



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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AUGUST 2015

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

It is 9:30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and the six grandkids we are camping with are not awake yet! They are having a blast playing on the sand dunes and jumping in the waves of Lake Michigan. So I'll drink my coffee and get down to business while Jim enjoys another Sudoku puzzle.



I hope all of you are enjoying this summer in your own way. Please include Kiwanis in your summer plans. We still meet every Friday (in case you wondered) and would love to see more in attendance. Our club picnic scheduled for August 7 (with golf in the morning for those interested).

Spouses/guests are welcome and encouraged to join us! Our Kids' Movies are in full swing, but attendance is still low as it was last year. We will have to evaluate this project for next year. There is another Kiwanis golf outing mentioned on page three. Check it out!

Our district convention will take place the last weekend of August in Detroit. One of the activities is to hold a huge "food packaging" event on Friday, August 28, in Cobo Hall. I would encourage all of you to consider attending some part of the convention. We'll talk more about specifics at club meetings in early August.

August is a good time to think about how you impact our club. We start a new year on October 1 so now is the time to take stock. Take a few minutes; note how many things you participate in. Look at how you participate. Are most of your activities fund raising-related or service-related? We need both to do the great work our club is known for but are you doing what you thought you wanted to do when you joined Kiwanis? Is there another aspect you would like to learn more about or do you have untapped skills you could share with us? Are you networking at meetings? Do you know the last four members who joined? Do you know the oldest five members? Please make the effort to get to know someone new at each meeting. Ask them when and why they joined Kiwanis. Share with them why you joined. Let's see if we can make a difference in our own environment about what we want Kiwanis to be.

Sincerely, Beth

August Programs

- 7: No Noon Meeting. Instead: Club Picnic in the evening
 - 14: David Mengebier, Consumers Energy (energy policy in Michigan)
 - 21: Dr. Daniel Phelan, Jackson College (educating our work force)
 - 28: Karla Anderson, R.N., Great Lakes Caring (keys to proper nutrition)
- Thanks to this month's Program Chair: Denny DaPra

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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, 1514 Daniel
Rd.

Board Meetings
1st and 3rd Wednesday at
noon at the Hunt Club

Newsletter Editor
Jessica Mitchell

Kiwanis Trivia:

Kiwanians annually
stage roughly 150,000
service projects, raise
approximately \$100
million and contribute
more than 6 million
service hours.

Remembering Bob Eberhart

Robert Eberhart passed away suddenly Friday, July 10, at the age of 80. Many of you expressed shock at his passing. Mary Lou McFadden wrote, "Bob parked next to me at last Friday's meeting (in late June). We chatted a bit on the way into the Manor!! May he Rest in Peace!!!"

Bob joined our club in 1998. According to Secretary Joe Wolfe, Bob served on our Board for four years. "He introduced us to the Tram driving project at MIS which we worked for many years until the members got 'burned out' and the flag project was adopted," Joe says. The MIS project brought in about \$12,000 a year for the club. President Beth says, "He LOVED Nascar Racing!"

Bob had 17 years of perfect attendance, participated in most of our projects, including the summer Kids' Movies, Newspaper Sale and Interclubs. Bob especially loved the Flag Project. President Beth adds that Bob was very committed to the 'Any Soldier' project, Racing for Dollars, the Chili Golf Classic and passionately pushed every year for support to the Aware Shelter.

Bob was a graduate of Lehigh University (in Pennsylvania where he grew up). He served his country in the Army, in South Korea. He was twice elected to the Jackson Public School Board. His obituary reads, "he strongly advocated for school breakfast programs, the Back-to-Back youth exchange program and high academic standards."

At Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bob helped with its food pantry and made food deliveries.

He also was a sports coach and served on the board of the Irish Hills Girls Scout Council.

Bob leaves behind a wife, Elayne, five children and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests that donations in Bob's memory be made to our club's Flag Project.



Bob Eberhart packaged boxes to mail to soldiers for our Kiwanis project in November 2014. President Beth says, "I will miss his smile."



Friday August 7, starting at 5 p.m.

Jeff and Linda Sekerke's house

Tickets: \$15/person (include pre-dinner snacks, steak dinner, beer/wine/soft drinks and dessert). Available at Friday meetings or at the door.

Bring your spouse, kids, grandkids, friends!

This picnic replaces the Friday noon meeting.

Contact Secretary Joe Wolfe for info and tickets



Before the picnic, join us for golf!

Friday, August 7, starting at Noon

Burr Oak Golf Course on N. Parma Rd. in Parma.

