



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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APRIL 2015

**“Be a Part of Living History
with personal growth and an increased imagination”**

Spring arrived – at least on the calendar! We kicked off spring with a fun meeting honoring a few past members of our club and their amazing talents. It was a fun trip down memory lane!

Our Wednesday evening club members suggested we have a hot dog roast at our Kiwanis Park and invite the Key, Aktion and Builder Clubs. The board enthusiastically agreed; look on page 2 for details.



I want to say a great big THANK YOU to George & Kathie Veach for another great year of Travel films around the world. This project is our 2nd longest running (after the shoes & boots/newspaper drive) fund raiser. The community looks forward to these outings throughout the winter months. It brings in a steady income for the club. I don't think many of our members know all the behind the scenes work it takes to make everything run smoothly. George & Kathie – we appreciate you!

The 9th annual Racing for Dollars event was the best ever with more participants and more money raised! We will present checks at the April 10th club meeting to all the organizations involved in this great community collaborative event. Thank you to every one of our members who helped make this event the success it was. A special THANK YOU to Kiwanis committee members: Dr. Jim O'Connor, Peter Kofflin, Pat Kiessling, Joe Wolfe, Dick Hitch, Bob Eberhart, Mary Lou McFadden and Elinore Currier.

Our largest club fund raiser, the Flag Project, is off and running for the 2015 year, SO GET READY! Letters have gone out to all flag customers from last year. The money has started to roll in! Please send yours in as soon as you can. We have dedicated a Friday meeting this month to fine tune our efforts for this event. A great big THANK YOU to Jim Philo and Pat Kiessling for coordinating the mass mailing! (continued on page 2)

<p>April Programs 3: No Meeting (Good Friday) 10: Travel and Adventure Film Maker 17: President's Choice (Flag Project) 24: Wanda and Walter Schultz, about Human Trafficking Thanks to this month's Program Chair: Don Schroeder</p>	<p>Inside: Pg. 2 Hot Dog Roast Pg. 3-5 Club News Pg. 6 Prayer Breakfast Pg. 7 Calendar</p>
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Club Meetings

Friday Meetings at noon at
Cascades Manor House,
1970 Kibby Rd.

Evening Meetings
2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m. at
the Hunt Club

Board Meetings
1st and 3rd Wednesday at
noon at the Hunt Club,
1514 Daniel Rd.

Newsletter Editor:
Jessica Mitchell

Kiwanis Trivia:

In the 1930's and 40's,
our club sponsored
garden plots for families in
need. In 1944--while
World War II waged on--
68% of Jackson families
had one of these gardens.

President's Letter (continued)

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the following activities taking place in April: the final Travel series show for this season, the spring vacation movie at the Michigan Theatre, The Aktion Club's Bowl-A-Thon, board meetings, Friday noon and/or Wednesday evening club meetings. Look ahead to some special activities in May such as the Prayer Breakfast, "Kids Against Hunger" food packaging, the Hot Dog Roast in the park and the first planting of flags for the 2015 season!

As you can see, you have ample opportunity to give to the community, network with friends and be as involved as you choose to be in the best service club ever! Thank you for choosing to be a Kiwanian! Sincerely, Beth

Kiwanis Family Hot Dog Roast with Kiwanis, Aktion, Key and Builders Clubs

Tuesday, May 12

5-7 p.m. at Kiwanis Park

Bring your family with you
for fun and games.

Bring a *donation* for a local food
pantry if you wish!

Travel, without Leaving Jackson

Italy on Thursday, April 9

Produced and Narrated by Marlin Darrah

Italy is a country with a staggering wealth of history, culture and natural beauty. The country is synonymous with romance and inspiration. Award-winning film maker, Marlin Darrah, showcases the eternal city of Rome, the incomparable gondola-laden waterways of Venice, the Renaissance treasure that is Florence, and finally the Amalfi coast, which is arguably the most beautiful in the world - with its lustrous villages and lemon groves clinging to side of mountains cascading down to the Mediterranean. Also included in this journey are Lucca, a beautiful little Tuscan town protected by massively thick 16th century walls; Pisa and the Leaning Tower; Naples, the gateway to Amalfi; and the Isle of Capri with its legendary views and beaches.



