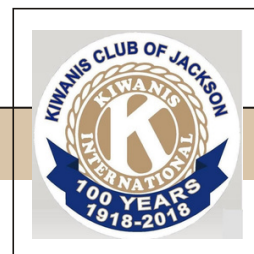


OCTOBER 2024

Kiwanis Club of Jackson

Serving the children of the world since 1918



Friday Noon Meetings Cascades Manor House

Happy Kiwanis New Year!
October 1, 2024



Passing the Torch



President Barb and Husband Jon



In memory of Jim and Herb and all those who came before.



Lt. Governor Bonnie Barlett



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Letter from the President - Barbara Baird-Pauli

Servant Leadership

Thank you to all leaders who have preceded me, who have contributed to the sustainability of the Jackson Kiwanis Club and its continuing strength and growth. Thank you for trusting the Kiwanis Club of Jackson to my leadership for the 2024-25 year. In evaluating what words I might share this evening, it became obvious to share my why and to share the value I possess for servant leadership.



When Pat Keisling approached me three years ago to join the Kiwanis Club of Jackson I wondered if there was room for one more activity in my life. As I became more familiar with what the focus of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson is, my why became very clear. The complete focus on service to community and service to children aligned with my personal values, professional beliefs and commitments, and my responsibilities as a Christian.

With further consideration, the following factors played strong roles in my decision to become a member of Kiwanis:

Our members make decisions predicated on what will best serve the young people in our community, as well as building leaders among young people locally.

The personal integrity of our membership

The fiscal responsibility of both the Kiwanis Club of Jackson and the Kiwanis Foundation.

The level of collaboration and mentorship available among our members, to ensure the sustainability of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson and Kiwanis International mission.

Servant Leadership aligns with my personal value of serving others, as we are all called to do. It aligns with leading with a philosophy built upon the belief that the most effective leaders strive to serve others. Servant Leadership is an approach to leadership that mirrors that which I have observed before I became a member of Kiwanis, and continues currently. I believe that through the combination of servant leadership, personal integrity that is pervasive among our members, and fiscal responsibility, the Kiwanis Club of Jackson continues as a viable service club, and will continue to experience sustainable growth.

When evaluating specific goals, I have identified three:

Maintain the established traditions held, valued, and respected by our Kiwanis members

I challenge each of us to commit to holding on to our valued and respected traditions

Increase membership of the Jackson Kiwanis Club, and in doing so develop an active membership committee, which in turn will support a definitive process for new membership that aligns with Kiwanis International protocols.

I challenge each of us to bring one guest in the upcoming year to a Kiwanis Meeting.

Cultivate a culture of servant leadership among our membership, to support the sustainability of the many important service projects and programs that our Jackson Kiwanis Club advocates for.

I challenge each of us to commit to participating in at least one volunteer activity in the upcoming year. The strength of our Jackson Kiwanis is in our willingness to walk our talk

As we look forward to 2024-25, we can look towards a continuation of all that we do well. As members of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson we are loyal to identifying the needs of our community, serving the youth of our community, and honoring our word in all that we do. Together in service, let us take on the upcoming year with a zeal like no other in our community. Let us take on the year with a faith and belief that we can exceed all goals. We are Servant Leaders. We are Jackson Kiwanians. And in the words of Biggie Munn: "The difference between good and great, is just a little extra effort." I invite all of us this evening, as we envision 2024-25, to exercise just a little extra effort.

Kiwanian of the Month

A Good “Omen”

This Kiwanian has been member of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson since 2000. He is an unassuming guy who has been an inspiration to Kiwanis members when it comes to making a difference in the lives of children! Nels Oman has assisted with Kiwanis projects from building ramps for people with disabilities to stamping dictionaries for elementary students and everything in between.

Nels continues to plant & harvest flags, sell our Kiwanis newspaper, ring the Salvation Army Bell and has gone as far as using his body to save the tent from blowing over during a wind storm at the Splash Pad.

Not only does Nels volunteer for Kiwanis, but he supports other organizations like the Jackson Library. To help support the millage renewal, Nels contacted and delivered (at last count) 41 library signs to individuals in the Jackson Community.

Nels earned his undergrad degree from Indiana University and his Phd from Michigan State University. He is a retired professor from Jackson College where he spent 28 years as his department chair.

According his Nel 's wife, Peg, his greatest service is taking communion to a friend and fellow parishioner. Nels enjoys having tea with him, takes him grocery shopping and is open to do whatever his friend would like to do.

Nels is truly dedicated to service to Kiwanis and to his community. He is a blessing to our club and we should all strive to have his dedication and commitment to the service of others.

Oh! and he enjoys riding his bike and Peg says that she and Nels love the Kiwanis Gourmet Nuts.

Thank you Nels for all you do for Kiwanis, children and the community.



