



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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President Andy Johnson

Hello and Goodbye Jackson Kiwanians.

Did you know September is the last month when listed alphabetically? Well, it is, and it is also my last month addressing you as President. It has been a wonderful year and for my Presidency, a seasonal one. Due to the industry I work in, sitework (exterior) construction, I was able to devote a great deal of time toward Kiwanis in the Winter, when I had a light workload, and much less time in the Summer, but I hope it worked out to the benefit of the club. While my formal position as President is ending, I hope to continue with some of my projects to help strengthen the club by recruiting, organizing files, and helping everyone with technology.

Well, we are not ending my year on a slow chug, but rather accelerating into the finish. If you missed it, the 100th Year Birthday Party at the Ella Sharp Museum was a blast had by all. The museum staff even danced and had a great deal of fun, with the security personal telling me that we were one of the their funniest groups. 'Piano Wars' supplied the most professional part of the entertainment, but the "Great Kiwaniac" was no slouch. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered, with special thanks to Beth Philo for her well planned and executed celebration.

Heading into September, we have many club activities occurring, as the school year gets started our projects seem to ramp up as well. A Special event to mention is a community build for our new Kiwanis Park Playground Equipment. Denny Dapra, Eileen Lehnert, and myself, along with contributions from others were able to raise \$50,000 to purchase new playground equipment for the Kiwanis Park. So, on September 21st from 8 am to 12 noon, please join us in building, with professional overseers, the new equipment. A picnic will be supplied by our Project Fund budget, because this is a project, so invite all to volunteer, as we are looking for around 20 volunteers.

And we have scheduled our installation dinner for Friday evening, September 28th. So, get your tickets now to be part of a great Jackson Kiwanis tradition to induct our new President, Mike Zuchowski.

Ahhh, looking forward to that great Kiwanis Past-President pension I was promised when I signed up. A condo in Florida, golf 5 days a week, and some white shoes. Now... does anyone have the number of the Pension Trustee who sold me that bill? Thanks to all and God Bless!



Happy Birthday Jackson Kiwanians!

Kiwanis Club Officers

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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

September 2018 Meetings

- August 31st** - Round Table (no program) – 5th Friday of the month
- Sept. 7th** - Tony Hollow, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Sept. 14th** - Carrie Good, John George/Jackson Friendly Home
- Sept. 21st** - Playground Build at Kiwanis Park
- Sept. 28th** - Evening Meeting – Installation of 2018/19 officers

**Chandra sent the Annual Dues Notices out!
Please renew your membership BEFORE October 1st**

Keeping You In the Know

REPORTS

Club Picnic & Golf - a great time was had by those who attended. Great camaraderie is built golfing together! The steaks were grilled just right...how can that be??.. Each participant got to grill their own! We always enjoy the opportunity to have fellowship together.

100th Birthday Celebration – What a fun birthday party! We got to see the club museum display, eat a great meal, have birthday cake and sing to our hearts content! Some members even performed for the group – some who planned ahead and some who got volunteered on the spot! Take your family and friends to see our historical museum display as it will be in the museum through the middle of October. There are a lot of other cool displays there as well.

Summer "KID'S MOVIES" at the Michigan Theatre was once again a huge success! Thank you to Pat Kiessling and all the Kiwanians who participated. The average attendance was about 500 kids per week.

Safe Sitter Program

This spring our club gave \$1,500 to Tanya Brush for supplies to get the “Safe Sitter” program started in our community. A few girls in her Cadette Girl Scout troop, for their Silver Award project, have put in over 50 volunteer hours working with the community to raise awareness and funding. They raised a little over \$500 and purchased 2 additional infant and 2 additional child manikins. With our support, the program now has 5 infant and 6 child manikins and 5 soft bodied dolls. Tanya is making big progress with the program. Safe Sitter launched a new 2 hour class geared toward 4th - 6th grade students teaching how to be safe at home, preventing accidents, online safety, and introducing them to the Safe Sitter First Aid Chart and how to assess injuries.

COMING UP

Playground Build at Kiwanis Park - The Community Build starts at 8 am on Friday, September 21st, and runs until finished, which we hope to be around 12 noon. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers, whether Kiwanian or not. WE NEED AT LEAST 20 VOLUNTEERS! Kiwanis meeting/Picnic , provided by the Kiwanis Project Fund ,will occur at 12 noon, so meeting has been moved from Manor House to Kiwanis Park. Tool requests will go out closer to event date.

Kids Against Hunger Event – Mark your calendars for October 13th from 8:00am – Noon. Recruit your friends and neighbors as we plan to package 50,000 meals in that short 4 hour period at the Parkside field house. Families are welcome to volunteer. All kids must come with adult supervision. Let Dick Hitch or Beth Philo know if you know of a civic organization that might want to be included in this great project!

Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series News

The 2018-2019 final Travel Adventure Film season will start on **Thursday, September 20th**. By now you should have received your package of tickets. If you did not get one, please give George a call at 474-5226. Please be sure to contact those on your list. They are all previous ticket buyers. Also consider contacting someone new to let them experience this great family entertainment. Let's make this project end with a "Bang" with strong sales.

George & Kathie Veach

"Germany & Switzerland"

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Produced and Narrated by Marlin Darrah

We start off in Germany, visiting the major cities of Munich, Cologne, and Berlin with their boisterous markets, palaces, and cathedrals. We will cruise the Rhine River with many locks and fairy tale castles. We will travel to the quaint little walled town of Rothenburg, climb atop the Zugspitze, Germany's highest point, try our luck at the casinos of Baden-Baden, and visit the romantic Black Forest. In this program, we'll also focus on an often-overlooked side of Switzerland—Luzern, Bern, Zurich, and Lausanne. We'll enjoy the country's urban charms and ponder a few Swiss innovations. And it's all before the backdrop of Switzerland's stunning natural beauty, the most famous of which is the magnificent Swiss Alps.

September Sponsor:

**John Ganton's
Countryside
Retirement**

Where we are going next season...

October 11, 2018—Red Rock Country: The Colorado River Plateau

November 1, 2018—Guatemala: Land of the Maya

March 7, 2019—China: Beyond the Great Wall

March 28, 2019—Heart of San Francisco

For more ticket
information, contact

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KIWANIS September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29  Plant Flags	30	31 <u>Program:</u> Roundtable - Memorial Weekend	1
2	3 LABOR DAY  Happy Birthday Lynn Seamans	4	5 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	6 Michigan Kiwans Convention	7 <u>Program</u> Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Michigan Kiwans Convention Happy Birthday Connie Murray	8 Michigan Kiwans Convention
9 Happy Birthday Rick Mills Michigan Kiwans Convention	10 Happy Birthday Howard Patch	11 	12  Harvest Flags	13	14 <u>Program:</u> John George & Friendly Homes	15
16	17	18	19 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club 100 th Bday meeting 1pm Happy Birthday John Crist	20 Film Series 7PM	21 <u>Program:</u> Playground Build at Kiwans Park	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Bill Hestwood	28 <u>Program:</u> New Officer Installation	29
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**Mark your Calendar:
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