



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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

December – what a busy month this is! Not only for everyone personally but for the club as well. The shoes and boots started us off with the skit then the sale itself. The skit was well attended, fun and as cheesy as ever! *Thanks to all who participated!* The sale went off without a hitch – we even saw Carolyn at sale headquarters, welcome back! The newspaper looks awesome—*Thanks to Eileen Lehnert*, and leftover copies will be used as PR throughout the next year. We raised between \$8,000 and \$9,000 dollars thanks to the silver and gold donor club members, the letter solicitation to



businesses and sale day donations which are still trickling in to Joe. *Thank you Joe Wolfe* for chairing this project. The club donated about \$1,800 to the Salvation Army and again rang bells at two locations each Saturday, through the holiday season, for the Salvation Army. *Thank you Ted Wilson* for chairing this project. On December 17, we served more than 200 slices of pizza at the Interfaith Shelter. *Thank you to Don Schroeder* for chairing this project. We will again host movies for kids at the Michigan Theater during the holiday school break. Please volunteer to help when Pat asks you. *Thank you Pat Kiessling* for chairing this project. **With the holidays upon us please note that there will be no meeting on either December 26th or January 2nd.**

January! A new year starts... have you made resolutions that are achievable? At a recent board meeting, we decided to improve internal club communication regarding our fund raising efforts. It was brought to our attention that if we are asking for outright donations of money, we need to have a statement indicating that donations to the club are not tax deductible as it is a 501c4 organization. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible (it is a 501c3) – that is why we have the mail-in donation money for shoes and boots and will have the added request for funds from the flag project directed to be paid to the foundation. Other projects are not applicable as the donors receive something for their donations (i.e. golfing, meals, movies and/or advertising). (Letter continued on page 2)

January Programs

- 2: No club meeting
- 9: Travel Adventure Film speaker & the White Elephant Auction
- 16: Volunteers of Allegiance
- 23: Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines
- 30: Jackson Medical Care

Thanks to this month's Program Chair: Cal Schuch

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Adam Howard

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:

The Kiwanis Club of
Jackson was the
ninth club chartered
in Michigan, and 54th
in this country.

President's Letter continued...

Another point brought up to the board was the fact that only the newspaper sale is focused toward providing for the shoes and boots project. All other fund raisers should state they are raising funds for the great local projects that Kiwanis provides for kids. In the past, the club needed funds from the Travel Series and the Nut sale to help with shoes and boots but those earnings have been able to remain in the general fund for the last several years. Two big fund raisers are gaining steam and will be in full swing when 2015 gets here! So, heads up...plan ahead... you can buy Racing for \$ tickets and/or golf team spots and/or nuts, candy and candles as holiday gifts! Buy now or buy later!! Snow birds – we will miss you and your physical support but would appreciate your financial support for these two events if you are able to do so. We look forward to seeing you again when you come home! –President Beth



Kiwanian Nels Oman at headquarters after his Newspaper Sale shift. He used a cut out jug, after writing KIWANIS on it, to collect his donations.



Kiwanians Don Schroeder and Dick Hitch supervise the Key Club as they serve more than 130 people a hot meal at the Interfaith Shelter. Denny DaPra, Glenn Pascoe, Pat Kiessling and Bob Eberhart also volunteered. Find more photos from this luncheon at our website, www.jacksonkiwanis.com, under events, then photo gallery

What will YOU do this month to
strengthen Kiwanis and our community?

29th Annual Kiwanis Chili Golf Classic

Saturday, January 31

Hankerd Hills Golf Course, Pleasant Lake

Tee times: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



“Snow” Fee Details:

Pre-paid Price	9 holes \$25	18 holes \$35
Pay at the Course	9 holes \$35	18 holes \$45

Includes Chili, Hot Dogs & Brats

Special Course Bring Two Clubs Ball Provided

Door Prizes 50/50 Drawings Trophies Best Sled Award

Registration forms available at club meetings and www.jacksonkiwanis.com

Reservations or questions, contact Kathie at (517) 474-5227 or Kiwanis@gkveach.com

Sponsors: Hankerd Hills Golf Course, A & A II Meat Market,
Outback Steakhouse and Wendy's

Volunteer the day of the Chili Golf Classic

We still need help manning the door prize table, putting challenge and Las Vegas hole, with cooking, selling 50/50 tickets, sled judging and cleaning up in the afternoon.
See Chair Bob Johnson if you can help!

