



## Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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# MARCH 2018

President Andy Johnson

Hello again Jackson Kiwanians.

As we move through March and out of the winter months toward spring 2018, I would like to reflect back on the great work done by our club over the past few months. From Halloween, the Newspaper Sale, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Kids Holiday Movies, Chili Golf, and just recently Racing for Dollars. We worked a lot of hours, generated a lot of smiles, and raised a great deal of money! I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on these projects, with a special thanks to the chairpersons, Reg Fennel, Joe Wolfe, Ted Wilson, Pat Kiesling, my father, Bob Johnson, and Dr. Jim O'Connor.

Not to be left out is the work done by our donating committees, Youth Services and Community Services. Over the past few months we have donated to Kids Against Hunger, Birthline, Girl Scouts, Energizing Education, and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. Thanks go out to our chairpersons Linda Brezezinski and Therese Hesslau. Remember Kiwanians, if you have a project or charity you would like Kiwanis to donate toward, Linda and Therese are your go to's for funding.

Finally, looking forward we have a bit of a needed break, so let's enjoy some camaraderie as we attend our two Travel Adventure movies in March (March 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>). So, to fill the break a little, I would like to continue last year's membership drive with a membership event in April, with a Friday meeting to follow in May. Your job is to ask people in your lives, whom you think would be a great Kiwanian, to join you for a Friday meeting. Let's see which Friday in March and April has the most visitors!

So, fill yourself up with some green beer on the 17<sup>th</sup> for Paddy's day or some red beer on St. Joseph's day on the 19<sup>th</sup> and let's get ready for Spring!



## Happy Birthday Jackson Kiwanians!

### Kiwanis Club Officers

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### Board Directors

Linda Hayes  
Terry Langston  
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### Club Meetings

Friday Meetings at noon  
Cascades Manor House  
1970 Kibby Rd

### Board Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
noon at the Hunt Club

### Lt. Governor District 11

Bonnie Bartlett, Brooklyn

### Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

## March 2018 Meetings

*Thank you to Phil Berkemeier for chairing March Programs*

**03/02 – Travel Adventure Series, Patricia Keith**

**03/09 – George Econ - History of coal mining in Jackson County**

**03/16 – Linda Haas - Journalist, author, historian; The underground railroad in Jackson County**

**03/23 - Travel Adventure Series - Stern Wheeling**

**03/30 - No Meeting - Good Friday**

## ***Keeping you in the Know!***

**Your 100<sup>th</sup> year 'Club Roster' will be available SOON! Attend Friday meetings so as soon as they are available—you will one of the first in line to get one!**

### **Scholarships**

"Do you know a Jackson County High School Senior heading to a Jackson County College or University? If so the Kiwanis Club of Jackson is offering a one time grant of \$2000. Applicants must have done well in high school and performed community service. Go to [www.jacksonkiwanis.com](http://www.jacksonkiwanis.com) to see the criteria and download the application. The application deadline is April 6, 2018. Recipients will be announced in the spring. These scholarships are not based on financial needs. Questions : Contact Mary Lou McFadden. [\(517\) 787-2717](tel:5177872717)

### **Circle K Club?**

During research on our club, we discovered there were 'Circle K Clubs' at Jackson Community College and Jackson Business College, both affiliated with our club. Carol Boobyer is spearheading an effort to resurrect a Circle K Club at Jackson College! She has set up a 'meet and greet' night on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm, in Walker Hall. If you receive this newsletter in time, you are encouraged to attend and share your Kiwanis story with students.

## **Jackson Womens' EXPO**

This is an expo for family interests with 170 vendors. Our club has booth #156. We talk about Kiwanis and highlight our scholarship program and American Flag fund raiser. Come check the expo out and volunteer at our booth to share your Kiwanis story!

## **Racing for Dollars**

Racing for Dollars grossed \$51,200! After expenses, we are estimating that we will distribute \$40,000 (\$20,000 to St. Luke, \$4000 each to Kiwanis, A.D.A.M., Jackson Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee, and the Rotary Foundation of Jackson). And, we could not do this without all the Kiwanis support – time, talent, and donations – that many members contributed. Thanks to all!

