



# Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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## MAY 2012

**Vision + Involvement = Progress**



### ***President's Message...***

Hello friends! Six months has already passed and we have accomplished much! Below is a snapshot of how we are progressing.

### ***Goal #1 – Increase Marketing Efforts***

We have been working diligently in updating our marketing materials and building on the momentum we set in motion last year to promote Kiwanis and inform everyone of all the good things we do for children and the community. We have a new and improved website and you can “like” us on Facebook. The storyboard is at the printer and the brochure is in its final draft and soon they will be unveiled for all to see. To round out these marketing tools, the board of directors has approved the filming of a Kiwanis commercial by JTV. Get your smiles ready. Camera, lights, action!

### ***Goal #2 – Grow Membership by a Dozen***

The word is out that Kiwanis Club of Jackson is the place to be! Thank you to all who have brought in new members. In 6 months, we have inducted 9 new members. Membership will always be the lifeblood of any organization so now that they are members, please go out of your way to greet them, get to know them, and get them involved in projects. Only when you participate, do you really begin to understand the true meaning of being a Kiwanian, and experience the joy of helping children and the community.

### ***Goal #3 – Sponsor an Aktion Club***

Big Kudos to Cheri and Bob Johnson who have spent countless hours to ensure our club has all the pieces in place to sponsor an Aktion Club. The Aktion Club is for adult members of our community who have physical and/or mental disabilities. They now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at the Jackson First Church of the Nazarene from 3:00 – 4:30pm. New member, Neale Maske, will play an integral role in helping to identify opportunities for the members to give service to the community. One of the first projects the Aktion Club members had fun with was stuffing 34 dolls for the “Dolls for Africa” project.

#### Club Officers

Therese Hesslau  
President  
Adam Howard  
President-Elect  
Glenn Pascoe  
Vice President  
Andy Johnson  
Treasurer  
Joe Wolfe  
Secretary  
Bob Johnson  
Past President

#### Club Directors

Carolyn Brown  
Elinore Currier  
Rick Mills  
Connie Murray  
Beth Philo  
Mary Ann Riley  
Cal Schuch

#### “Distinguished”

Lt. Governor  
District 11  
Dick Hitch

#### Club Meetings

are Fridays at  
noon at Cascades  
Manor House,  
1970 Kibby Rd.

#### Board Meetings

are the first and  
third Wednesday  
of each month at  
the Hunt Club,  
1514 Daniel Rd.

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#### **Goal #4 – Organization**

We are forging ahead and making progress. As we complete tasks, duties, and projects, I am asking committee chairs to submit a summary of the specifics of their project or event. As these are compiled, I am creating a resource book so that when the task is passed to another member, they have an expectation of what is involved and are provided with contact names and numbers. You'll find it easiest if you keep notes as you work on the project and send them to me shortly after completion.

#### **Goal #5 – Add one Fundraiser**

The brainstorming session took place, information has been compiled, and now the committee will soon meet to discuss the feasibility of suggestions and to prioritize items in each of the three categories – Membership, Fundraisers and Member Input. You will hear much more on this topic in the coming months.

I am so thankful to all of **YOU** for your continued hard work, dedication and support of the Kiwanis Mission. **WE ROCK!!**

*Therese Hesslau*



## **MAY PROGRAMS**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – John Drake, Lingap Orphanage  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Chandra Howard, African Doll Project  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Steve Tucker, Michigan Theatre  
**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Jessy Conrad, Chemetall



## **Prayer Breakfast**

**Last chance for tickets! The date has been set for May 9th at Cascades Manor House from 7:30 am – 8:45a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The speaker will be**

*Bishop Ira Combs, Jr., Pastor of Greater Bible Way Temple*

Please join us and bring a guest. Invite your minister, pastor, priest, rabbi, and friends. Plan an interclub.

**~ ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY ~**

**Please RSVP by May 2, 2012**

**Jim Schindler – 517.750.2094**



## DIVISION 11 COUNCIL MEETING

Host: **Kiwanis Club of Jackson**

Thursday, May 10, 2012 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall**

275 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI

R.S.V.P. to 262-0053 cell rphitch@ameritech.net

### Aktion Club

The Aktion Club held its first 2 meetings on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and got right to work stuffing about 40 dolls for the African Doll project. Aktion Club is organized for adult members of our community who have physical and/or mental disabilities. Like the Key Club, this club will give its participants opportunities to give service within our communities. The Aktion Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month, from 3p.m.-4:30p.m. at the Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3905 Clinton Rd. Members must be 18 years or older. Their parents/guardians are welcome. It is the hope of the planning committee that our club will help find ways for the Aktion Club to help us give service. If you would like to help with this club, contact members Bob & Cheri Johnson. Find out more by checking out the following website: <http://www.aktionclub.org/join.aspx>



### Flag Project Fund Raiser

1000 FLAGS! It is that time again - join us in selling flags for only \$30 and helping install them for the five holidays. There is a great need for more members to participate in this project! If you don't think you are ready for your own route – volunteer to assist another member with their route. To make this a rousing success we are going to need everyone's help AGAIN!



## **Spring Flower Sale**

The Spring Flower Sale is in progress through May. Plant order forms are available for members to participate. **This is how it works:** You fill out an order form, pay the club, then redeem your copy of the form at Gee Farms. It is encouraged that customers plan to pick up plants before Memorial Day for best selections. Contact members Beth Philo or Ron Sondergeld to support this project.

