



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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

Kiwanis is 100 years old! A contingency of our club attended the birthday party in Detroit on January 24! We'll tell you all about it soon.

It may be cold outside—but our club members just add another layer of insulation and keep on giving to the community! We have two big fund raisers coming up within this next month and are gearing up for the largest fund raiser, the Flag Project too! The **Chili Golf Classic**, January 31, is a fun winter event that raises more than \$6,000 for the club. If you can't attend, we hope your business will consider a sponsorship or will donate items for door prizes for the golfers. The **Racing for Dollars** event, February 24, promises to be a fun day for all who attend. This event raises more than \$3,000 for each organization planning the event while raising \$20,000 for the St. Luke Medical Clinic. Again, if you cannot attend, please consider donating something to add to the auction items or to the wine & booze raffle.



Looking a little further ahead, it is time to repair or replace flags, poles and sleeves for the **Flag Project**. The flyers are updated (find them at www.jacksonkiwanis.com) and mailings will go out as we expect this fund raiser to again bring in \$30,000 for the club.

Whew! Many members are working very hard to make all these efforts a great success! I **thank you** for your time and talents! We do more than just raise money---really! We strive to have fun and informative speakers at our weekly meetings at which I encourage members to attend and network. We plan interclub visits; we hold an informal evening meeting monthly; we support our service leadership clubs – Key, Aktion and Builders; we spend time mentoring elementary students in a variety of settings. Yes, we sure are an active group and isn't it fun when we work together to accomplish everything this club does for our community? **I am proud to be a Kiwanian – I hope you are too!**

Sincerely, Beth

February Programs

6: Travel Adventure Film Speaker, Dale Johnson

13: John Griffin, about Oil and Gas Exploration

20: Bob Johnson, about our Aktion Club

27: President's Choice with Beth Philo

Thanks to this month's Program Chair: Bob Johnson

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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:

What does Kiwanis mean? It was adopted from a Native American phrase, NunKeewan-is, which the early club members defined as "to make noise" or "to make oneself known."

Racing for Dollars

9th Annual Kiwanis Daytona 500 Benefit

Sunday, February 22

Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Center

12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

We need Kiwanis HELP! Racing for Dollars event is almost here and we still have loose ends to tie up. We have tickets to sell. Anyone that would like to **buy a ticket** (\$100 admits two people and a chance to win \$2500), please see Jim O'Connor or myself (or call or email one of us and we will hold a ticket for you at the door) – think about splitting a ticket with a buddy! Help us spread the word; tell your friends, colleagues, etc. about it, and encourage them to attend too!

We also need **volunteers** for the event day – registration, 50/50 ticket sales, wine, booze and beer raffles, racing board, ushers, auction helpers and greeters. See me if you can volunteer. If you are planning on attending anyway, why not volunteer for a very simple task? We have made the event most welcoming to people because of our friendliness. We need to keep that going.

We are approaching the \$200,000 mark for St. Luke's Clinic, and next year, we will hit it! During this 10 year stretch we also raised about \$150,000 for the other organizations that benefit from Racing for Dollars! That is a really big amount for our club to raise over a 10 year period! It's not easy but without our support, St. Luke's would not be able to serve 9,000 patients a year – who either have no health insurance or have such high deductibles they could not meet for the medical attention needed.

Racing for Dollars also benefits our club, as well Shop Rat Foundation, A.D.A.M. (Another Day Another Memory), Rotary Foundation of Jackson County and Jackson Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee.

Thanks for all you have done, and please volunteer to help again this year! – Joe Wolfe



Travel, without Leaving Jackson

Belize, Guatemala & Honduras on February 5

More than 3000 years before the time of Christ, a consortium of autonomous City/Kingdoms developed and flourished in a region now mapped as southern Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. They thrived until around the fifteenth Century A.D., leaving behind astounding monuments to the energy, industry and ingenuity of their populations. They built temples rivaling those of Egypt... perhaps not as large but more extensive. A calendar more accurate than our own, Astronomical observations used in constructing their buildings reveal a surprising degree of sophistication and knowledge.

Today the descendants of those ancient Maya still populate this same region of Central America. Many are still farmers. But some are cowboys. Young men still rope and brand cattle today in Guatemala much as it must have been done in the western U.S. 150 years ago.

Where we are going...

Feb. 5: Belize, Guatemala & Honduras
March 5: France on a river cruise
April 9: Italy



February Sponsor:
Trellis Gardens
At
Vista Grande Villa

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

Happy Birthday, Kiwanis International!



On January 21, Kiwanis International turned 100. More than 900 Kiwanians from 80 countries attended the birthday bash where it all began-in Detroit. Six were from our club. Front row (left to right): Chandra Howard, Mary Hitch, Beth Philo. Back row (left to right): Adam Howard, Dick Hitch, Jim Philo.

