



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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DECEMBER 2015

“We Are Family”

Hello Kiwanians,

**Here's wishing you and your loved ones a happy
December and blessed Holidays!**

Opportunities to participate:

Joe Wolfe has completed the Skit. Join us December 4th and bring a friend. Our Shoes and Boots for needy kids newspaper sale is December 11th. Chili Golf is on January 30, 2016.

Racing for Dollars February 21, 2016.



Shout outs:

Big shout out to Beth Philo for handling the newsletter and all else she does for the club.

Thank you Ron for handling the nut sales.

Thank you Mary Lou for handling the candle sales.

Thank you Ted for organizing the ringing of the Salvation Army bells.

Thank you Jessie for all the Facebook sharing and keeping our webpage updated.

Big shout out to Joe Wolfe for handling the skit and the newspaper sale.

Congratulations:

November 13th we had a Veterans Day salute. Beth Philo put the program together and it was inspiring, emotional and wonderful. We are so proud of the veterans in our club!

Cathy Schroeder (my wife) is our newest member. She was inducted November 13th. You're in Kiwanis now. She is already helping with flags and signed up for bell ringing.

Get well wishes:

Harold Miller. He is recovering from a fall. He is at Heartland nursing home. Keep him in your thoughts and visit or call him, if you are able.

I attended the quarterly District meeting on November 12th at the Girl Scout camp at Wamplers Lake. Priscilla Smith was also there representing our club. All the clubs reported on their activities. We are exceptionally thankful for everything we have going on.

I visited Our Aktion club decorating a Christmas tree at the Michigan Theater on November 17th. The Aktion club also is providing ten Christmas gift boxes for children to Samaritan purse charity. Thank you Cheri Johnson for all you do.

All the best,
Don

***There is no Kiwanis Friday meeting November 27!
Enjoy your Thanksgiving Weekend with family!***

December Programs – DIFFERENT -- PAY ATTENTION!

December 4th CLUB SKIT – presenting “Gilligan’s Island”
December 11th NEWSPAPER SALE
December 18th Dahlem Center with Rod Malloy
December 26th NO MEETING



CLUB SKIT – Dec. 4th

Two Important Things

(1) the Salvation Army will bring their Red Kettle and in the past couple of years we have filled the kettle with over \$2,000 – so bring money. The Salvation Army gives up their bell ringing locations on December 11th so we can sell newspapers – it is only fair that we return the favor by filling the kettle,
(2) The skit makes for a great meeting to invite your spouse, friends, co-workers, and prospective members – this is definitely proof that we have fun while doing good works! We would like to see 100 or more at the Manor House on December 4th!

As of this writing, the skit has not been writ, so all the more reason to attend! Joe has vibes that Shakespeare is nervous! Imagine that bard being number two!

Kiwanis Club Officers

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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

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

Important Details for the Newspaper Sale on Dec. 11th

The cause is “shoes and boots for needy children”, which we have supported since 1939 and are budgeting over \$10,000 towards that support in the 2015-16 year.

The Newspaper Sale assignments have been mailed. Of our 83 members, only 52 are actually assigned and of those I can expect another 8 -10 that will tell me they cannot work. Happens every year, except this year we are dealing with 10 less members to begin with! It's really not a “curse” to work the sale, it can be enjoyable and rewarding! Please do your best to participate; and for members who cannot work, a personal donation is very helpful if feasible.

On the list, the underlined names are “captains” of their locations and are expected to contact the others assigned to work out times so that the location is well covered between 11am and 4pm. I would appreciate the Captains calling or emailing me the assigned times for everyone working.

The Manor House will be our “headquarters”. The newspapers and vests will be there by 9:30am on the 11th. Our lunch will be pizza from Little Caesars and will be delivered about 11:30 am. The pizza will be available from 11:30 until 2:00. Organize your schedule to work first and then enjoy pizza or eat first and then work. . We have to be out of the Manor House by 4:00pm because of Holiday parties scheduled. If you work until 4:00, you can bring your money raised, leftover papers and vest to the meeting on the 18th or stop at Joe Wolfe's office and drop it off. If anyone needs their papers before Dec.11th contact Joe.

Welcome new member

Cathy Schroeder - Cathy was raised in East Lansing on Spartan Ave. Needless to say she's a die hard Spartan! She went to school with Lupe Izzo and her mother tutored Bubba Smith at their dining room table. Cathy is the wife of our own president -Don and together they have four children and five grandchildren. Cathy loves to read and travel and of course spend time with the grandchildren. Welcome Cathy!

Kiwanians Stepped Up

- **Kids Against Hunger** – 18 Kiwanians and 4 friends of Kiwanis helped over 200 elementary students put together enough food packets to feed 10,800 people! All the food packets were disbursed throughout the Jackson County food pantries. Job well done!
- **Halloween Party** – About 15 Kiwanians dressed up and showed up to serve 80 dozen donuts and 30 gallons of cider to over 500 trick-or-treaters at our Kiwanis park on Halloween night. It was cold but a great time was had by all! Again, Job well done!
- **Challenge Day** - Our club is one of the financial sponsors. Thank you to the Kiwanians who volunteered to be group leaders for this area wide middle school event.

Volunteer Service Opportunities

- **Club Committees NEED HELP** so our club runs smoothly! The following committees need help –**Interclubs**, **Music**, **Membership**, **Scholarship** and **fund raising committees**.
- **Ring the bell** for the Salvation Army. Invite a friend or loved one to go with and make your shift easier. We desperately need volunteers on Dec. 19th! Contact Ted.
- **Lunch at the Interfaith Shelter** December 15th we cook & serve
- **Key Club, Aktion Club & Builders Club** all need a few volunteers to help
- **Youth Services Committee** - In 2015/2016 our Jackson Kiwanis club will be involved with Bennett School and Northeast Elementary. With Jackson Public Schools shifting grades between schools - Bennett is now K thru second and Northeast is third thru fifth - we are partnering with both principals. Contact Cal for opportunities.

