



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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DECEMBER 2016

**“Building the Next Generation of Jackson’s Leaders
One Kiwanian at a Time”**



It’s beginning to look a lot like . . . well, not really, but Christmas is coming anyway and the Kiwanis machine rolls on. A big “Thank you” to Ted for heading up the bell ringing. It is very important assistance we provide as a club and it couldn’t be done without Ted’s leadership.

The Kiwanis Players are meeting to bring you what we guarantee will be the best Kiwanis skit you have heard in at least the last year. It will be fun and always a great day to invite guests. My wife is even planning on coming to see me embarrass myself more than usual. Thanks, Joe, for all the work you put into the skit.

If you are able, please plan to sell Kiwanis Newspapers on Friday, December 16, with gusto and collect money for our signature Boots and Shoes Project. For many in the community our presence on the streets and stores that day is the only time they see Kiwanis in action. Many donors take the time to speak proudly of a deceased loved one who enjoyed being a member of Kiwanis. Thanks, Joe, for once again extending your generous challenge. There is a reason we call him Mr. Kiwanis. Let’s exploit his generosity, Kiwanians. There are many steaks to be had.

Beth and her committee continue to plan our multi-year 100th Birthday celebration, which is very exciting. Just think of all the Kiwanians over the years we have the privilege of celebrating! Stay tuned and do not hesitate to help if there is a piece of the 100th celebration you would like to help with. There are many. Thanks, Beth, for chairing our 100th Birthday committee.

When you make those Christmas lists remember nuts and candles. The Racing for Dollars and Chili Golf Committees continue to roll ahead. I am sure both would be glad for more volunteers if you are so inclined. Don’t forget to get your Racing for Dollar ticket before Dr. Jim has to chase you out to the parking lot.

A very Merry Christmas to you and your family and Happy New Year. Onward, Kiwanians.

President Rick Mills

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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

Lt. Governor District 11

Phil Krauss, Brooklyn

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

December Meetings

- December 2nd Travel Series Speaker, John Holod
December 9th CLUB SKIT – guests & interclubs welcome!
December 16th NEWSPAPER SALE – no regular meeting –members work their stations
December 23rd No noon meeting – holiday break – Merry Christmas!
December 30th No noon meeting – holiday break- Happy New Year!

Keeping You in the Know

Newspaper Sale

- **The sale date is Friday, December 16th!**
We will have a pizza luncheon at the Manor House between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – no charge! We will man the location spots from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the lunch time is staggered so those working early can eat later and those working later can eat early. Instead of using the traditional “front door” of the Manor House we will be housed in the small room in the rear, so please park in the lot and enter the first door off the walk way. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for shoes and boots. Anyone who can raise \$500 or more will be rewarded with a \$100 gift certificate from Knights Steak House!
- **On Friday, December 9th**, the Mighty Kiwanis Art Players are presenting their version of “The Honeymooners”. This is our largest attended meeting of the year and we encourage you to bring guests (and show up early for good seats). Because the Salvation Army gives up their bell ringing locations on our Newspaper Sale day, we ask them to attend skit day and bring their Red Kettle. The club donates \$1,000 and our goal is to match that by passing the kettle around at the meeting – so, come prepared. The Salvation Army does wonderful work and for Kiwanis to partner with them is a true win/win for our community. Please be generous.

Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series News

“Gulf Coast RV Adventure: Still Wild & Beautiful”

Produced and Narrated

by John Holod

Thursday, December 1, 2016

During the summer of 2005 the gulf coast was devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Despite the destruction there were still beautiful places to visit and wonderful things to experience. The people living here are the most hospitable on earth and their stories will warm your heart. They worked hard to rebuild their beautiful coast. And now we can look back at their endeavors. This 1700-mile adventure begins at Sanibel Island FL and ends at Padre Island TX. Along the way we observe an amazing array of birds, mammals, marine life, flora, fauna, and let you experience the lives of hard working gulf coast residents. The story of the gulf coast is one of courage and compassion, come along for the ride as we visit such areas as Tarpon Springs and Panama City in Florida; Mobile, Alabama; Gulfport, Mississippi; New Orleans; and Galveston, Texas. “Gulf

December Sponsor:

Beltone Hearing Aid Center

Where we are going...

