



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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President Andy Johnson



Happy Birthday Jackson Kiwanians!

Welcome to our 100-anniversary year for the Kiwanis Club of Jackson, "Downtown Club"! It has been a long journey since someone in our past placed the numbers 1918 on our original banner. The Tecumseh Club has graciously sent us a card of congratulations signed by many of their members. The first of hopefully many great tidings to come.

Over the coming year we have planned many fun activities to celebrate our history including a - (Save the Date):

100 Anniversary Gala at the Ella Sharp Museum on August 17th

Andy's letter continued:

Beth Philo is heading up our 100th Anniversary Committee, whom has met many times over the past year and prepared events to celebrate. We have formed a great game plan for our celebrations and could use help on our subcommittees for the following: dignitary mailing list, historian activities, decorations, video media, State proclamations, community Kids Against Hunger, and others. So, our next meeting will be 12:00 pm, January 10th at the Oak Tree Lounge, 617 Oak St. Come pitch in so our events can be as grand as our history.

Up next on our Kiwanis Calendar is Pat Kiessling kick starting our 2018 Movies at the Michigan Theatre, which start Dec 26th and runs through Jan 5th. Then the Chili Golf Classic at Hankard Hills Golf Course is will be on January 27th. Bob Johnson (my father) is heading up the committee for the fourth year and is challenging Joe Wolf's Newspaper Project in a friendly fundraising challenge. Dr. Jim O'Connor's Racing for Dollars will be coming up February 18th, so lend a hand if you are available on Thursday mornings at 8:15am to meet at Steve's Ranch for planning this big fund raiser.

After Racing for Dollars, our calendar lightens up, so come out now through the Winter months to volunteer and be with fellow Kiwanians and community members to support and laugh our way to a better Jackson. **Remember:** non-Kiwanians are more than welcome to volunteer at any of our events. And Racing for Dollars is a community effort, so non-Kiwanians would fit right into the committee.

Happy New Year,
Andy

<u>Kiwanis Club Officers</u>	<u>Board Directors</u>	<u>Club Meetings</u>
President <i>Andy Johnson</i>	Linda Hayes	Friday Meetings at noon
President-Elect <i>Mike Zuchowski</i>	Terry Langston	Cascades Manor House
Vice President <i>Mary Lou McFadden</i>	John Grzesikowski	1970 Kibby Rd
Treasurer <i>Chandra Howard</i>	Mary Hitch	<u>Board Meetings</u>
Secretary <i>Joe Wolfe</i>	Jim Philo	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday
Past President <i>Rick Mills</i>	Kyle Janson	noon at the Hunt Club
	<u>Lt. Governor District 11</u>	<u>Newsletter Editor</u>
	Bonnie Bartlett, Brooklyn	Beth Philo

January 2018 Meetings

Thank you to Kelly Langley for coordinating January programs

01/05 – Marc Wendall, Director of Department on Aging

01/12 – Tim Welbaum of Visiting Angels

01/19 – Sara Tacket, Director of Jackson District Library (2 new programs)

01/26 - Jane Meyers of Do'Chas II (Crisis Intervention for Youth)

Keeping you in the Know!

Roster Changes - It's time to update the Kiwanis roster. Any changes that you would like to make -- from phone numbers to email address -- from job titles to fax numbers -- please get these to Joe Wolfe by the end of January. You can email changes to: jwolfe@theprotectioncenter.com

Key Club Update

Key Club had a slow start this year, but in my work absence for a month the kids stepped up, which really helps the teachers and I. Amari Shelby was elected President and has formed a good administration with organized meetings. Over the Christmas season they decorated Christmas Jars and walked around during lunch to collect \$68.53 for the Interfaith Shelter. And coming up in January, for a second year, is our 1 Shot for Charity contest at the Varsity Basketball Game on January 30th. Please come purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes and raise money for the food pantries.

Winter Fund Raisers

Most of our club fund raising is done between November and February each year. Our club raises over \$80,000/year to contribute to our community. Please get involved with your time, talents and treasures to make all of our efforts once again successful. Be a proud Kiwanian!