Dictionaries Stamped & Delivered



Thank you to the Kiwanis members who came out to stamp dictionaries & get them delivered to elementary schools in Jackson & Jackson County. Dave Mahon, Sally Wingle, Joe Wolfe, Judy Wolfe, Nels Oman, Reg Fennell, & Mike Zuchowski. Thank you to Joe & Judy Wolfe for providing their home for book stamping & special thanks to Sally for organizing the project & delivering dictionaries to several schools in the area.



Thank you Stan for delivering dictionaries to Queens, St. Mary's & Paragon. Your presentation to the students is both informatiive and fun!



Annual Kiwanis Picnic & Golf 2024

A perfect day for our Annual Kiwanis Picnic at Jeff and Linda Sekerke's Estate. Thank you Jeff & Linda for sharing your beautiful home with us for a fun day of golf, food and fellowship.



Kiwanis Park Beautification Project





Welcome to Our Newest Kiwanis Member Peggy Cox

We are excited to welcome Peggy Cox as our newest member to the Kiwanis Club of Jackson. Peggy was inducted into our club in September and is sponsored by Phil & Mary Berkemeier.

Peggy was a teacher for 40 years and loves working with children. We look forward to working with her on our many Kiwanis projects. A warm welcome to Peggy Cox. "You're in Kiwanis Now"

Kiwanis Receives First Herb Elfring Torchbearer Legacy Award

The Veteran Organization does an annual Antique Car Show event to raise awareness of their service to our country and this year they dedicated the show in honor of Herb Elfring, the ultimate veteran of the greatest generation. They knew Herb loved children and with his relationship to Kiwanis, which is all about kids, they decided to award us the very first Herb Elfring Torchbearer Legacy Award! I asked Denny DaPra and Chad Noble to attend with me (and John Grzesikowski who was part of the Jackson Viet Nam Vets) since they spearheaded our veteran honor day on May 30th of this year. We accepted the award with much pride! Herb was one of us on serving community but was a notch above everyone in serving Country!

Joe Wolfe



Honoring all veterans



Jerseys of all the Detroit teams that honored Herb



One Stop Veterans Car Show
Dedicated to Herb

Volunteers Needed for Challenge Day

- Would you like to spend a day making a difference in the lives of children? Challenge Days successfully addresses violence, teasing, social oppression, racism, harassment, conflict management, suicide, peer pressure, alcohol, and drugs. Our Kiwanis Club has supported Challenge Day for many years.
- Volunteer Adult Facilitators are crucial for the success of the day. Challenge Day staff will meet with all Facilitators to let them know what is needed from them and to answer their questions. The Challenge Day staff closely monitors the program, and Leaders will give all instructions throughout the day.
- Please see https://youtu.be/9_BS5PxLXjY to learn

You may choose from any of these dates:

- Monday, November 4 Jackson College Bert Walker Hall, from 7:45am – 2:15pm
- Monday, November 4 Springport Middle School, from 7:45am – 2:15pm
- Tuesday, November 5 Jackson College Bert Walker Hall, from 8:15am – 2:45pm
- Tuesday, November 5 Michigan Center Middle School, from 7:45am – 2:15pm
- Wednesday, November 6 Hanover-Horton Middle School, from 7:45am – 2:15pm
- Wednesday, November 6 Grass Lake Middle School, from 7:45am – 2:15pm
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- If you have any questions, please email Shana Rhoades at shana.rhoades@jcisd.org by Friday, October 4, 2024.

Kiwanis Chili Golf Fundraiser

Chili Golf Raffle Tickets are printed and available for members to sell. Please contact George Veach @ 517.474.5226 or see George at a Friday meeting to get your tickets.

2025 KIWANIS CHILI GOLF RAFFLE			
1ST PRIZE-COUNTRY CLUB OF JACKSON <i>PLUS CASCADES, ARBOR HILLS, HANKERD HILLS AND MANY OTHERS</i>			
HANKERD HILLS GOLF COURSE JANUARY 25, 2025			
TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20			
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Kiwanis Park Halloween Party



Please join us on Thursday, October 31st between 5-5:30 pm to set up for our Annual Kiwanis Halloween Party. Dress up in your favorite scary costume and help hand out donuts, Cider, and candy to the trick-or-treaters. The party begins at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

For more information, Contact Reg Fennell (517) 782-3232

October

Wednesday, October 2 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon All members are welcome!

Friday, October 4 - Joe Williams County National Bank

Friday, October 11 - Chandra Howard Youth Protection Program

Wednesday, October 16 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon

Friday, October 18 - Denny DaPra Kiwanis Member Interview

Friday, October 25 - TBD



Kiwanis
Halloween
Party



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October 2- Dave Mahon

October 14 - Phil Berkemeier

October 16 - Mary Berkemeier

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2024 - 2025



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Upcoming Kiwanis Events

Thursday, November 7

Kiwanis Division 11 Meeting
Luthern Church of the Lakes
Addition, MI

December 6 - Annual Kiwanis Skit

December 13 - Newspaper Sale Day

December 20 - Kiwanis Christmas Party