Thanks to the Chili Golf Classic committee for their hard work to make this event a success, and thanks to all of you who will help on the 31st!



Racing for Dollars



9th Annual Kiwanis Daytona 500 Benefit

Sunday, February 22

Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Center

12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Participate in exciting games, raffles and auctions while viewing the 57th annual Daytona 500 LIVE on the big screen.

Tickets available for \$100. Each ticket allows two people to enjoy a specially catered meal and enters them into a drawdown raffle for the opportunity to win the GRAND PRIZE of \$2,500.

A second place finish wins \$1,000 and third place wins \$500. You will also have many opportunities to win cash, prizes, gift certificates and more!

This benefit supports our Kiwanis Club, St. Luke's Clinic, Shop Rat Foundation, A.D.A.M. (Another Day Another Memory), Rotary Foundation of Jackson County and Jackson Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee.

Last year, Racing for Dollars raised more than \$35,000!

Joe Wolfe has tickets. See him at a club meeting or call him at (517) 787-1704.

How Can You Help?

- Purchase a ticket
 - Donate cash, prizes, gift certificates
 - Donate wine or booze
 - Volunteer at the event
- Learn more at www.racingfordollars.org



Travel, without Leaving Jackson

England's West Country

with Monty & Marsha Brown on January 8

In Monty and Marsha Brown's latest film, we begin at the old Roman city of Bath and proceed (Westward Ho!) from there into the legendary lands of King Arthur and his castle at Tintagel, the fictional Wessex of Thomas Hardy and the country home of mystery writer Agatha Christie. We won't stop until we've reached Land's End (a real place, just like Westward Ho!). There's magnificent scenery along the way: two national parks (Dartmoor and Exmoor), wild rocky coastlines and a walking path that envelopes the whole region. The path is more than six hundred miles long and follows the coast along the Bristol Channel and the English Channel. The sound track will feature the music of local West Country musicians.



January Sponsor: Arbor Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

Where we are going...

Jan. 8: England's West Country
Feb. 5: Belize, Guatemala & Honduras
March 5: France on a river cruise
April 9: Italy

Where - Jackson High School
Auditorium, 544 Wildwood Ave.

When - 7 p.m.

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

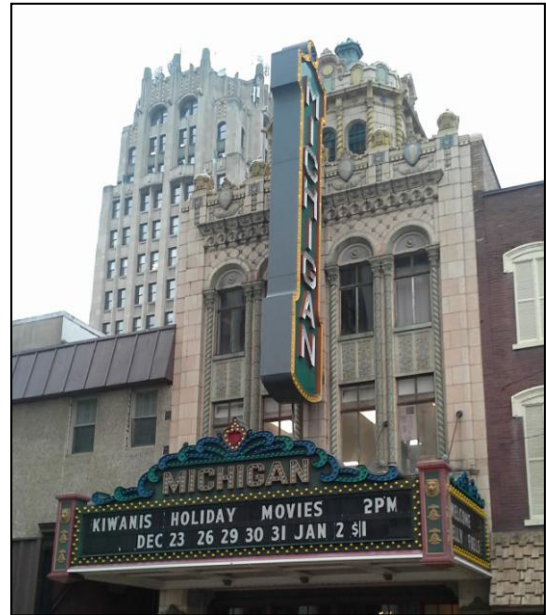
Thank you to our Travel Adventure committee for their commitment!

Can YOU Add to our Club Archives?

