SEPTEMBER 2024

Kiwanis Club of Jackson

Serving the children of the world since 1918

Friday Noon Meetings Cascades Manor House



Kiwanis Picnic September 6th Tickets

Kiwanis Picnic tickets are still available; please text or email Joe Wolfe at 517-740-3008 or joewolfe1948@gmail.com and he will have your tickets at the picnic. Remember that spouses and guests are welcome. There will be no noon meeting on 9/6 – picnic at 5 pm instead. We had over 50 in attendance last year and would like to break that record!

> Annual Kiwanis Summer Party Jeff Sekerke Estate 9267 County Farm Road Parma, Michigan (517) 531-5200 Friday, September 6, 2024 @5 PM \$20.00

Joe Wolfe 517-740-3008



2023 Kiwanis Picnic

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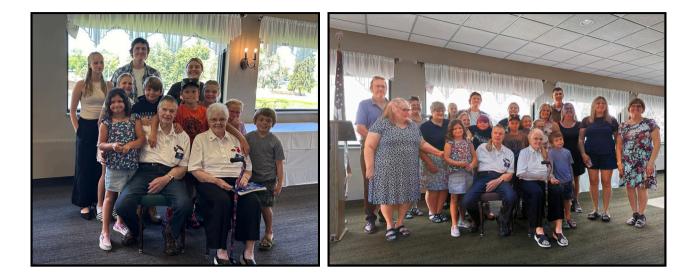


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Celebration to Honor Bob & Betty Frank



Bob & Betty Frank were honored and celebrated last month at a Friday Kiwanis meeting for their dedication to family, Kiwanis, and the community. It was a full house at the Manor House with Bob & Betty's children, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren, and friends. Erin Mazur baked 2 delicious cakes, one for each of them) for the celebration.

Betty is well known for her cake baking & for many years has baked birthday cakes (cake of their choice) for each man at the John George Home. Each cake was personally delivered by Bob & Betty.

Bob is recognized for the "Bike Program" he brought back from a Las Vegas Kiwanis Convention to the Northwest Club. The bike program incorporated "March Reading Month," encouraging students to read more books. Our club has been blessed to have Bob share this program with the Jackson Club. It has been one of our most loved projects.

Bob and Betty have been a true example of serving others and are to be congratulated for their many years of service to Kiwanis and the community. Their family members shared many stories about Bob & Betty's generosity and kindness to others and the impact they have had on their lives.

Grass Lake/Ann Arbor Kiwanis Golf Fundraiser



Jackson Kiwanis members Mike Zuchowski, Don Schroeder, Jake Johnson, & Jeff Mazur participated in the Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis/Kiwanis Club of Grass Lake golf fundraiser on August 8. The golf outing raised money to help the mission of improving the world one child & one community at a time.

Kiwanis Interfaith Luncheon

We served over 100 lunches today at the Interfaith Shelter. Our Kiwanis team consisted of Dave Ray, Denny DaPra, Lloyd McCormick, Cathy Schroeder and Don Schroeder.

We made sub sandwiches to order with the option of roast beef, turkey or ham and full list of condiments. Tropical fruit salad, potato chips ,cookies and punch were included. Everyone was appreciative of our club for providing the tasty luncheon.



The shelter currently has 76 beds, several houses and is planning to build a nearby boarding house on a lot they own. The number of homeless is unfortunately growing . The shelter residents have lunch from 11:30am to noon. At noon the people gathered outside are invited inside to eat.

Our next Kiwanis luncheon for the shelter is Thursday January 30th, 2025.



Special Kiwanis Couple Jeff and Linda Sekerke



Our annual Kiwanis picnic at Sekereke's estate is just one of the many things that Jeff and Linda do to help Kiwanis and the community. The picnic requires hours of preparation, yard work, flowers, setting up the tent, arranging chairs & tables, preparing place settings, desserts, grills, and then the clean-up process – a hundred little details for us to enjoy a few hours at their beautiful home – all done with the spirit of love.

Linda had been in charge of the annual downtown Christmas parade for many years and guess who was "volunteered" to pull the float with Santa on it? Yup, Jeff!

Jeff fixes or replaces about 300 Kiwanis flags each year. And he made a route spreadsheet, with detailed measurements, that members could rely on when looking for flag sleeves.

Linda chairs the Camp Foundation Board and they silently fund a lot of youthoriented projects in Jackson.

"Jeff has a very high work ethic", says John Grzesikowski, who worked side by side with Jeff at Consumers. " I tried to beat him to the office in the morning", says John, "but no matter how early I arrived, Jeff was already at his desk". But, we think the real reason Jeff was so prompt in getting to work is that he had to pass the main receptionist in the Consumer's lobby, who was Linda. Jeff and Linda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year when their two daughters, Jamie and Lindsey, along with their five grandchildren threw a party inviting friends and family.

Thank you, Jeff and Linda, for all you have done for your family, our community, and Kiwanis.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 4 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon All members are welcome! Link below.

https://zoom.us/j/9795654397? pwd=bFVwQ2pLV2s5ankwYmpFN1d0S 2hEUT09

Friday, September 6 - ANNUAL KIWANIS PICNIC & GOLF OUTING. NO LUNCH MEETING



Thursday, September 12 @ 5 PM -Annual Budget Meeting - All are welcome. Held @ BNR Real Estate Group 1331 Horton Road, Jackson

Friday, September 13 - Diane Anderson Jackson District Library

Wednesday, September 18 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon

Friday, September 20 - John Worden Summit Township

Friday, September 27 INSTALLATION DINNER --

NO LUNCH MEETING



September 3 - Lynn Seamans September 7 - Connie Murray September 9 - Rick Mills September 19 - John Crist & Jeff Mazur September 24 - Eliza Wadsworth September 28 - Cathy Schroeder

Upcoming Kiwanis Events Thursday, October 31 Annual Halloween Party at Kiwanis Park December 6 - Annual Kiwanis Skit December 13 - Newspaper Sale Day December 20 - Kiwanis Christmas Party