## Kiwanis Club of Jackson

"Serving the Children of the World"

Meetings on Friday, 12 noon, Cascades Manor House, Board Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, Hunt Club, 12 noon, Club Address: 1203 First St., Jackson, MI 49203, phone (888) 551-9699,

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## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019**



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GOVERNOR LARRY MEMMER Hello Fellow Kiwanians.

Bad news! Summer is almost over!

Good News: Our Kiwanis Governor, Larry Memmer, said our Kiwanis district membership is growing.

Good News/Bad News: My year as president is almost over.

Time flies when you're having fun and this past year has just flown by. Our fundraisers were very successful, and we helped a lot of children and people with our projects and donations. We should all be very happy and proud of our club!

September will be kind of a kick off to a new year. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we are helping with the Community Baby Shower at St. Johns Church of Christ to help provide low-income moms and moms-to-be prepare to care for their babies. On September 19<sup>th</sup> we are having a Circle K meeting at Spring Arbor University in hopes of starting a new Circle K Club at the University. The District Circle K Club Governor will be there to make the presentation to interested students. September 20<sup>th</sup> is our Installation of Officers at the Cascades Manor House and the finale of the year is "Kids Against Hunger" packaging at Parkside Middle School. We will be helping kids package 10,000 meals for needy families.

This has been a wonderful year for me. This is a great club with a lot of hard-working people that get things done. Because of the Board, the Foundation, the Committee chairs, and Kiwanis club members, my job was made easy. And I thank all of you for that!

So, with that I say goodbye to my year as President. Now let's all of us give Mary Lou McFadden and her Officers, Board and Committee chairs our support and help to make this next year even better.

Thank You,

Mike Zuchowski

## **2019 KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

# 2019 INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS – Submitted by Beth Philo

By attending the International and District Conventions our members gained a lot of valuable ideas to help enrich our club. Some of the highlights from the workshops attended include the following:

## Membership

- Close the back door assess member satisfaction and connectedness
- assess which projects and fund raisers in the club are stagnant and recharge
- look for ways to include all members in planning and activities
- 4. Recruit key community leaders

## • Young Professionals

- Consider an activity-based satellite club
- Use the "WhatsApp" as a source to ask for volunteer time for younger members

## • Bridge the Achievement Gap

- Under privileged children learn 3,000 less words by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade than average students
- Consider creating reading corners in public buildings like Laundromats where families spend down time together
- Consider ways to help build resources for

underprivileged mothers of infants and toddlers i.e... community shower

## Fund Raising

- Chuffed.org/Kiwanis use to donate \$5.00 to Michigan Kiwanis
- Venmo.com a source to pay for things
- Shop.com a way to get paybacks for Michigan Kiwanis <u>and our club</u> through online purchasing

#### Police Week

- A grass roots effort to let law enforcement know we the community 'have their backs' every week
- Police Week is the week of May 15,2020 with a large event planned on the 16<sup>th</sup>

## Collaborating with Universities

- 1. Partner on Projects
- 2. Program Resource
- Membership Professors usually must get involved somehow in their community

<u>Disney</u> 2019



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## <u>ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL</u> <u>CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS</u> –

**Submitted by Mary Lou McFadden** 

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Kiwanis International Convention. It was very enlightening.

The new Kiwanis International President is Daniel Vigneron from Luxembourg.

The keynote speaker on Thursday was Jim Collins. He has coauthored or authored 6 books that has sold over 10 million copies worldwide, in fact I have his book "Good to Great". He spoke about what separates great from good. This is something they do by choice. We have to define leadership. It's what you do for others, have to get the right people on the bus, and have to know where to drive the bus. Life is people. We always need to be on top of our game, preserve the core, if programs no longer serve you, get rid of them. How can we be useful?

Alex Sheen was the second speaker. His presentation was "Because I said I would ". He is the founder of a nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of humanity through promises kept and made.

I attended workshops geared for presidents:

- 1. If you don't know who you are, how are you going to get there?
- 2. Service and survive
- 3. Educate engage and empower
- 4. Membership, engagement and leadership
- 5. Measure member satisfaction
- 6. More people involved in help.

- 7. Our Kiwanis image working together!
- Meaningful service are meetings revelent to our members (good use or wasting time)
- What are our clubs' strengths? (our members)
- 10. Would we change anything?
- 11. Are we revelent to our community?
- 12. Stop doing, start doing, keep doing!
- 13. Being told you are appreciated is one of the simplest yet most incredible things you can ever hear!
- 14. Member orientation-membership committee!
- 15. The Aktion Cub is the fastest growing club in the world!

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION IN

ANN ARBOR -- GO BLUE!



## **UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS**

## **2019-20 INSTALLATION DINNER**

The Cascades Manor House will host the 2019-20 Installation Dinner on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 5:30 (Fellowship) and 6:00 (Dinner) Cost is \$26. No noon meeting!

## "KIDS AGAINST HUNGER"

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Parkside Fieldhouse. Setup at 7:30 a.m. Packaging begins at 8:30. **Volunteers Needed!!** 

## IT & MARKETING COMMITTEE

**Call for Photos!** Our Marketing Committee would like to gather up all digital photos into our new Google Drive. So, if you have any photos from any of our events, please send photos attached to an email to our club account info@jacksonkiwanis.com. For Carol to complete the Newsletter, Nicole to complete the Scrapbook, and Eileen to complete the Newspaper, we are gathering all photos into one location so our marketing team can access the same pictures. Also, if you could describe which event you are at and any names of persons, which we do not know, that would be great! Finally, please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you, Andy Johnson 517-206-3498 johna323@gmail.com

## **KIWANIS NEWS**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

We still need members to line up speakers for the 2019-20 year for the following months: November, February, June, July and September. Please contact Jim Philo 517-745-0529 or jbphilo@Comcast.net.

## **SEPTEMBER FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

9/6/2019 – **Cindy Bellew**Jackson Community Foundation;
"Friends Who Care", a program Cindy created at JHS to assist homeless youth.

9/13/2019 - **Gary Beck** Beck's Flower Shop "Fall Maintenance"

9/20/2019 - **No noon meeting**Installation of Officers

9/27/2019 - **Beth Philo**"Because I said I Would" An Expansion on President Mary Lou's theme

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



9/3 Lynn Seamans
9/7 Connie Murray
9/9 Rick Mills
9/10 Howard Patch
9/12 Phil Berkemier
9/16 Mary Berkemier
9/19 John Crist
9/27 Bill Hestwood