April Sponsor: CP Federal Credit Union

Next Season

We have chosen the films for the 2015-2016 season. Season tickets are on sale this month for \$28. Last year's season ticket and next year's season ticket gets you two chances to win the \$500 April drawing. Here is the '15-'16 schedule:

Where we are going...

October 1: Natural Wonders of Southeast Coast U.S.

November 5: The Great Southwest

December 3: The Lure and Lore of the Deserts

January 7, 2016: China Rising

February 4, 2016: Hot Spots, America's Volcanic Legacy

March 3, 2016: Mediterranean Dream

March 31, 2016: Forever France

Where - Jackson High School Auditorium, 544 Wildwood Ave.

When - 7 p.m.

For ticket information, contact Kathie at: (517) 474-5227 or Kiwanis@gkveach.com
--Kathie & George Veach



An Interclub in Hillsdale

Don Schroeder, Jim Philo and Beth Philo attended the Kiwanis Club in Hillsdale's Chili Cook Off on February 28. President Beth writes, "We didn't win but had a lot of fun making a non-repeatable recipe. Our large pot of chili was all gone before the end of the day!"

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- Our **Scholarship Committee** has received 11 applications from seniors at a variety of local high schools. We, along with Rick Mills, Kelly Langley and Mary Lou McFadden, are evaluating them. We hope to have a luncheon celebrating the recipients during a club meeting in June. – Suzy Crittenden and Jessica Mitchell
- The **next Kids Against Hunger food packaging** is Friday, May 8, at Bennett Elementary School. Setup will begin at 7 a.m. We will be finished by 11:30 - in time for all the volunteers to get to our Friday meeting! We need several adult volunteers to help set up, supervise the children as they assemble the ingredients in the packages and help clean up. The food that we package will be distributed to Jackson area food pantries. Each package has approximately six servings and contains rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring. Let one of us know if you can help. – Eileen Lehnert and Sandy Eisele
- Our club is sponsoring the "**Just For Kids**" movie, "Strange Magic" at the Michigan Theatre during Spring Break (March 30 through April 3). The Northwest Club and Brooklyn Club will help greeting the children. Our club will greet on Thursday, April 2, and Friday, April 3 so please let me know if you can help on those days. Doors open at 1 p.m., with the show starting at 2 p.m. This should be a good show and you can stay to watch, if you'd like. Please let your friends and family know about this so we get lots of kids in to see it! – Pat Kiessling
- We will prepare and serve lunch at the **Interfaith Shelter** on Tuesday, May 19. We start serving at 11:30 a.m. Please see me if you can volunteer. – Don Schroeder
- The **Racing for Dollars** event raised \$38,000 on February 22. Thanks to the Kiwanians who worked tirelessly for the months beforehand, to make it a success, and to those who volunteered the day of, who made it so much fun! \$20,000 goes to St. Luke's Clinic and \$3,600 to each of these five beneficiaries (Another Day Another Memory, Shop Rat Foundation, Youth Advisory Committee of the Jackson Community Foundation, Rotary Foundation, and Kiwanis). More than 370 attended and everything sold out! Check out pictures online at www.jacksonkiwanis.com Next year is the 10th anniversary of RFD, so we are planning an even bigger, better party! – Joe Wolfe
- Sign up today for our next **Eliminate Project** FUNdraiser: we will host a trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Saturday, June 13 (leaving at 2:15, returning at 7:45 p.m.). Cost: \$40/person and you will get back \$20 on player's card and \$5 in food. The trip also includes round trip transportation and four hours of gaming. Only 56 seats are available so contact me today to sign up. Feel free to invite your friends! – Suzy Crittenden
- Another way to support the **Eliminate Project** is to donate funds from your personal bottle/can returns and loose change at Friday meetings. – Suzy Crittenden
- The next **evening meeting** is Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club. What do we do? Catch up with friends, learn about Kiwanis updates and eat! Join us.

Club News (continued)

- In March the **Aktion Club** learned about the hobbies of our members at our first meeting. At our second meeting, we made Easter crafts for residents at retirement homes. We are also getting ready for our Bowl-A-Thon. It is Saturday, April 18 at Airport Lanes on Wildwood Avenue in Jackson. **Come bowl with us..** we would love to have a few Kiwanis teams (cost: \$15/bowler)! We have Aktion Clubs from Holt, Hillsdale and Brighton registered to come. We are also looking for businesses that would like to sponsor the Bowl-A-Thon t-shirts. You would have your business name printed on the back of the t-shirts (cost: only \$50). And we would be delighted if you could donate a prize. If anyone is interested in bowling, donations or sponsoring the t-shirts, please call me. -- Cheri Johnson
- In March, the **Key Club** planned and completed an event with Bennett Elementary School for Reading Month. We had four members participate by helping third grades with their reading and comprehension. The grade schoolers enjoyed working with the "big" high schoolers and the older kids had a lot of fun too. – Andy Johnson
- Support the **Key Club** and **Aktion Club**--drop off your pop tabs at Friday meetings.
- **Club rosters** are out and available at the Friday meetings. If you cannot make the Friday meetings, contact me and I will mail you one. Please shred your old roster. – Joe Wolfe
- Our club is hosting this year's **Spring Divisional**. It is a meeting between officers from two divisions, ours (#11) and #12 (from the Battle Creek-area). We will hear important information from our Lt. Governor. The 36 clubs then enjoy lunch and the presentation of awards, most of which were earned in the last member year. The divisional is Saturday, April 25, at Steve's Ranch in Jackson.



Above: The Aktion Club works on a seed project for the We Can Make a Difference House. The cucumber seeds were given to school children for a gardening project. They worked on this during their January and February meetings. Below: Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Kiwanian and Newsletter Editor Jessica, holds the cucumber packet in her hand. Her kindergarten class at Springport received the seeds. She cannot wait to plant the veggies!





Linda Brzezinski hands a Kiwanis Newspaper to a guest at the Expo. Special thanks to those who worked or played a role in making sure our efforts to promote Kiwanis was successful: Bob Johnson, Cheri Johnson, Linda Brzezinski, Glenn Pascoe, Mary Lou McFadden, Sandy Eisele, Suzy Crittenden, Kelly Langley, Jessica Mitchell, Joe Wolfe and Therese Hesslau. See more photos at jacksonkiwanis.com

Kiwanis at the Women's Expo

"Thank you for providing my five children with shoes and boots." "My son received a college scholarship from your club years ago, and it meant so much to us-thank you." "I love my Kiwanis Flag. Thank you!" Those were some of the words we heard at our booth at the Women's Expo on March 14 at the Middle School at Parkside. The flag comments were from clients, as well as the flag winner from last year's Expo.

Coordinator Therese Hesslau writes, "it went well. Hundreds and hundreds attended. We got a new member and flag client." Therese already has our club signed up for a booth for 2016!

Celebrate Worldwide Prayer Breakfast

You're invited to the Jackson-area Kiwanis Clubs' Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 7
7:30-8:45 a.m.

Steve's Ranch, 311 Louis Glick Highway in Jackson
Featuring guest speaker Deacon Mike McCormick from
St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Buffet Breakfast

Tickets: \$10

Will be available during our Friday meetings, until April 27

Bring a guest!

KIWANIS APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Kiwaniis Movies for Kids Michigan Theatre	2 Kiwaniis Movies for Kids Michigan Theatre	3 <u>No club meeting today:</u> <u>Good Friday</u> Kiwaniis Movies for Kids Michigan Theatre	4
5 Happy Birthday Beth Philo Happy Easter	6 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside 2:45-3:45 p.m.	7 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m.	8 Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club Happy Birthday Bill Cooke	9 Travel Film: Italy 7 p.m. Jackson H.S.	10 <u>Program: Travel and Film Adventure Film Maker + RFD check presentation</u>	11
12	13	14 Aktion Club Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3 p.m. Happy Birthday Ron Markowski	15 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	16	17 <u>Program: President's Choice, Flag Project</u>	18 Aktion Club Bowl-A-Thon Airport Lanes
19 Happy Birthday Jim Philo	20 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside 2:45-3:45 p.m. Newsletter Deadline Happy Birthday George Veach	21 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m.	22	23	24 <u>Program: Human Trafficking</u>	25 Spring Divisional Steve's Ranch 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
26 Happy Birthday Barry Malek	27 Prayer Breakfast Tickets Deadline	28 Aktion Club Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3 p.m.	29	30		