## **Welcome New Member**

Neale Maske resides in Jackson. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in Business. Neale currently works as a manager for Lifespan...A Community Service; which is a provider of mental health services for LifeWays. He enjoys golfing, fishing and running for recreation. Neale is a HUGE Miami Dolphin and Georgia Bulldog football fan! The most interesting place he has been to is Las Vegas. Neale's favorite accomplishment is that he was the starting wide receiver and free safety for the 1996 Lumen Christi High School football team that won the state championship. Welcome to Kiwanis Neale!

## **African Doll Project**

Our club has joined the district wide project 'Dolls for Africa'. We are making simple 15 inch tall dolls with a 'Michigan Kiwanis' label to be shipped to children in Kenya and Nairobi where there is a desperate need in many schools, hospitals and orphanages.

Thank you to everyone who is helping with this project

The pattern is available online at:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=116>

Please contact Chandra Howard @ [chandra.a.howard@gmail.com](mailto:chandra.a.howard@gmail.com) or 517-945-8409 to coordinate efforts or just talk to Adam Howard at the Friday meetings.



## **Kid's Against Hunger Packaging Party**

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 AM to about noon, at Klager Elementary School 405 An Arbor St., Manchester, MI we need about 6 volunteers to help set up and to help the kids package food.

More than 22,000 meals will be packaged that day and 2/3 of the product goes to local food pantries, the other 1/3 goes to other countries like Haiti. We are partnering with the Manchester Kiwanis Club and the Manchester Public Schools who organize this event each year. A mixture of rice, soy, dried vegetables and flavoring is weighed and then sealed in a plastic pouch with six meals in each plastic bag. Later water can be added to the mixture and cooked to make a balanced meal for a family. The Jackson area food pantries look forward to this food donation. The food is well liked by recipients and has a lengthy shelf life. This one effort feeds many, many families in our area. To sign up, contact Sandy Eisele, call [734-475-8556](tel:734-475-8556) or email [skeisele@yahoo.com](mailto:skeisele@yahoo.com).



## Kiwanis One Day

Kiwanis Club of Jackson celebrated Kiwanis One Day on April 17, 2012 by volunteering at Jackson Community Food Pantry. Five Kiwanians joined me to unwrap, open boxes, stack and organize food in preparation for easy distribution. Together, with another 6 volunteers from Fifth Third Bank, we completed the task in just over an hour. Director Mark Smith gave us an overview of their organization, took us through a typical day of food distribution, and then put us to work. Jackson Community Food Pantry distributes food every Wednesday evening to approximately 150 families – or about 500 people depending on the family size. And the need continues to grow. Kiwanians who volunteered their time included: Lee and Helen Zimmerman, Glenn Pascoe, Barry Malek, Bob Eberhart and Therese Hesslau. This was a great opportunity to showcase Kiwanis Club of Jackson and give back to the community. Everyone had a great time, worked well together and left knowing they contributed in some small way to help families in need. I look forward to having Kiwanians participate in many more community service projects in the near future.



## Jackson Interfaith Shelter

Our Kiwanis Club filled a request by the Jackson Interfaith Shelter for large bath towels. Jessica Mitchell passed this need on to Stefanie Riggs, Chair of Community Involvement/Services, who recommended the Club fill this need. The board of directors whole-heartedly concurred and granted a donation of \$200. Stefanie immediately went shopping at Kohl's and used her personal 30% discount and walked away with **68 full-size bath towels**. Stefanie and Therese delivered the towels and were met with huge smiles, warm greetings and countless thank yous.



## MAY INTERCLUBS

May 8<sup>th</sup> @ Hudson 12:15 PM

May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Adrian noon

May 30<sup>th</sup> @ Onsted 7:00AM



# Kiwanis Club

## MAY 2012

Thank you May Program Chair – Connie Murray

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Meal cost is \$10.00 for our meetings,</p>		1	2 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	3 Happy Birthday Dick Hitch & Ron Sondergeld	4 <u>Program:</u> Lingap Orphanage	5
6	7 Happy Birthday Elinore Currier & Therese Hesslau	8 <b>Interclub at Hudson</b> 12:15pm Aktion Club 3-4:30pm	9 Host Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am	10 Host District Meeting 7-9pm Happy Birthday Brian Smith	11 <u>Program:</u> African Doll Project	12
13 Happy Birthday Glenn Pascoe  Happy Mothers Day	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Suzanne Crittendon	17 Kids against Hunger Project In Manchester	18 <u>Program:</u> Michigan Theatre	19 Jackson Downtown Flower Planting
20	21	22 Aktion Club 3-4:30pm	23 <b>Interclub at Adrian 12noon</b> Happy Birthday Doug Beiswanger	24	25 <u>Program:</u> Chemetall Happy Birthday Tim Cullen	26
27	28 Memorial Day 	29	30 <b>Interclub at Onsted 7am</b> Happy Birthday GeneBills	31	Sell Flags! 	Sell Flowers! 

Remember your Kiwanis club when doing your will or estate planning.

**Mark your Calendar:** June 15<sup>th</sup> – Michigan Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Mtg. held at Michigan Theatre

June 29<sup>th</sup> - Club Fndtn. Annual Mtg. & Awards

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Max Drake Golf Tournament