



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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**“Building the Next Generation of Jackson’s Leaders
One Kiwanian at a Time”**



Happy New Year!

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Mary Hitch
Jim Philo
Ted Wilson
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Club Meetings

Friday Meetings at noon
Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Rd

Board Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesday
noon at the Hunt Club

Lt. Governor District 11

Phil Krauss, Brooklyn

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

January Meetings

January 6 – Club Marketing and Committee Organization, President Elect Andy Johnson

January 13 – Ketchup Kids Program, Cheryl Kitchens

January 20 – Jackson Community Foundation, Monica Mosher

January 27 –Imagination Library, 4G LTE Smartphone, Kelly Shepherd

Keeping You in the Know

Club News

******Roster Updates****** - It is time to update our Kiwanis Rosters. If you have any changes -- addresses, emails, cell phones, etc., please let me know by January 15, 2017. You can call me 787-1704 (w) or 740-3008 (cell) or email me: jwolfe@theprotectioncenter.com. Thanks, Joe Wolfe

- **Scholarship Committee** - will meet Friday, January 13, immediately following the club meeting, at the Manor House. We will review the application and criteria and map out our evaluation process. All Kiwanians are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Mary Lou McFadden or Jessica Mitchell.
- **100th Birthday Plans** – the committee is hard at work planning to fly banners downtown, ordering souvenir coins and making a historical shadow box display (**need donations from members of any vintage ‘official’ Kiwanis pins (i.e.. club president, Lt. Governor, Governor pins, etc..)**) Please give them to Beth Philo or Lynn Seamans. This winter and spring we will start to pull together the display for Ella Sharp Museum, coordinate celebration activities with other service clubs, and research the history of our club to create a souvenir book. If you would like to help with any of these ideas or share more ideas, let Beth Philo know. The committee meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Hunt Club at noon. Join us!

- **2016 Skit** -Our Kiwanis version of The Honeymooners show gave us lots of laughs. Thanks to Ted Wilson, Therese Hesslau, Eileen Lehnert, Glenn Pascoe, Rick Mills, Kelly Langley, Joe Wolfe, Dick Hitch, Bob Johnson and Don Schroeder for their performances. Enjoy photos from the skit, and other Friday highlights, our on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/jacksonkiwanis/>
- **Sad News** - Past member Ford Topping passed away. He was 89. A memorial service will be held at a later date. His family requests that a memorial donation, in his memory, be made to our club's foundation. Joe Wolfe shares these details about Ford: Ford Topping joined Kiwanis in 1953, not too long after starting his dental practice. He referred to himself as the "tooth fairy." He was also known as the Mayor of Duck Lake where the Toppings lived until 2005 when they moved to East Lansing. Ford served on every Kiwanis committee there was and served as our club President in 1964. He was especially active in the Newspaper Sale, always being one of the top salespeople, took a great deal of interest in the Kiwanis Playground, that was actually maintained by Kiwanis members before the Jackson Parks Department took over, helped repair bicycles (a club project in the 1950's where bikes were refurbished and given to kids who could not afford them), and helped with "Victory Gardens" (again a 1950's project to grow vegetables and distribute them to needy families). Ford was one of the best musicians in the club and often brought his fellow banjo players (along with his wife, Laura, the tuba player) to entertain the club for a program. He had a great sense of humor and one time when a speaker did not show up entertained the club with the history of Thomas Crapper and his invention of the flush toilet. You had to be there for that one! He was also an antique collector and one of his fascinations was the apple corer – which would take the core out of the center of the apple so only the "good part" remained. You would not think there could be too many of these inventions but Ford brought about a dozen of them to the club and share hundreds of years of history and a lot of delicious apples with the members. In his later years when Ford and Laura moved to East Lansing, he found it very hard to get back to Jackson to the club meetings but he always paid his dues and always sent a Newspaper Sales check – even this year!" We will miss him.

Community Service

- **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army** – Our club rang bells at two locations for four Saturdays before Christmas. Thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to the chair Ted Wilson.
- **Lunch at the Interfaith Shelter** - On December 16, 2016 we served lunch to about 80 people at the interfaith shelter. Five Jackson high students from the Key Club served. The following participated from our club: Pat Kiessling, Andy Johnson, Dick Hitch, Dick Erhardt, Ted Wilson and Don Schroeder.
- **Lego Club:** Mike Zuchowski is looking for volunteers to work with second graders at Bennett and fourth and fifth graders at Northeast for the Lego Club, starting this month. The shifts are from 11-11:40 a.m. on most Fridays. Please let Mike know if you can help.

