



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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President Andy Johnson

Ah, what a wonderful time of year to be a Kiwanian!

Now that Bell Ringing has begun, the Christmas Skit is right around the corner, and then our Newspaper Sale will commence. For those in the know-you are aware of the importance of these activities, and for those new to our club activities this time of year - let me fill you in:

1) Bell Ringing is our assistance to the Salvation Army to make sure as much of their red bucket donations go toward helping the less fortunate as possible. By Kiwanian's volunteering our time to ring the bell over four weeks of the holiday season, our local Salvation Army does not have to pay for someone to ring the bell. So, contact Ted Wilson, who has graciously dedicated his time toward coordinating this project over the past few years..

2) Our Christmas Skit is wonderfully hilarious and really gets me excited about the Christmas season. Written by the critically acclaimed playwright Sir Joseph Wolfe of Summit Township, we find ourselves transported to a new, but familiar, adventure every year. The skit, and a bit of Christmas caroling, take a back seat to a great cause for which we are there, and that is to donate to the Salvation Army. Our club starts out the donations with a check for \$1000 into the red bucket, then the Sargent moves around the room and collects from attendees. We typically surpass \$2000, so come enjoy the fun and donate!

3) Last, but not least, Joe Wolfe sends us out on our mission to let the community know we are here, we are working our butts off, and please take our paper and give a donation to our Shoes and Boots project. All able members are assigned locations to hand out newspapers and collect donations. This project gives needy kids in JPS Schools, vouchers to purchase footwear at Kohls. Our contribution varies every year, but we average around \$10,000 per year toward putting shoes and boots on kids' feet.

Come join in the fun and I hope you and yours the best this Christmas season!

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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

Lt. Governor District 11

Bonnie Bartlett, Brooklyn

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

December Meetings

Thank you to Dick Hitch for coordinating December programs

12/01 – Salvation Army

12/08 – Club Skit “Grease”

12/15 – Newspaper Sale – no formal meeting

12/22 – Christmas Fun

12/29 – No meeting – Happy New Year!

Keeping you in the Know!

Service Projects

Interfaith Shelter Luncheon We will be providing lunch and serving it at the interfaith shelter on December 5th. Key Club members will be assisting with this project.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army This is a great club service project. We are asking for 90 minute shifts on the next 4 Saturdays at both Polly’s and Walmart. Polly’s is on Parnall Road and bell ringing is inside the entrance. We are ringing at Walmart outside the west entrance.

Please let Chair Ted Wilson know right away if you can ring the bell. He also needs to know the best way to contact you (phone, text, email, mail, etc.) and he will remind you on Wednesday or Thursday before your shift. You are welcome to bring your child or grandchild to learn how great it feels to help others!

Kiwanis 100th Birthday – The committee needs help going through historical data and pictures. Contact Beth if you can help.

Winter Fund Raisers

Most of our club fund raising is done between November and February each year. Our club raises over \$80,000/year to contribute to our community. Please get involved with your time, talents and treasures to make all of our efforts once again successful. Be a proud kiwanian!

Nuts – The order is in! Cost is \$20.00 per large can of mixed nuts (no peanuts) or gift box of assorted nuts. Funds raised from this project go to support our 100th Birthday celebrations. These make great Christmas gifts! Contact Ron Sondergeld.

Candles - Please contact Mary Lou McFadden as soon as possible if want some nice candles for Christmas. Cost is still \$20 per candle (pre-pay only). This fund raiser supports our administrative fund.

Shoes & Boots -

The 99th Annual Newspaper Sale is Friday, December 15th. The papers will be at the Manor House by 9:30am. If you need papers before the 15th, contact Joe Wolfe. Luncheon (Little Caesars Pizza) will be at the Manor House (the small room right off the parking lot – please use that door). All sale location assignments have been sent to the membership and Captains have been asked to arrange for coverage for their locations (confirm with Joe Wolfe by 12/8/17). If everyone who is able will devote time selling papers, we should be able to reach our \$10,000 goal! That equates to about 400 pairs of shoes/boots for needy kids! This years' kick off skit will be "Grease"! Please invite your spouse, co-workers, and friends to the meeting on 12/8/17 where the Mighty Kiwanis Art Players will present their version of "Grease"! Music, dancing, drama, and comedy mix well in this fine-tuned skit of teenagers gone wild in the 1950's. Don't miss it! Remember - bring some extra cash for the Salvation Army.

Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series





Where we are going spring 2018: **March 1**—Tibet: A light in the Darkness

March 22—Stern Wheeling Alaska's Inside Passage

Chili Golf - Please talk to Bob Johnson if you are interested in helping out. Raffle Tickets for rounds of golf at 8 different golf courses are available, \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Raffle tickets (\$20.00 each) are available for a chance to be one of three winners for \$1,000.00 in free groceries from Pollys. This committee meets Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Incubator.

Racing for Dollars - New committee members are always welcomed. Please see Joe Wolfe or Dr. Jim O'Connor if you'd like to help (you do not necessarily have to attend all meetings). Don Schroeder is collecting donations of liquor and craft beer for a special raffle at this event. Bring your donations to Friday meetings or connect with Don or Joe. The committee will meet Nov 30, Dec 14, and Dec 28. Beginning Jan 11, we'll meet every week until Feb 18. All meetings will be at Steve's Ranch at 8 a.m.

KIWANIS DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Nov 30 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8am	1 <u>Program</u> Salvation Army	2 Ring Bells 
3	4	5 Interfaith Shelter Lunch Key Club meets weekly 2:30pm Happy Birthday Amanda Casler	6 <u>Board</u> <u>meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	7	8 <u>Program:</u> Club Skit "Grease" 	9 Ring Bells 
10	11	12 Aktion Club meets 3:00pm	13 100 th Bday mtg noon Oak Tree Lounge Golf Event Committee 7pm Happy Birthday Nicole Vissel	14 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8am	15 <u>Program:</u> Newspaper Sale  Happy Birthday Caroline Brown	16 Ring Bells 
17	18	19	20 <u>Board</u> <u>meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	21	22 <u>Program:</u> Christmas Fun	23 Ring Bells 
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27	28 Racing 4 \$\$ Committee 8am	29 <u>Program:</u> Manor House closed No meeting	30
31 Happy Birthday Pat Kiessling						

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...January 17, 2018: Next Foundation Board meeting. 1 p.m.
 January 27, 2018: Chili Golf Classic Event February 18, 2018: Racing for Dollars Event
 August 17, 2018: 100th Birthday Gala!