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- We had 81 of out 92 members contribute in some way to the **Newspaper Sale Project** -- the best participation ever! Thank you fellow Kiwanians! By the time you read this I am predicting we will have raised \$10,000 - just enough to cover our annual shoes and boots bill! I still have seven unpaid Silver Club (\$50) sponsors. If you are uncertain whether or not you paid, please contact me. Thanks. -- Joe Wolfe
- Thanks to those who volunteered at the Kiwanis **Movies for Kids** at the Michigan Theatre during the Christmas break. The theatre tells us 335 attended the shows. These numbers are lower than usual, but we're told it was probably because the holidays fell in the middle of the week. However, those who went had a great time. One mom said, "my daughter LOVED it. Thanks Kiwanis!" The theatre is working on the movie for the week of Spring Break (March 30-April 3). Check your calendar; we'll need volunteers then too. The movie will probably be "Big Hero 6." – Pat Kiessling
- Thanks to all the members who participated in our White Elephant Auction on January 9, to benefit the **Eliminate Project** -- whether by bringing items to sell or opening your wallet and buying treasures too good to pass up! We made more than \$200. Suzy Crittenden was the lucky bidder for Joan VanArsdalen's homemade peach pie and emphatically stated that it was D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S! Some members reported that they have more items to donate and some were unable to make it that Friday so a future sale may take place in the spring. Be sure to store those white elephants away so when the time comes all you have to do is throw them in your car. Another way to support the **Eliminate Project** is to donate funds from your personal bottle/can returns and loose change at Friday meetings. Do you remember the purpose of the Eliminate Project? It's to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus, a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. Each tetanus vaccine costs \$1.80. – Therese Hesslau
- Our club is accepting applications for **college scholarships**, now through March 20. Do you know a high school senior who lives in Jackson County, and plans to attend a local university? Tell them to check our application out at www.jacksonkiwanis.com -- Suzy Crittenden and Jessica Mitchell
- Support the **Key Club** and **Aktion Club**--drop off your pop tabs at Friday meetings.
- The **Key Club** has started the year off well with two meetings in January with 11 members. They have volunteered after school on Mondays at McCulloch Academy in a reading program, set up by the Key Club Faculty Advisor, Kelly Caldwell, and the McCulloch Principal, Julie Baker. The Travel Adventure Series concessions have been going well. We plan to donate the proceeds to a charity to be determined at the end of the school year. – Andy Johnson

Club News (continued)

- The **Aktion Club** was busy with a service project to help Wendy Wight and "We Can Make a Difference House" at our last meeting in January. We helped package 1,000 cucumber seed packets for a community gardening project that Wendy is working on -- to be given out to local children this spring. We plan to do it again this month. We will host a bowl-a-thon on April 18, with more information coming out later. We will have a fund raiser at Denny's on Airport Road on Tuesday, February 10. Denny's will donate 10% of customer's checks between 3-6 p.m. to the Aktion Club. Please pass the word to everyone to come join us then for dinner. -- Cheri and Bob Johnson
- Our **Builders Club**, at the Middle School at Parkside, is off and running! More than 20 student members attend the twice monthly meetings. They held a warm clothes drive in December that brought in enough items to help 117 families. They participated in a team building/trust exercise in January. Some members said it was scary while others said it was fun. The Kiwanis pins and banner finally came in so the group will elect officers this month and hold their formal charter ceremony. They have asked the Key Club to attend and tell them about Key Club. – Beth Philo
- The next **evening meeting** is Wednesday, February 11, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club. What do we do? Catch up with friends, learn about Kiwanis updates and eat! Great to see Connie Murray, Les Williams, Jessica Mitchell, Eric Scott and Don Schroeder (with family) at last month's meeting. Hope to see you this month!
- We would like to have two **Interclubs** this month. The first is Wednesday, February 11 at Morenci, they will have a soup and pie event. We need four people to attend to count as an interclub; we'd like to leave around 4 p.m. Also, on February 28, the Hillsdale club is hosting a Chili Cook-Off, and we would love to have a team participate. Contact me if you can go. – Elinore Currier
- Look through your **Kiwanis roster** today.. do you have any changes? Let me know by Tuesday, February 10 because our new roster is going to print on February 15. We are especially interested in correct e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers, so look at the current roster listing and if any changes are in order, call or e-mail me at jwolfe@theprotectioncenter.com -- Joe Wolfe
- We have reached a neat milestone on our club's **Facebook** page – we have 201 "likes." Like our page if you haven't, and if you have, invite your friends to like it. On this page, I put reminders for upcoming meetings and events, share news and post pictures. – Jessica Mitchell
- An update on **Kiwanis memorabilia**: We have sorted and stored the treasures received so far. We still need help sorting the pictures. – President Beth

KIWANIS FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside Happy Birthday Sandy Eisele	3 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m.	4 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	5 Travel Film: Beneath the Jungle & Beyond 7 p.m. Jackson H.S. Happy Birthday Brandon Ansel	6 <u>Program: Travel Film Maker Dale Johnson</u>	7
8	9	10 Aktion Club Meeting & Fund Raiser Denny's 3-6 p.m. Roster updates due today to Joe Wolfe	11 Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club Morenci Interclub 4 p.m.	12	13 <u>Program: Oil And Gas Exploration</u>	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Birthday Ken Hickey
15	16 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside Newsletter Deadline	17 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m. Happy Birthday Jeff Sekerke	18 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	19	20 <u>Program: Aktion Club</u> Happy Birthday Heather Albee-Scott	21
22 Racing for Dollars 12:30-5:30 p.m.	23	24 Aktion Club 3 p.m. Jackson First Church of the Nazarene	25	26	27 <u>Program: President's Choice</u>	28 Hillsdale Interclub