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DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Kiwanians,

Welcome to the last month of 2019!

How could December sneak up on us so fast? It seems we just opened the Splash Pad for the summer and now winter is upon us! But no worries, we have plenty on our schedule to keep us busy.

Before we go to that a special thanks to all our “flag people” that got our flags down in a timely manner considering the unexpected snow that hit us on Veterans Day. You got them down and fortunately the ground was not frozen.

Now get yourselves ready for a very busy December, here we go.

December 6 - The Mighty Kiwanis Players will be presenting the “**The Golden Girls**”, a production you do not want to miss. Bring your friends and maybe some new members! It starts at noon at the Cascades Manor House; get there early. The Salvation Army will be in attendance with their **Red Kettle** so give what you can to this very worthy organization. We will be doing some bell ringing for them too, so check with Mike for your assignment! No bell ringing at Walmart this year except on November 30th.

December 13 - **Newspaper Sale**. You all have your assignments; if not check with Joe. Lunch will served (Pizza) 11am - 2pm East Room Manor House

December 20 - We will meet in the small room (East Room) at the Manor House (no speaker)

December 27- NO MEETING!

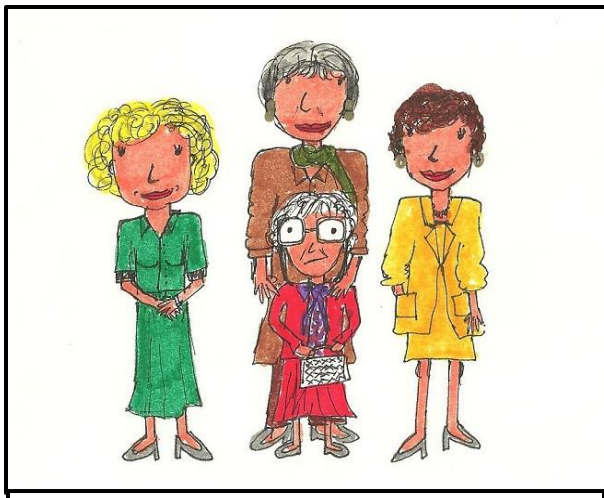
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your willingness to work with this wonderful Kiwanis organization to make it what it is today. Just think we are entering our 102nd year! How amazing is that?

Hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. Likewise my Blessings to you all at this very beautiful time of the year, a time to spend with family and enjoy the sights and sounds of this Christmas Season! May the Christmas Spirit remain in our hearts all year long! Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you!

Mary Lou McFadden
2019-20 Kiwanis President

Annual Skit & Salvation Army Friday, December 6th

The Mighty Kiwanis Art Payers are going to present their version of "The Golden Girls" on Friday, December 6th as a kick-off to our 101st Annual Newspaper Sale which will be held the following Friday, December 13th. Don't miss seeing practical Dorothy, flighty Rose, voluptuous Blanche, and sarcastic Sophia as they not only try to live together in harmony but work together in their local Kiwanis Club. This is worth inviting your spouses, friends, prospective members, and anyone else you can drag off the streets. In addition to the skit, the Salvation Army will be bringing their Red Kettle. The Salvation Army does not ring bells at our Newspaper Sale locations and in return our club donates \$2,000 to the Salvation Army and we invite them to bring the Red Kettle to our skit where last year another \$1,000 was raised by your generous donations. Come prepared for laughter and supporting a wonderful cause. A true win/win for Kiwanis and the Salvation Army!



101st Annual Newspaper Sale Friday, December 13th

The newspaper sale started in 1918 with Kiwanis members taking over from the street sellers the Jackson Citizens Press edition and twisting arms for additional donations. By the 1940's a Kiwanis edition was being printed and sold by the club members and we continue that format today. This means that we have locations at banks, restaurants, and retail establishments that must be manned by our members. Every member will have an assignment and a goal. If we are successful, we will raise \$10,000 and that money will be used to buy shoes and boots for needy children. Last year over \$10,000 was spent on shoes and boots and over 400 children were helped. To keep this commitment, we need every member to donate 1 ½ hours on Friday, December 13th.

