

Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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President Andy Johnson

Summer is a great time in Jackson Michigan and our Kiwanis Club has the special task of really “hanging the banner” for the beginning of summer by planting our Flags for Memorial Day. So, while everyone is busy running around buying up hot dogs and watermelon for the holiday, our Flags really do symbolize Memorial Day’s real intent. And that is to remember those who died in active military service for the United States of America. So, try not to look at Flag planting as a task to check off, but rather a proud service you are honored to be chosen to perform.

It may seem rather over dramatic, but when I carry the Stars and Strips to each sleeve, I have visions of the battle harder soldiers in Iwo Jima giving it all their might to bring the flag to it’s full height. I think of scenes from movies and books of D-Day, where the English Channel turned red with American blood from bullet wounds and severed limbs. I would like to think I would have the guts and the American spirit to load on those boats headed for entrenched German defense.

I think of my father and the members of this community he has introduced me to who fought in Vietnam because they believe in America. I remember when I was a teenager and Paul Gorzyca, a younger Vietnam Vet from Jackson, told me that when my father volunteered to join the Marines and travel to Vietnam in 1967, that was when the War was raging hard.

Remembering Bob Eberhert, a passed Kiwanian, was a Korean War Vet. And Ken Hickey, a passed Kiwanian, and Navy Vet, recalled very clearly the Red Cross charging them for donuts on their way home from the Pacific. I chuckled when he mentioned that during a meeting, and though blind, look directly at me across the room. It wasn’t that I thought it was funny, but rather I had read about the incident at some time in my life and couldn’t believe I would ever have the honor to know someone who lived it. Kenny, if your listening, “I’m sorry I laughed, but it was not at your expense”.

My generation has not seen the mass war deaths like my predecessors, but I knew Matthew Soper’s brothers and pray for their family when I see remembrance of him. Sgt Soper was killed in Iraq in 2007.

So, while it may seem challenging to fit the Flag planting and harvesting into your schedule, remember you have a real duty this Memorial Day to honor those who fought and died for this country. Of course, those I mentioned did not die for this country, but they fought alongside those who did not come back to raise families and live long lives. We live our lives to the fullest to honor those who didn’t make it back. Salute!

Happy Birthday Jackson Kiwanians!

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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

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June 2018 Meetings

Thank you to Barry Malek for coordinating the June programs.

June 1st - Not set: Working on either of: *Duane M. Pittman (Chief of Police Napoleon Township PD. Chief of Police) or Val Herr from JSO*

June 8th – Kate Manville-Swartz with the Art & Cultural Alliance of Jackson County

June 15th – Katina Cain with the Nonprofit Network 'Bridges out of Poverty'

June 22nd - held at Vista Grand Villa –Program - scholarship awards

June 29th - Roundtable

Special Note: Friday, June 22, the Kiwanis Meeting will be held at Vista Grande Villa . This meeting will be honoring our 2 scholarship recipients Audrey Warriner, Lumen Christi High School, and Giordan Nazarak, Northwest High School! **Please notify Mary Lou McFadden if you plan to attend! \$12.00/meal Vista Grande would like a head count 1 week prior to the meeting!!**

Summer "KID'S MOVIES"

Summer "KID'S MOVIES" at the Michigan Theatre will start the week of June 12th. The movies will run three days a week through the summer months. We need volunteers from 1:30 – 2:00pm each day to represent Kiwanis and welcome the movie goers. **Let Pat Kiessling know when you can help.**

Keeping You In the Know

On May 5th, about 20. Members worked hard at our Kiwanis Park. They gathered at 9:00am to weed, weed, weed, then spread 35 bags of mulch. All was done by a little after 10:00am. it looks beautiful! Go take a look.

A half dozen members planted city flowers downtown, May 19th, on Cortland Street.. We filled two planters, one for the deceased members of our club and one for the deceased daughters of our club members (Pam Zimmerman, Kathy Currier and Lynn Kiessling)

The Aktion Club hosted a picnic for our club, to thank them for sponsoring their club, on Wednesday May 23rd. All who attended had a great time mingling with these special Kiwanians. Thank you to the Aktion Club parents and our own member Cheri Johnson for making this event so fun and making the Aktion Club the fun club that it is!