Sign up at Friday meetings or by contacting

Glenn Pascoe for info



Golf with Michigan Kiwanians

The 28th annual Max Drake Kiwanis Open Golf Tournament is Wednesday, August 5, at the Concord Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$60/golfer and includes lunch, cart and goody bags. We have twelve signed up. Please see me if you'd like to join us. – Glenn Pascoe

Question: How Can a Baseball Game Save Lives?

Answer: When It Raises Money for Eliminate.



On Sunday, September 27, we head to **the Detroit Tigers baseball game** (vs. Minnesota Twins). We'll meet at the West Side Meijer and leave at 10 a.m. Cost: \$80/person. Seats will be better than last year (closer to third base). Invite your friends! See me for tickets and other questions. – Ted Wilson

A portion of those funds go to **The Eliminate Project**. Support this project by also donating from your personal bottle/can returns and loose change at our Friday meetings

The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, aims to raise \$110 million and save the lives of 129 million mothers and their future babies by the end of this year. Tetanus is a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. For a progress report of what countries still have MNT, visit www.theeliminateproject.

Attend the **Michigan District of Kiwanis Convention**
August 27-30 in Detroit.

See President Beth Philo for more information.

Many free workshops.
Marketing.
Membership.
Service Leadership.

Check out the ad to the right. Way to go, Beth!



The Art of Storytelling with **Beth Philo**

The art of storytelling lies within the storyteller! Come find out what storytelling requires. Learn the mechanics of storytelling. Identify your niche or style through the variety of ways stories can be told! This workshop offers a unique invitation to an expanding world of personal growth, increasing imagination and living history!

Prepare to have some fun!

Registration is open now!

Come attend this **FREE** workshop and many others August 27-30th!
Registration forms available in the The Michigan Builder or on www.MiKiwanisone.org



Celebrating 70 years of Travel Films

This is the time of the year that the new Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Film season begins to kick into high gear. We are currently soliciting Advertisers and Business Patrons for our upcoming 2015-16 Season Programs. As in the past, a business card size ad is \$50, and a Business Patron Listing is \$25. We are contacting Advertisers and Patrons from last season for renewal. New Advertisers and Patrons are welcome. Sponsorships or co-sponsorships for an entire evening's performance are also available.

Club members who are new since last July and those who have not advertised in the past: this is a great way to support your club and get your name out to our audiences. We have 300-400 in attendance for each show.

Also, Kiwanian Herb Elfring is contacting members to renew or sign up for our Kiwanis Patrons. Please help him out by saying "Yes." Cost is once again \$12. Cash and checks are accepted. Anyone who has not paid will be billed along with your dues.

At the Friday, August 28 club meeting, we will have the annual distribution of our Season Ticket Packages. As always, you will receive your list of subscribers. They have purchased tickets in the past who have not yet purchased for this season. New members will receive their list with assigned former subscribers to contact. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CALLS.

All films begin at 7 p.m. at the Jackson High School auditorium. Download the ticket order form at www.jacksonkiwanis.com.

Thanks to everyone in the club for your continued support. Contact us with questions or ideas at (517) 474-5226 or Kiwanis@gkveach.com -- Kathie & George Veach

Film Schedule

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

Save the Dates

Installation Dinner: Friday, September 25, 6 p.m., at Cascades Manor House

Kiwanis Halloween Party: Saturday, October 31 at Kiwanis Park

30th Kiwanis Chili Golf Charity Classic: Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Hankerd Hill

10th Racing for Dollars: Sunday, February 21, 2016

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- There will be a **special budget/committee meeting** on Wednesday, August 12, at noon at the Hunt Club. This will be to establish a budget for our next year, starting October 1. Committee chairs please come with your required budget. – President-Elect Don Schroeder
- Our **Kids' Movies** wrap up this month. August 2-6: Sponge Bob out of Water. August 11-13: Paddington Bear. 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Carmike Theatre on N. Wisner St. Cost: \$1 with free parking. We still need volunteers to greet kids. Let me know if you can give an hour. Thank you for your help! – Pat Kiessling
- The **4th of July Flags** went off without a hitch! Great job, everyone! A big Thank You to Jeff Sekerke, Lynn Seamans, Cal Schuch and new member Gryzs for repairing more than 40 and making 50 new flags!! – Jim and Beth Philo
- The next **evening meeting** is Wednesday, August 12, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club.
- The Board has **one board meeting in August**--the third Wednesday, which is the 19th – President Beth
- The **Aktion Club** is planning its yearly state camp/convention, for September 25 and 26 at YMCA Storer Camps in Jackson. Our Aktion Club is collecting local items to give away to as many as 200 guests. Can you donate to this? We would need your donations by mid-September. Thank you! -- Cheri Johnson
- Support the **Aktion Club and Key Club** by dropping off your pop tabs at Friday meetings.