## **New Members**

We are currently inducting 2 new members! Shelly Jusik & Lee Kohlmeies are ready to get involved. We will introduce them to you more completely in the April newsletter.

## **Kiwanis 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

We will be sending out 'Save the Date' notices for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday gala event. It will be held on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Ella Sharp Museum. We could use more help with the planning details. Come to our next meeting on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, noon, at the Hunt Club. At this meeting we will be making decisions about details related to a spring picnic meeting at our park and the gala event in August.



## **Shoes**

Providing shoes and boots for children in need was one of the key community needs identified when our club started in 1917. While we have continued to provide new shoes and boots to kids in need, another project came about with Kiwanis International that also involves shoes and boots. Several years ago Kiwanis International started a project to Eliminate Neonatal Tetanus. We all raised a lot of money to eradicate this malady in many countries but the job is not done. A few years ago, Kiwanis partnered with a third world country to continue to bring in money for the Tetanus project while providing shoes and boots for third world countries. Kiwanians around the world are collecting used shoes and boots. The third world partner is paying Kiwanis a minimal rate per pound for the shoes. These funds go to the Tetanus project. The third world partner repairs the shoes and gives them to people in need around the world. WHAT A WIN/WIN! So if you have shoes and boots from your own closet or from family and friends – bring them to our club meeting and our leadership will pass them to the 'powers that be'. Thank you! You make a difference!

## **Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series News**

### **“Tibet: A Light in the Darkness”**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

**Produced and Narrated by Sean Cassidy & Patricia Keith**

**Presented by Patricia Keith**

Travel by Land and horse cart to “the top of the world.” Hear singing and laughter ring through the mountains and valleys of Tibet. Explore mysterious Buddhist monasteries, join thousands of pilgrims on a holy Kora, camp beside a sacred lake, sing with blind children. Learn about the history, traditions and cultures that have placed the Tibetan people and their country in the world spotlight. Nationally recognized filmmakers Sean Cassidy and Patricia Keith are making their first trip to Jackson with their film that provides a unique look into a place on earth very different and very far away.

**March 1<sup>st</sup> Sponsor:  
Vista Grande Villa**



### **“Stern Wheeling Alaska’s Inside Passage”**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

**Produced and Narrated by Dennis Burkhardt**

Explore the wilderness waterways of Alaska’s Inside Passage and experience the bygone elegance of the Golden Age of Sternwheel Cruising with Travel Channel producer Dennis Burkhardt. A scenic panorama of natural wonders unfolds before us as we marvel at this great land. Sitka, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Ketchikan and Juneau are but a few cities on our itinerary. Sightseeing aboard the White Horse & Yukon Railroad, whale watching, and inland trekking to view wildlife in their natural surroundings round out this in-depth journey to America’s Last Frontier.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Sponsor:**

**CP Federal Credit Union**

#### **Where we are going next season...**

Germany & Switzerland

Red Rock Country: The Colorado River Plateau

Guatemala: Land of the Maya

China: Beyond the Great Wall

Heart of San Francisco

For more ticket information, contact Kathie at: 517-474-5227 or [Kiwanis@gkveach.com](mailto:Kiwanis@gkveach.com)

**2018-2019 Pre-season tickets on sale at the last show on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$25.**

# KIWANIS MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1 Travel Adventure ‘Tibet’	2 <u>Program</u> Travel Adventure Speaker Happy Birthday Eileen Lehnert	3 Happy Birthday Mike Zuchowski
4	5	6 Key Club meets weekly 2:30pm	7 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	8	9 <u>Program:</u> Coal Mining in Jackson county	10 Jackson Womens’ Expo
11	12	13 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	14 100 <sup>th</sup> bday mtg noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Cal Sutch	15	16 <u>Program:</u> Underground Railroad in Jackson County Happy Birthday Chandra Howard	17
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25 Happy Birthday Adam Howard	26 Happy Birthday Rus Youngdahl	27 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	28	29 Happy Birthday Herb Elfring	30 NO MEETING Easter weekend Happy Birthday Les Williams	31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... August 17<sup>th</sup> - 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala!