December Updates

Salvation Army Activities: We donated over \$2,000 to the Salvation Army at our Friday meeting the day of our club skit. We manned two Bell Ringing sites for the 4 Saturdays of December. We raised an average of \$600/bucket each time we rang the bells!

Shoes & Boots: Thanks, so much, to all who worked the newspaper sale. Almost every member contributed in some way, as has been the tradition of our oldest project dating back to 1918! We have exceeded \$11,000! The generosity of our community and our members is very heart warming and knowing that we can supply another 400 pairs of shoes and boots is something we can all be proud of! Thanks for making 2018 a prosperous and happy new year! P.S. The skit "Grease" was one of our BEST! What fun!

Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series

Where we are going spring 2018: **March 1**—Tibet: A light in the Darkness

March 22—Stern Wheeling Alaska's Inside Passage

Chili Golf - Please talk to Bob Johnson if you are interested in helping out. Raffle Tickets for rounds of golf at 8 different golf courses are available, \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Raffle tickets (\$20.00 each) are available for a chance to be one of three winners for \$1,000.00 in free groceries from Pollys. This committee meets Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Incubator.

Racing for Dollars - New committee members are always welcomed. Please see Joe Wolfe or Dr. Jim O'Connor if you'd like to help (you do not necessarily have to attend all meetings). Don Schroeder is collecting donations of liquor and craft beer for a special raffle at this event. Bring your donations to Friday meetings or connect with Don or Joe. The committee meets every week until Feb 18th. Meetings are at Steve's Ranch at 8:15 a.m.

Wine, Booze, & Craft Beer - We need donations of wine, booze, and craft beer (not refrigerated) for the Racing for Dollars project. Don Schroeder is collecting these and if you would prefer to donate cash we will certainly use it to buy items. This raffle is worth over \$2,500 and quality bottles to display are important. If you received any for Christmas we would appreciate the "re-gifting" for the Racing for dollars project. You can also drop off donations at Joe Wolfe's office.

Kiwanis 100th Birthday

Reread Andy's letter. We have a lot in the works for this upcoming year and need help pulling it all together. We meet next on Wednesday, January 10th, at the Oak Tree Lounge, at noon. Come be a part of history! Enjoy a sneak peak at who we were and what our club felt was important in the last century:

Club Organization History - Outline of 100 Years of Service

Membership

1. Chartered In January 1918 with 64 members
2. Membership peaked at 162 members in 1955
3. 2018 membership year starts with 84 members
4. Women were welcomed as members in 1997

Leadership beyond the local level

1. 16 members went on to serve as Lieutenant Governors of Divisions 8 & 11
2. 8 members accepted to role of District Governor of Michigan
3. 2 members became Certified Officer Trainers on the International Level
4. 1 member served as President of the 'Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation'

Awards

1. 17 members received the International George F. Hixson Fellows
2. 5 members received the International Tablet of Honor
3. 3 members were named the Citizen Patriot 'Person of the Year'

Committees

1. there were 16 committees in 1931(the first year recorded)and 32 at the start of 2018
2. committees in the early years focused on Agriculture, Attendance, Business Standards, Education and Resolutions. 1940' committees focused on the War Efforts, food and shoes for the needy and conservation
3. 1960' committees focused on International Relations, Public and Business Affairs, New Club Building and Spiritual Values
4. 1970' committees focused on Drug Awareness, Club History, Pollution, Citizenship, and youth services

5. 1980' committees focused on special needs and the underprivileged children. 1990' committees focused on scholarships, Community Service, Education and member retention
6. The last 18 years have focused on education, social issues, food and shoes for the needy, club organization and growth.