Aktion Club members play Putt Putt golf with the guys at the John George Home in late June. Three of their residents belong to our club. We are not conducting official meetings this summer; instead we are planning on a special event each month. In July, we went to the Hot Air Jubilee. On August 16, we hope to go to the Binder Park Zoo. – Cheri Johnson

Jackson Kiwanians Celebrate and Learn during the International Convention

100 years old! What a celebration! We have the first woman in any service organization as our international president! Thank you Sue Petrisin!

Yes, the convention was a great celebration and the proposals voted on gave a clue to the organization's forward thinking:

1. Passed: giving greater flexibility regarding club meeting frequency;
2. Passed: the district board may designate another district officer to attend important local meetings if the governor can't attend;
3. Passed: allows district conventions to be held up to September 25 (extending timeline 10 days);
4. Passed: allowing the district vice-governor to be a delegate-at-large at international conventions;
5. Passed: to permanently adopt corporate memberships;
6. Failed: not allowing web-based voting at international conventions, for locals not able to attend;
7. Passed: raising the international dues \$10 ;
8. Failed: not allowing international dues to be adjusted annually;
9. Failed: not allowing changes in wording of international authority regarding foundations and affiliate entities.

Our local attendees took advantage of the great workshops offered. Chandra and Adam Howard, Jim and I gathered great input about playground ideas, Kids Against Hunger ideas, planning our own 100 year celebration in two years, working with the media, Eliminate, enriching our service leadership clubs, The Formula, membership enrichment, trends about generation Z, partnering in the community, identifying if we are perceived as a philanthropic or service oriented club; social media and signature projects. Makes for some great future programs don't you think? Sounds like a lot of work too, doesn't it?

Well, we had some fun too! The theme throughout the weekend was a look back through time. We enjoyed a huge pancake lunch, at the downtown square of Indianapolis, which accepted donations for the Eliminate Project. Homeless people were welcome guests and no one went away hungry. We attended a AAA baseball game between Indianapolis and Philadelphia. We ate birthday cake with 8,000 fellow Kiwanians. Live entertainment throughout the convention included Tim Harris, a young man with Down Syndrome, who owns a restaurant nationally known called "Tim's Place" where hugs are free; Judson Lapley, an inspirational comedian and Evolution of Dance creator; a look through time with current president John Button and president-elect Sue Petrisin complete with Canadian highlights and "MSU Sparty." (continued on page 8)



International Convention Continued

I hope you get a glimpse of the value of attending Kiwanis International Conventions. It may cost a little money but it is sure worth it! Maybe you will think about attending one in the future. Perhaps June 23-26, 2016 in Toronto? – Story and Photos by President Beth



Kiwanians celebrate the final night of the International Convention with “Up with the People” – what a blast singing songs throughout the ages!



There were pose opportunities for each decade. Here, Jim and Beth rock out the '80's.

Club's Donation to Birthline Helps Moms Like Sierra

In the July newsletter, you learned that our club donated \$1,000 to Birthline for the purchase of six cribs/toddler beds. Birthline sent us a thank you letter and wrote this: “The clients take classes in the Earn While You Earn Program to obtain Baby Dollars plus keep scheduled appointments, keep prenatal appointments, go to school actively, work 20 hours week, bring in new clients, etc. For the mattresses, they must pay Baby Dollars and take two SIDS classes and for cribs they pay Baby Dollars and must write a meaningful essay about what they have learned and benefited from attending classes.”

In one of those essays, client Sierra shared what she learned from those classes. She wrote “The more lessons I take, the better I feel about myself, my marriage, and my parenting. It helps to know that I am not alone and that there are other people going through the same situations that I am... (They have) made me a more understanding and better person, parent, and wife.”

THANK YOU, KIWANIS!

KIWANIS AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Cheri Johnson	5 Kids Movies Max Drake Kiwanis Open Golf Tournament Concord Happy Birthday Linda Hayes	6 Kids Movies	7 <u>No Noon Meeting</u> <u>Club Picnic at Sekerke's home (and golf in the a.m.)</u> Happy Birthday Denny DaPra	1/8
9	10	11 Kids Movies	12 Kids Movies Budget Meeting Noon Hunt Club Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club Happy Birthday Andy Johnson	13 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Sara Scott	14 <u>Program: Consumers Energy</u> Happy Birthday Ford Topping	15 Happy Birthday Jim Kolb & Dave Carpenter
16 Aktion Club to Binder Park Zoo	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	20	21 <u>Program: Jackson College</u>	22
23	24	25	26	27 Michigan District Convention Detroit	28 <u>Program: Great Lakes Caring, Film Season Packages Handed Out</u> Michigan District Convention	29 Michigan District Convention Happy Birthday Steve Shotwell
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