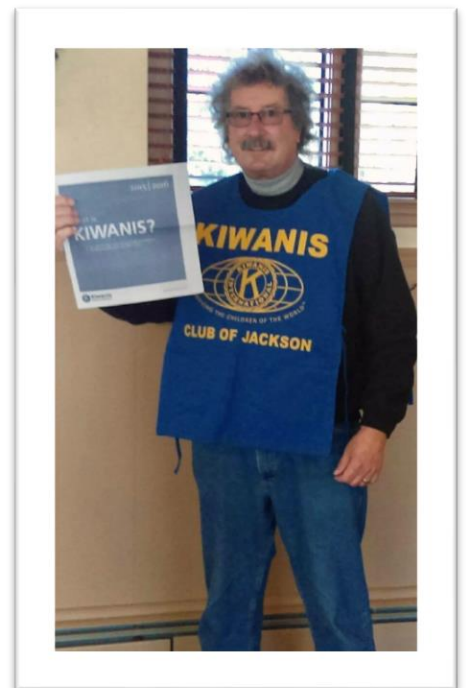
Roses were presented in honor of deceased Kiwanis members Bill Hestwood, Bob Kendall, Lee Zimmerman, and Liz Fraser, Family, Friends and Veterans.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!



KIWANIS NEWSPAPER SALE

Since 1918 our club has had an annual newspaper sale and with the proceeds, we furnish shoes and boots for K thru 6 grade students at Jackson Public Schools. Last year we fitted over 350 kids with shoes! The need will probably be much higher this year with unemployment running as high as it is. The problem is going to be selling papers at locations – many businesses will just not allow it as we may present a threat to their customers in transmitting COVID-19. Even though there is a remote chance, the liability to store owners is at stake and it is easier to just say “no” to us and any other organization (including the Salvation Army who has not received permission to even ring bells at many locations). With a greater need to serve the children of Jackson and less resources available, I would like to ask my fellow Kiwanians to help. In the past we have had the Gold and Silver Clubs, with the Gold being members that will donate \$100 toward the Newspaper Sale Project, and the Silver members donating \$50. Since we have only 20 to 25 members attending Friday meetings, I cannot possibly reach everyone with a sign-up sheet, so I am asking that you email me (jwolfe@theprotectioncenter.com) with a pledge for ANY amount toward our Newspaper Sale Project. I am hopeful that a few businesses will allow us to sell but our manpower needs will be minimized and, of course, our collections will be down. We brought in over \$11,000 last year. I pray we can hit \$5,000 this year – and with your help we can.



Thanks, and God Bless. Joe Wolfe, Newspaper Sale Chairman

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

Kiwanis chairpersons and committees are in the process of planning our Kiwanis events and fundraisers for the 2020 – 2021 year. As they get more details, they will update you on dates and pertinent information for each event. Input is welcomed!

CANDLES - The wonderful candles that we have sold over the past few years will be available once again. The new fragrances that you will be able purchase are Tropical Salsa and Mango Tangerine. The favorites are still available, like Mackinaw Lilac, Winter Hearth, Seaside Linen and many more. Orders will be taken starting October 2 and will continue until November 13th. They are \$20.00/ea. payable in advance! Delivery before Christmas. See me before/after Friday Meetings to place your order. Sample fragrances on site.

Thank you! [Mary Lou](#)

Fundraisers, Events & Chairpersons

Candles – Mary Lou McFadden
Nuts & Candy – Mike Zuchowski
Halloween Party – Reg Fennell
Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Mike Z
Kiwanis Skit – Joe Wolfe
Newspaper Sale – Joe Wolfe
Chili Golf – Bob Johnson, Kathie & George Veach

OCTOBER CALENDAR

10/2 – Salvation Army

10/7 - Board Meeting

10/9 – Dr. Bruce Kiessling

10/16 Kiwanis Police Academy, Terry Strickler

10/21 – Board Meeting

10/23 – Jackson Chamber, Craig Hatch

10/30 – Round Table

10/31 – Halloween Party (TBD)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2 DAVE MAHON

10/12 PHIL BERKEMEIER

