



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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



A Kiwanis Jackson Recruiting Event is being coordinated by President-Elect, Andy Johnson. All Kiwanians and their prospective member circle of family, friends, and associates are invited to a social event at the Grand River Brewery in downtown Jackson. Kiwanians, please come to mingle with prospective members in order to share why you are a member of Kiwanis, and answer any questions prospects may have regarding the club.

At the event, we will make a 20 minute presentation and have a Q & A while socializing. The Club is offering to purchase one drink to prospective members, for which, we ask that they give us an hour of their time to present a Kiwanis program to them. Kiwanians attending are responsible for their own food and drink. The event will be from **5:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 27th at the Grand River Brewery located at 117 W. Louis Glick Hwy, Jackson, MI, 49201.**

Who do you know who would make a great Kiwanian? Your spouse? Neighbor? Friend from church? Colleague? Board member for a non-profit you serve? Another parent at your child’s or grandchild’s school? A former co-worker who wants to get more out of life? Look around and invite that person or those people to this event and/or our May 5th club meeting! - President Rick Mills

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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

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

Keeping You in the Know

April Meetings

April 7 – Bruce Fry, CADAC, Substance Abuse Counselor, Catholic Charities
Topic: “Current Opiate Epidemic”

April 14 – No MEETING – Good Friday

April 21 – Sara Tackett, Director at the Jackson District Library
Also, checks distributed to recipients of Racing for Dollars event

April 28 – Lifeways service to children

Club Notes

- **PR for our club** – Eight of our members attended the Women’s Expo to showcase our club. We heard stories of how our club has helped put shoes and boots on their kid’s feet, how great the community looks with the flags flying on the holidays, interest in the scholarships, and interest from a few prospective members.
- **Spring Divisional:** Dick Hitch reported that he and Mary attended the District Meeting in Battle Creek on March 18 and our club earned many awards, one of which was the Outstanding Club Award for 2016, under the leadership of Don Schroeder!! Congratulations Don and to our club!
- **Board Nominations:** Past Presidents will meet Friday, April 21 (immediately following our club meeting), to discuss board slots to fill and the position of Vice President for 2017/2018. Don Schroeder will lead this meeting. If any Kiwanians are interested in being a board member or the Vice President, please talk to Don.
- **Prayer Breakfast:** The Northwest Kiwanis Club is hosting the Prayer Breakfast this year on Thursday, May 4th, at Steve’s Ranch from 7:30- 8:45 a.m. Elaine Crosby, professional golfer, will be the featured speaker. Advance ticket sales only (must RSVP by April 27). Therese Hesslau and Phil Berkemeier have tickets available. All Kiwanians are encouraged to bring a guest. Please like this event information on our Facebook page.
- **Interfaith Shelter Luncheon:** Don Schroeder is coordinating our next luncheon at the Interfaith Shelter. It will be Tuesday, May 2. Want to help? Let him know.
- **A Flag Burning Ceremony** is planned to kick off our Flag Project! It will take place at our regular meeting on May 19th. We will hold the ceremony at the Cascade pavilion across the street from the Manor House. After the ceremony we will go to the Manor House for a simple patriotic lunch. Plan to attend as the Jackson High School Choir and the Vietnam Veterans join us to make this a very special event! If you are a veteran, please wear your uniform if you wish.
- **Kiwanis Birthday Planning:** Our clubs’ 100th birthday planning committee meeting for this Wednesday, March 28th was cancelled. Committee members are working diligently. The coin is being designed. The logo is set. The banner is designed – we are working with the city on installation. We are working with Ella Sharp museum to set a display date. We are working on a location for our gala event. We have several community partnership projects in the works: Disc golf course at Ella Sharp Park, upgrades at our Kiwanis city park and a significant connection to the splash pad at Cascades Park. We welcome all volunteers!