Location assignments have been sent to members by email a couple of weeks ago. Please contact Joe Wolfe for questions. Newspapers, bags and vests will be available at the Manor House (in the small room right off the parking lot) at 9:30am. Pizza from Little Caesars will be the lunch and will run from 11am to 2pm. There will be no cost for the lunch. We will try to cover locations from 11am to 4pm depending upon the manpower available. Many of the locations are outdoors, so dress for cold weather. This is a big challenge for our membership, but we are taking care of the less fortunate in our community "because we said we would." And we will . . . with your help!

KIWANIS BELL RINGING

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army kicked off on Saturday, November 30th at Walmart and Polly's Parnall Road. Here are a few of our dedicated volunteers 😊

A huge thank you to all the members that came out to support Kiwanis and the Salvation Army!

Bell Ringing will continue December 7, 14 & 21. Contact Mike Zuchowski for questions or your assignment!



DON



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KIWANIS FLAGS



A big thank you to all who made this project a success! Over \$30,000 was collected this year to support the kids of Jackson. #KidsNeedKiwanis

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Nuts & Candy

The Holiday Nuts and Candy are flying off the shelves! Don't miss out on great holiday gifts! For questions or to order, Contact Mike Zuchowski at 517.795.4097 or mike.alphadesign@gmail.com

SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR 2020

Jim Philo still needs someone to arrange speakers for June and September 2020. Contact Jim at 517.745.0529 or at jbphilo@comcast.net

SHOES & BOOTS PROJECT UPDATE

Terry Langston would like to thank those of you who have been great volunteers for Shoes & Boots in the past. They have decided to try a little something different this year in partnership with JPS. Our contact will be distributing the vouchers to each school and closely monitoring how they are utilized. Both JPS and Kohls will then provide our Kiwanis Club with data about

which schools are using the vouchers, when they are utilized (peak periods versus non peak periods of purchasing shoes and boots etc.). This will be good data for us as a club to know and understand. However, Terry has 50 vouchers that we can use for other families (not within JPS). If you know of a family who is in need, please ask them to call Terry Langston at (517) 494-0084 or you can call him and schedule a time to visit Kohl's with me and the family. Thanks!

AKTION CLUB NEWS

The AKTION CLUB has been decorating this beautiful Christmas tree at the Michigan Theatre. Please cast your vote for the Aktion Club Tree at the theatre by a donation! Looks great Rachele!



KIWANIS CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Kiwanis Christmas movies will be shown during the holidays this year starting on Friday, December 26 at 11am. They will continue December 27 at 11am & 2pm, Friday, January 2 11am & 2pm, January 3 at 11am. Please contact Pat Kiessling to volunteer to greet children and families at the theatre! 517.784-6060 or patkiessling@comcast.net



CHILI GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC

Join us for a day of winter golf at the 34th Annual Kiwanis Charity Classic Fundraiser at Hankerd Hills Golf Course on January 25, 2020. The committee is busy planning for a fun golf event, great food and amazing prizes. They are also working hard to secure sponsors of both money and door prizes. If you would like to participate or donate, please contact Bob Johnson at 517.206.4032 or bob@5leprechauns.com

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

12/6/2019 – Annual Kiwanis Skit/Salvation Army

12/13/2019 – 101ST Annual Newspaper Sale

12/20/2019 – Meeting in the East Room Roundtable

12/27/2019 – NO MEETING

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/5 – Amanda Casler

12/13 – Nicole Vissel

12/15 – Caroline Brown

12/31 – Pat Kiessling



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DECEMBER KIWANIS CALENDAR 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02 KEY CLUB MEETING 2:30 Every Monday	03 Interfaith Shelter Luncheon 10:30	04 BOARD MEETING NOON HUNT CLUB	05 AMANDA CASLER'S BIRTHDAY	06 Kiwanis Skit & Salvation Army	07 
08	09	10 AKTION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 3PM	11	12 CHILI GOLF MEETING 7 PM	13 101 st Annual Newspaper Sale Nicole Vissel's Birthday	14 
15 CAROLINE BROWN'S BIRTHDAY	16	17	18 BOARD MEETING NOON HUNT CLUB	19	20 EAST ROOM ROUNDTABLE	21 
22	23	24 NO AKTION CLUB MEETING	25 	26	27 NO MEETING	28
29	30 PAT KIESSLING'S BIRTHDAY	31				

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 25, 2020 - 34TH ANNUAL CHILI GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC