



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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MAY 2018



President Andy Johnson

Wow...April goes by quickly, doesn't it?

Welcome to May my friends. Having just returned from our Spring Divisional I feel inspired to share a little about the experience. For those of you who do not know what a Kiwanis Michigan District Spring Divisional is all about, and I was one of those before today, I see it as a meeting to see how far our helping children extends. Club representatives from Divisions 11, 12, 13, & 14 met in Battle Creek to elect Lt. Governors (heads of Divisions), talk about upcoming conventions, receive club awards, and highlight each club's Signature Project.

Discussing each club's Signature Project, and there are about 11 clubs to each division, really instilled in me the sense of purpose, for why I am a Kiwanian. With clubs attending represented from an area spanning from Adrian, to Niles, to Muskegon, and all clubs in between, I listened as each Division's Lt. Governor read each club's Signature Project. Projects ranged from Dictionaries to all Grand Rapids 3rd graders, an 8K running race that started with 9 participants and now has over 100 and growing, to Addison's Soup and Pie, to a Walleye contest that raises over \$45,000, I began to grasp the magnitude of the Kiwanis organization. Without realizing, we are apart of helping the next generation throughout South Central Michigan and beyond.

Our Lt. Governor, Bonnie Barlett of the Brooklyn Club, really highlighted our club by reading, with great detail, our Signature Project, the Flag Project, which we submitted to the District for consideration for the Kiwanis International Signature Project Award. While our Flag Project was not chosen by the Michigan District to be consider for International, Lt. Barlett read a great deal of the application written by Jim Philo. Kudos to Jim for your time spent on the application because Dick, Mary, Mike Z., and I really looked good to the audience as she read all the things we do with the donations from the Flag Project.

To conclude, I invite you all to become board members and officers to really understand how much good is really being done in the world. While no news organizations were standing outside our meeting waiting for sound bites, we (all the attendees), never cared because fame is fleeting, while care for a child will grow on forever.



Happy Birthday Jackson Kiwanians!

Kiwanis Club Officers

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Andy Johnson
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Linda Hayes
Terry Langston
John Grzesikowski
Mary Hitch
Jim Philo
Kyle Janson
David Mahon

Lt. Governor District 11

Bonnie Bartlett, Brooklyn

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

May 2018 Meetings

Thank you to Andy Johnson for securing our speakers for April.

May 4th - Club program on 100th birthday events & the Flag Project

May 11th – Jackson Symphony Orchestra

May 18th – Work Day & Picnic at Kiwanis Park

May 25th - **No meeting – Memorial Day Weekend**

Flag Project

It is time to get our largest fund raiser going! Thirty two teams will be once again planting over 1,100 flags all around Jackson. Thank you to each of you who are part of these teams! How you manage your route throughout these five holidays sets the image of our club to the community. Be proud to be a Kiwanian and give your customers great customer service! The following dates are guidelines for when the flags should be planted by and harvested by:

- Memorial Day – plant by May 23rd & harvest by May 30th
- Flag Day - plant by June 13th & harvest by June 20th
- 4th of July – plant by July 2nd & harvest by July 11th
- Labor Day through 9/11 – plant by August 29th & harvest by September 15th
- Veterans Day – (weather permitting) plant by November 11th & harvest by November 14th.

100th Birthday Events

Yes 2018 is our birthday year! I hope you are enjoying the activities we have going on to celebrate this year! Some ways to get more involved in the club are:

- **Join us at the Philo house this Thursday evening, May 3rd, at 7PM, to decide which archives will go into the display at Ella Sharp Museum**
- **Help plan and serve the meal for the club picnic at Kiwanis park to be on May 18th**
- **Help with building a Rose Parade Float & participate in the parade on June 3rd at 1pm.**
- **Help on the Gala event committee to work on decorations, club displays, participant gifts and hosting at the event**
- **Help at the Splash Pad Pizza/Ice Cream party on June 8th from 11am - 4pm**
- **Help with the large inter organizational "Kids Against Hunger" event next fall.**
- **Buy a memorial coin for \$10 from Dick Hitch**
- **Buy a club golf shirt from Mary Hitch**

Historical Tidbit

In 1935, on the corner of Seymour and Blakley Streets in Jackson, our members erected a backdrop and laid out a diamond for baseball on an empty lot. The club purchased this lot and ran summer programs for kids here and at a park on the corner of S. Francis and E. Biddle Streets. In the 1940's our club sold the lot, on Seymour and Blakley streets. for \$1.00 to the city of Jackson as the city created a recreation department and would take over organizing the summer programs. This corner has kept the name Kiwanis Park through the years. Our club continues to maintain this park in partnership with the city. Our club has hosted a Halloween party, handing out cider and donuts, every year since 1937. In most recent years, we have annually given out 80 dozen donuts and 20 gallons of cider to over 600 'trick or treaters'!



KIWANIS MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	3 Happy Birthday Dick Hitch & Ron Sondergeld 100 th Bday mtg7pm Philo's	4 <u>Program</u> 100 th Bday & Flag Project	5
6	7 Happy Birthday Therese Hesslau	8 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	9	10 Happy Birthday Brian Smith Prayer Breakfast 7:30-8:30am Cascade Manor House	11 <u>Program:</u> Jackson Symphony Orchestra	12
13 Happy Birthday Glenn Pascoe 	14	15 Key Club meets weekly 2:30pm	16 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Happy Birthday Suzie Crittenden	17 Happy Birthday Phil Burch	18 <u>Program:</u> Work day & picnic at Kiwanis Park	19
20	21	22 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	23 Happy Birthday Doug Beiswanger Flags Planted 	24	25 <u>Program:</u> No Meeting!	26
27	28 	29	30 Flags Harvested 	31	June1	2 Rose Parade tomorrow  1PM