Youth Services

- The spring **Kids Against Hunger** food packaging event was a great success completing 10,100 meals for the hungry in our community. Twelve club members and a handful of school volunteers helped the eighth graders at Parkside School on March 24th.
- **Kiwanis Kids Movies:** Our club, along with the Brooklyn Club, will sponsor the kids movies at the Michigan Theatre during Spring Break, which is April 3-7. The movie is "The Lego Batman Movie." Doors open at 1:30, the movie starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1. The events are on our Facebook page; please share!
- **Lego Clubs:** How does our Lego Clubs improve elementary school students? They develop teamwork, learn to design, build self-esteem and more. We NEED VOLUNTEERS! Contact Mike Zuchowski.
- **Aktion Club:** Cheri Johnson reports: Aktion Club members made an Easter craft. They are also planning their fifth annual Bowl-A-Thon. **It will be Saturday, April 22 at University Lanes, 16653 E. Michigan Ave. in Albion.** Registration begins at 10 a.m. with bowling from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cost: \$15/bowler (includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes and lunch with drink) or \$10/non-bowler (includes lunch with drink). \$10 for a t-shirt. Sponsorships for the event (and/or to have your logo on the shirt) are available. RSVP to Cheri by April 5, email cherijohnson03@gmail.com or call [\(517\) 879-9058](tel:5178799058). Aktion clubbers decided the profits will benefit the "Sleeping Children Around the World" project (www.scaw.org). Help promote this event by sharing the event from our Facebook page. Volunteer to help Cheri and interact with our Aktion Club members.
- **The Scholarship Committee** is reviewing applications and will meet this month to choose the recipients. Look for more information soon about our June luncheon to celebrate them!



Fund Raisers

- **Racing for Dollars Update:** Over \$54,000.00 was raised! The committee held its wrap up meeting and will present checks to the five recipients of this event at our April 21st meeting. Next years' event is set for February 18, 2018. The committee will start planning again on October 5th. We always need new volunteers/ideas.
- **Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series News** -Season tickets will be for sale in March. Pre-season (30th) the cost is \$25.
- **Travel Adventure Film Series – last show for this season:**



Hawaii and the South Pacific”

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Produced and Narrated by Marlin Darrah

Travel with Marlin Darrah, the world’s most-traveled filmmaker, to the spectacular islands of Hawaii and French Polynesia. The voyage begins on Hawaii’s Big Island, and continues to Oahu and Kauai. Looking around, you realize there’s no place on earth quite like Hawaii. From here we sail south to the French Polynesian islands of Rangiroa, Moorea and Tahiti.

French Polynesia embraces a vast ocean area strewn with faraway outer islands, each with a mystique of its own. Tahiti conjures up centuries’ worth of images: hibiscus flowers; svelte, bronzed dancers in grass skirts; a humid breeze over turquoise sea. French Polynesia has not escaped the modern world but instead has embraced and melded it into this almost ideal geographical setting in the vast blue Pacific.

**March 31st Sponsor:
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Where we are going next season...

September 21, 2017—Pacific Coast Top to Bottom

October 12, 2017—A Taste of Old Holland

November 2, 2017—A Week in Paris

March 1, 2018—Tibet: A light in the Darkness

March 22, 2018—Stern Wheeling Alaska’s Inside Passage

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

KIWANIS APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 Travel Film Series 7pm Jackson High School	31 Program "Maker Space"	1 April fool! 
2	3 Spring Kids Movie	4 Key Club meets weekly Spring Kids Movie	5 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Beth Philo Spring Kids Movie	6 Spring Kids Movie	7 Program: "Current Opiate Epidemic" Spring Kids Movie	8 Happy Birthday Bill Cooke
9	10	11 Aktion Club meets	12	13	14 Program: No meeting Good Friday Happy Birthday Ron Markowski	15
16 	17	18	19 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Jim Philo	20 Newsletter Deadline Happy Birthday George Veach	21 Program: Jackson District Library & R4\$ checks Presented Past pres. Mtg. 1pm	22 Aktion Club Bowl-A-thon 
23	24	25	26 100 th Bday meeting Noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Barry Malek	27 Member Recruit Event 7:30pm At the Brewery 	28 Program: Lifeways - "Service to children"	29
30	May 1	2 Interfaith Lunch	3	4 Prayer Breakfast	5	6

Remember our Kiwanis Club Foundation when securing your estate plans.