Kids' movies at the Michigan Theatre
We will not be sponsoring movies this holiday.

Technology Reminder - To view photos of our activities go to our website: www.jacksonkiwanis.com. Click on Events (on the left side of your screen), then photo gallery.

Aktion Club - The Aktion Club has decorated a Christmas tree at the Michigan Theater. This is a fundraiser event so encourage your family and friends to visit and vote for their tree any time after the Jackson parade November 20th. Club members created 10 Christmas boxes to send to kids in need. Their club members will also be helping our club ring the Salvation Army bell. Their next meeting is December 8th.



Key Club is a buzz with the Viking Mascot the Kiwanis Club of Jackson purchased for the school last spring. The mascot has traveled to many sporting events and the kids, teachers, and parents really like how professional it looks. We would like to once again thank the club and hope to see you at the Christmas skit for some fine

dinner theater 😊 . Go Viking Key Club!



FUND RAISERS



FLAG PROJECT – THANK YOU!

30th CHILI GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC – Saturday, January 30th promises to be a great FAMILY day of fun from 9am – 3pm at Hankerd Hills Golf Course. We play golf in the snow! You don't have to know how to play golf – in fact – it is a lot more fun if you don't know the rules! Build a sled for your golf supplies and it just might win a prize! Food is provided with the cost of the event. We are looking for committee members. The First meeting is November 24th at 6pm at the incubator building downtown. Bob Johnson is chairing again. Thank you Bob.

10th Annual Racing for Dollars Event – A great community fund raiser, scheduled every year, on top of the Nascar Daytona 500 race. With the help of 3 area non profits, our club raises \$20,000 each year, through this event, for St. Luke's Medical Clinic. Residual profits are divided among the organizations who helped plan the event. So – once again – mark your calendar for Sunday, February 21, 2016 and plan to join us at the Gene Davis Catering Center from 12:30 – 5:00pm with your favorite date! Stay tuned to for more information! Or better yet- volunteer to help on the planning committee! Next meeting is December 3rd, 8am at Steve's ranch restaurant Contact Jim O'Connor. Each year, our club has provided a special raffle with wine, booze and craft beers for Racing for Dollars. Joe will be asking for donations for many weeks prior to the event. For the beers, please do not contribute "cold" beer – off the shelf only. And we are looking for the different kinds of craft brews that are home-grown in Michigan.

HOLIDAY KIWANIS GIFT IDEAS

Do you have someone on your Christmas list who you're not sure what to get them? How about a **candle**? "These lovely soy candles have been a favorite item with our members for many years! This year there are some new fragrances, such as Vanilla Sugar Cookie, Caribbean Teakwood and Chestnuts and Cider! Candles are \$20 each and make a wonderful gift!" Contact Mary Lou M. Please pay in advance, order soon and delivery will be by Christmas. Ron S. is happy to help you check off someone else on that Christmas list. See Ron to buy a "very nice tin" of **nuts**. Each tin is \$20 and is *premium mixed with peanuts or chocolate covered assorted*. Or you can treat a loved one, friend or colleague \$35 to **play on your team for the Kiwanis Chili Golf Classic** in January. Contact Bob J. Or how about **giving someone a wonderful afternoon at the Racing for Dollars event**? See Secretary Joe for \$100 tickets. Or purchase an **engrave-able block** at the front entrance of the Kiwanis Park. Cost is \$125. See Foundation President Therese for more information. **Club Polo Shirts** – another great option. Order a red polo shirt with our club name on it for \$40. Contact Beth p.

Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series News

The Lure and Lore of the Deserts *with Sandy Mortimer on Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Deserts are not the same. Each is unique...with its own look, feel, inhabitants and history. Each has drawn humans for different reasons, since the beginning of time. And many of the remnants of the stories those humans left behind are still there to see. The Lure and Lore of Deserts is about discovering what lured-and continues to lure-humans to six of the deserts in the world. Three are in the Middle East and three are in North America. We will explore the Western Deserts of Egypt, the Negav Desert of Israel, and the Jordanian Desert. We will then come back home to investigate New Mexico's Chichahcane Desert, Arizona's Sonoran Desert, and finally Death Valley in the Mohave Desert.

**Where – Jackson High School Auditorium
544 Wildwood Ave, Jackson, MI
When – Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**



Where we are going this season...

12/3/2015 Deserts of the World
1/7/2016 China

2/4/2016 America's Volcanic Legacy
3/3/2016 Mediterranean
3/31/2016 France

December Sponsor:

Beltone Hearing Aid Center

For more ticket information, contact Kathie at: 517-474-5227

or

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KIWANIS DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Vote for Aktion Club tree at Michigan Theater this month!		1 Happy Birthday Joe Wolfe	2 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	3 Travel Film: 7 p.m. Jackson H.S.	4 <u>Program:</u> CLUB SKIT! 	5 Bell ringing for Salvation Army 
6	7 Builders Club 2:45p.m.	8 Key Club 2:35 p.m. Aktion Club 3:00 Church of Nazarene	9	10	11 <u>Newspaper Sale</u>	12 Bell ringing for Salvation Army 
13 Happy Birthday Nicole Vissel	14	15 Key Club 2:35 p.m. Happy Birthday Caroline Brown Serve lunch at Interfaith Shelter	16 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 <u>Program:</u> <u>Dahlem Center</u>	19 Bell ringing for Salvation Army 
20	21	22 Aktion Club 3 p.m.	23	24 Happy Birthday Terry French	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Pat Kiessling	1 	2

Save the Dates

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