The Prayer Breakfast was well attended with almost 60 people including three interclubs. We shared a great meal and listened to a wonderful speaker! Her message focused on simple prayer anytime, anywhere. If we ask God to help us find a solution to whatever problem arises, something good will happen.

Don Schroeder coordinated another nice lunch at the interfaith shelter. He and a handful of volunteers provide a meal twice annually at the shelter. Thanks Don.

Don Schroeder also coordinated an interclub to Adrian this month. We are well on our way to making a 'Round Robin'. What is that? Ask Don about it. Attending inter clubs are a great way to network with fellow Kiwanians throughout our larger community.

Flag Project

We have orders for over 1157 flags! Donations just over \$2,600 have also come in. By now, all flags should be planted for the Memorial Day weekend. **A great big THANK YOU goes out to all the teams for a job well done!** There were very few glitches as we get another year off the ground for this project! A few items of note:

- On your route sheet there is information about access to the 2 storage units(supplies are there to help you mark where your sleeves are planted and new sleeves if needed), planting and harvesting schedules, and log sheets to acknowledge what you take or bring back (this helps us maintain supplies)
- Care of your flags – don't take down wet flags and bring damaged or badly faded flags to the storage unit on County Farm Rd. to be replaced.
- Substitutes – plan ahead!!! Look at the five holidays. If you will need help secure it now and work with your substitute to know your route!
- Questions/problems? Call Jim or Beth Philo and we will see how we can help.



100th Birthday Updates

- **Next committee meeting: Weds. June 13th at noon at the Hunt Club!**
- **Rose Parade Float on June 3rd at 1pm.** Work on making the float will take place on May 29, 30 & 31st at 6:30pm at the Incubator on S. Jackson Street. **Contact Bob Johnson if you can help.** Join us at the parade and walk by our float to show your pride in Kiwanis!
- **Help at the Splash Pad Pizza/Ice Cream party on June 8th from 11am - 4pm**
- **Gala event committee** to work on decorations, club displays, participant gifts and hosting at the event
- **Volunteer for "Kids Against Hunger" event Saturday, October 13th!**
- **Buy a memorial coin for \$10 from Dick Hitch**
- **Buy a club golf shirt for \$40 - \$45 from Mary Hitch**
- **Buy a sponsorship ad in our gala event program book. Book size is 8.5"x11".**

Fill out the order below, attach the copy of your ad and payment. Mail it to: Beth Philo 7752 McCain Rd. Parma, MI 49269, no later than August 1, 2018. Questions: call 517-531-5120

Name _____ Phone _____
Organization/Business _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Business card **\$50** ____ ¼ page **\$200** ____ ½ page **\$300** ____ full page **\$500** ____

Please make checks payable to "Kiwanis Club of Jackson"

Historical Tidbit

A little Boy Smiles in July 1989

Josh slowly worked the wheels of his wheel chair over the door threshold. Once clear, he accelerated, but was careful not to go too fast. He made the turn and then down the long slope to the driveway. He was greeted with cheers and shouts of "Good Luck!" As he turned his chair in the driveway, he called out "Thanks Everybody!" The ramp construction was started in the rain, using an old garage for shelter. By the time final assembly was ready to begin, the rain had stopped. Dennis DaPra and George Cavelle led the team of Sam Cushman, Norm Olmsted, Mickey Kress, Phil Berkemeier, Dave Mahon and Jay Weeks to a successful finish. As Josh scooted up and down the ramp, smiling and happy, this six year old boy with cerebral palsy made this a most memorable moment for all those present.

KIWANIS JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30 Flags Harvested	31	1 <u>Program</u> ??	2
3 Rose Parade 1PM	4 Happy Birthday Lee Zimmerman	5 Aktion Club Summer break	6 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	7 Happy Birthday Nathan Mahan	8 <u>Program:</u> Art & Cultural Alliance Splash Pad opening 11-4	9
10	11 Flags Planted Happy Birthday Don Schroeder	12 Key Club Summer break Happy Birthday Colin Smith	13 100 th Bday mtg noon Hunt Club	14 FLAG DAY!	15 <u>Program:</u> Nonprofit Network "Bridges out of Poverty"	16 Happy Birthday Nels Oman
17	18 Flags Harvested Happy Birthday Linda Brzezinski	19	20 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	21	22 <u>Program:</u> Scholarship awards At Vista Grand Villa	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Roundtable	30 Flags Planted Happy Birthday Mary Lou McFadden