Women in Kiwanis

1. Kiwani-Queens – auxillary
2. Welcomed as active club members - 1997

Sponsored Clubs

Albion 1949	Jackson Cascades 1954
Brooklyn 1951	Jackson Northwest 1969
Chelsea 1924	Leslie 2001
Spring Arbor 1951	Dundee 2001

Satellite Clubs through the years

1. Kids Club – McCulloch School
2. Builders Club - Middle School at Parkside
3. Key Clubs – Vandercook Lake, Parma and Jackson High Schools
4. Aktion Club
5. Circle K Clubs – Jackson Business College & Jackson Junior College

Social - bowling teams, golf teams, picnics, club skits, inter clubs, Stunts, Human & Spiritual Values

Jackson Kiwanis Foundation

Feeding the Hungry

1. Victory Gardens – the first Food Pantry's
2. 'Kids Against Hunger' Food Packaging

Service to Children in Schools

1. Shoes & Boots – Signature Project started in the 1930's!
2. Mentoring in elementary schools
3. Dictionary & Thesaurus Program
4. Energizing Education
5. Library Upgrade at Middle School at Parkside
6. Challenge Day
7. Scholarships for High School Seniors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Law Enforcement Camp, Kiwanis 'Key Leader' Camp
8. Satellite Clubs - Key Club, Builders Club, Kid's Club, Lego Club

Community Service

1. Parks - Early organizing of Jackson Rec summer programs, Elm and Badgley St. Park (our park) & Milwaukee & Biddle St. Park, Disc Golf Course at Ella Sharp Park, Cascade Park Splash Pad
2. Halloween Parties
3. Community Flower Planting
4. Interfaith Shelter Lunches
5. Bicycle Club (Recondition & Repair)
6. Wheelchair Ramps
7. Inter Service Club

8. Hot Air Jubilee
9. Highway Clean Up
10. Any Soldier Project
11. Kids Movies at Michigan Theater - Summer, Christmas & Easter holidays
12. Aktion Club

Donations of time, talent & treasures to: St. Lukes' Clinic, Friendly Home, John George Home, Birthline, Sitting Tall, Special Olympics, Boy & Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, Salvation Army, Youth Haven, Hope School (later named Lyle Tarrant), YMCA Center, Another Day Another Memory, Youth Advisory Committee of the Jackson Community Foundation

Childrens Hospitals in Michigan – Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids, Children' Hospital in Detroit, International Projects through the years - Iodine Deficiency & Prenatal Tetanus Eradication

Fund Raisers

1. Newspaper Sale (to fund shoes & boots project)
2. Dinner & Raffle
3. Travel Adventure Series
4. Golf Classic
5. M.I.S. NASCAR Race Ambassadors
6. Racing for Dollars
7. American Flags

100th Birthday Proclamations and Well Wishes

Letter from International Kiwanis President

More to come!

Plans for the next Century – *To be solidified!*

Plans for this birthday celebration –

1. Display in Ella Sharp Museum – August, September and first half of October
2. Gala Event – August 17th at Ella Sharp Museum
3. Huge Community 'Kids Against Hunger' Food Packaging Event in October or November
4. History Book
5. Upgrade playground equipment at Kiwanis Park & Activities at Disc Golf and Splash Pad

December 2017

We are in the middle of researching our archives. We want to create a history book to be published at the end of our celebration year. This outline is a start. There will be many additions to it as we confirm more history. Any member who has information or clarification to this outline, please share your knowledge with members Beth & Jim Philo and Mike Z.



KIWANIS JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club	4 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8:15am Ella Sharp research 3:30pm	5 Program Department on Aging	6
7	8	9 Key Club meets weekly 2:30pm Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	10 100th Bday mtg noon Oak Tree Lounge Golf Event Committee 7pm	11 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8:5am	12 Program: 'Visiting Angels'	13 Happy Birthday Bob Johnson & Kyle Jansen
14	15 Happy Birthday George Gancos	16	17 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club Foundation mtg. 1pm Happy Birthday David Ray Golf Event Committee 7pm	18 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8:15am Happy Birthday Reg Fennel & Linda Brzezinski	19 Program: Jackson District Library Happy Birthday Derek Chism	20
21	22	23 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm Happy Birthday Dick Erhardt	24 Golf Event Committee 7pm	25 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8:15am	26 Program: Do'Chas II	27 <i>Chili Golf Classic</i>  Happy Birthday Jim Touse
28	29 Happy Birthday Terry Langston	30 Happy Birthday Harold Miller (rest in peace)	31 Happy Birthday Joe Wolfe			

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...February 18th - Racing for Dollars Event
August 17th - 100th Birthday Gala!