Still Keeping You in the Know

Fund Raisers

Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series News

“Happy New Year from the Travel Adventure Film Committee”

“Japanland-A Year in Search of WA”

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Produced and Narrated by Karin Muller

For twelve months Karin Muller traveled from one end of Japan to the other, living among the people and exploring Japan’s ancient cultural heritage and its modern ways. Karin followed the dervish mountain-cults as they undertook shamanistic austerities like fire walking, icy waterfall immersion and exorcism. She joined a samurai mounted archery team and learned how to handle a longbow on a galloping horse. She filmed the sacred art of sword making under a 24th generation master, and made a 900-mile pilgrimage in the footsteps of Japan’s most famous saint.

The result, **Japanland**, provides a rare glimpse behind the *tatema*, or external image, to see the *honne*, or true inner character of Japan.

January Sponsor:

Vista Grand Villa

Where we are going...

January 5, 2017—Japanland-A Year in Search of WA

February 2, 2017—Scenes from an Italian Journey

March 2, 2017—Ghosts of the Gold Rush

March 30, 2017—Hawaii and the South Pacific

For more ticket information, contact Kathie at: 517-474-5227 or Kiwanis@gkveach.com

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Fund Raisers continued:

- **98th Annual Newspaper Sale** - Another successful newspaper sale! We are over the \$10,000 mark and I so much appreciate all the members who contributed in some way, especially those who stood outside in subzero wind chills selling papers. We still have a potential for more coming in – a few that worked have not yet dropped off their money, there are some Gold and Silver clubbers who have not yet paid (if you are in doubt, call me or email me and I can tell you if you have paid or not), and there may still be money coming in the mail. **A special thanks to Eileen Lehnert who put the paper together – best ever edition!** “Thank You” letters are being prepared and will be going out after the first of the year. If anyone made a sizeable donation and you would like to include them in the Thank You, please get me their name and address and I will include them. Joe Wolfe
- **Mixed Nuts & Candles** – All nuts ordered have been sold and all candle orders filled. Thank you chairs Carolyn Brown and Mary Lou McFadden!
- **Chili Golf** - The event is **January 28th**! Sign up a team, sponsor or volunteer for the 31st annual Kiwanis Chili Golf Charity Classic with tee times between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Hankerd Hills Golf Course in Pleasant Lake. The committee is also doing a raffle this year, to raise more money. Look for committee members at the Friday meetings to get yours. The event flier can be found on our club webpage.
- **Racing for Dollars** -Join us each week on Thursdays, at 8 a.m. at Steve’s Ranch for our Racing for Dollars committee meeting. The event is **Sunday, February 26th**, but we have a lot to do before then. Purchase your tickets for RFD before they’re gone! The event will be from 12:30-5:30 p.m., at Gene Davis and Sons Banquet Center. One ticket costs \$100 and admits two to the benefit. Or you can become a corporate sponsor and secure a reserved table of 8 for \$500. Enjoy a delicious meal, raffles, auctions, and a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500. You can also buy a ticket for \$20 for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 Polly’s/Country Markets gift cards. See Pat Kiessling for that. Don & Cathy Schroeder are collecting wine, booze and craft beers for Racing for Dollars. The event flier can be found on our club webpage.

Youth Services

- **Michigan Theater** - We will again sponsor the "Just For Kids" movies over the holiday break. The movie “Trolls” will be shown January 2 – 6th.
- **Our High School Key Club** -raised \$122.00 for the local domestic violence shelter, the Aware Shelter. Nice job Key Club!

KIWANIS JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	5 Travel Film Series 7pm Jackson High School	6 <u>Program</u> Club Marketing & Committee Organization	7
8	9	10 Key Club meets weekly Aktion Club meets	11 Chili golf committee 7:15pm	12 Racing for Dollars committee 8:15am weekly	13 <u>Program:</u> Ketchup Kid Program Scholarship Committee 1pm Happy Birthday Bob Johnson Kyle Janson	14
15 Happy Birthday George Gancos	16	17 Happy Birthday Dave Ray	18 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Reg Fennell Linda Brzezinski	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 <u>Program:</u> Jackson Community Foundation	21
22	23 Happy Birthday Dick Erhart	24 Aktion Club meets	25 100th Bday meeting noon Hunt Club	26	27 <u>Program:</u> Imagination Library – 4G LTE Smartphone Happy Birthday Jim Touse	28 CHILI GOLF EVENT! 
29 Happy Birthday Terry Langston	30 Happy Birthday Harold Miller	31 Happy Birthday Joe Wolfe	Feb. 1	2	3	4

Remember our Kiwanis Club Foundation when securing your estate plans.