December 1, 2016—Florida’s Amazing West Coast

January 5, 2017—Japanland-A Year in Search of WA

February 2, 2017—Scenes from an Italian Journey

March 2, 2017—Ghosts of the Gold Rush

March 30, 2017—Hawaii and the South Pacific

Future Travel Film Series?

Chair George Veach thanks those who attended the week’s Travel Adventure Film meeting, and those who voiced their concerns and asked how the meeting went. He announced the series will continue for the 2017-18 year; however pending board approval in December, there will be five shows for the next season. George explained that we have hosted seven shows for about forty years. It has become more and more difficult. Shows have cancelled or switched films. The filmmaker for January cannot be here (but George says the film is still a go, the producer will Skype with us). Attendance and profits are down. With this new proposal, the series will still make our club a profit.

Thank you to George and Kathie for their time and talents for coordinating the TAS!

Still Keeping You in the Know

Fund Raisers

- **Mixed Nuts** – This fund raiser was moved from project fund to administrative fund to help raise funds for the 100th birthday celebration! The nuts are here and are going fast. . There are no peanuts in the mix. Let Carolyn know how many you want soon before we run out!
- **Candles** – Thank you chair Mary Lou McFadden for running this fund raiser. It is once again a success.
- **Chili Golf** - The event is **January 28th**! Details were reported through Jessie's November 20th email blitz. The event flier can be found on our club webpage.
- **Racing for Dollars**-Join us each week on Thursdays, at 8 a.m. at Steve's Ranch for our Racing for Dollars committee meeting. The event is **Sunday, February 26th**, but we have a lot to do before then. Details were reported through Jessie's November 20th email blitz. The event flier can be found on our club webpage.

Youth Services

- We will again sponsor the "Just For Kids" **movies at the Michigan Theatre** over the holiday break. The movie "Ice Age / Collision Course" will be shown Dec. 26 thru Dec. 30th. The movie hasn't been chosen yet for the week of Jan. 2nd – 6th.

Sad News

Past member Herb Poulsen passed away Sunday, November 20th at the age of 86. Kiwanis friends-both Herb and Jan were members of our club before they moved to Kansas. Herb's favorite Kiwanis project was making handicap ramps for those in need.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

This is a great club service project. We are only asking for 90 minute shifts on the next 3 Saturdays at both Polly's and Walmart. Polly's is on Parnall Road and bell ringing is inside the entrance. We are ringing at Wal-mart outside the west entrance.

Please let Chair Ted Wilson know right away if you can ring the bell. He also needs to know the best way to contact you (phone, text, email, mail, etc.) and he will remind you on Wednesday or Thursday before your shift. You are welcome to bring your child or grandchild to learn how great it feels to help others!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Travel Film Series 7pm Jackson High School	2 Program TAS Presenter John Holod	3 Bell Ringing Polly's & Walmart 10am – 8:30pm
4	5	6	7 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club Chili golf committee 7:15pm	8 Racing for Dollars committee 8:15am weekly	9 Program: CLUB SKIT "The Honeymooners"	10 Bell Ringing Polly's & Walmart 10am – 8:30pm
11	12	13 Serving lunch at the Interfaith Shelter Happy Birthday Nicole Visel	14	15 Happy Birthday Carolyn Brown	16 Program: Newspaper Sale Fund Raiser	17 Bell Ringing Polly's & Walmart 10am – 8:30pm
18	19	20	21 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club Newsletter Deadline	22	23 Program: No meeting – Holiday Weekend	24
25  1 2017 Happy New Year!	26 Kids Movies Michigan Theatre (all week)	27	28 100 th Bday meeting noon Hunt Club	29	30 Program: No meeting – Holiday Weekend	31 Happy Birthday Pat Kiessling