We have gathered and inventoried our club archives. We have newsletters from 1940 forward; newspapers from 1942 forward; rosters from 1931 forward and scrapbooks from the 50's, 60's, and most years from 1990 to present. We are missing scrapbooks from the 70's, 80's, 2004-2006 and 2012 and 2013. We have a box of miscellaneous archive items such as: award certificates, event fliers, financial audits, etc. We have a large box of pictures that need to be sorted yet. Most of these archives have been taken to Ella Sharp Museum for storage. We would like to create a shadow box of past Kiwanis pins. We have a collection but would like members to look through their jewelry boxes and consider donating pins from the past. We understand there was a time when we had a bowling team. A shirt donated from that era would add value to our collection. Any donations of Kiwanis memorabilia would be welcome. Let me know. Thanks! – President Beth

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- We could use one more Kiwanian to help with the Lego sessions at our adopted school, **Bennett Elementary**, which is between West Avenue and Lansing Avenue. We need someone to volunteer on Wednesdays between 1:40 and 2:45 p.m. This activity helps teach kids how to plan and constructively build things. Call me at 787-1155 if you can help. – Mike Zuchowski
- Our club **rang the bell** for the Salvation Army for 80 hours! Thank you! – Ted Wilson
- Thanks to those who greeted families and took tickets during our Kiwanis **Movies for Kids** at the Michigan Theatre in December. There is one more showing on January 2 during the Christmas break. Also, thanks to the Brooklyn and Northwest Kiwanis clubs for volunteering and financially supporting this project.– Pat Kiessling
- The next **evening meeting** is **Wednesday, January 14**, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club.
- We will hold a White Elephant Auction during our club meeting on January 9, to benefit **The Eliminate Project**. Please donate holiday gifts that maybe were the wrong size or color or anything else of interest. We are also looking for donations of baked goods to sell. Any questions, see me. – Suzy Crittenden
- Our club is accepting applications for **college scholarships**, now through March 20. Applicants must live in Jackson County, graduate from a Jackson County high school in the spring (or be home-schooled students who live in Jackson County) and plan to attend full-time a college or university within Jackson County (Baker College-Jackson, Jackson College or Spring Arbor University). They must also show success in high school and exemplify the Kiwanis standards through extra-curricular activities and volunteer opportunities, as well as work experience if applicable. Find more details, as well as the scholarship application, at www.jacksonkiwanis.com. - Suzy Crittenden and Jessica Mitchell
- Support the **Key Club** and **Aktion Club**--drop off your pop tabs at Friday meetings.
- Support **The Eliminate Project** by donating funds from your personal bottle/can returns and loose change at Friday meetings. - Suzy Crittenden



Kiwanis in Grass Lake

Our own club is sponsoring a new Kiwanis Club in Grass Lake. At least ten have signed up to be Grass Lake Kiwanians. – Dick Hitch

Happy Birthday, Detroit Kiwanis!



This month, Kiwanis celebrates its 100th birthday. Detroit Kiwanis was the first club and it is throwing a party on January 24. They will accomplish some service projects, then they will officially celebrate with Kiwanis dignitaries and leaders from around the world (including our own President Beth, as well as Kiwanians Jim Philo, Dick and Mary Hitch and Adam and Chandra Howard). They will let us know about this unique experience when they get back.

Kiwanis is asking you to help tell the world about this important birthday-with a Google Doodle! Google changes its home page "doodle" almost daily. And Kiwanis wants its day! Send an email to proposal@google.com, saying that we are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. We are in over 80 nations and our organization has over a half a million volunteers. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET ON GOOGLE! It just takes a few minutes to send your request.

Why Do You Love Kiwanis?

"I love to help the community and the kids (our future). My favorite thing is the Flag Project." --Anonymous

"I came to Kiwanis because the proceeding musician was physically unable to continue. I stayed on because I enjoy the camaraderie, the fellowship, the things I am able to do to be of help."—Harold Miller

"We do a lot of good. I am so proud of how much good we do. And I love our Kiwanis Family. As Joe Wolfe once told me, we have Kiwanis in our heart."—Jessica Mitchell

"Why did I join? Twenty five years ago, George Roberts was my boss and ordered me to join Kiwanis. He was moving and told me he had to have a replacement. Why do I stay? I need a service club to serve the community and make me feel good."—Don Schroeder

"Fellowship and service to the community."—Anonymous

"Camaraderie. Knowing that we make an impact on children in our community."—Eileen Lehnert

KIWANIS JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year!	2 NO CLUB MEETING Movies for Kids Michigan Theatre	3
4	5 Builders Club meeting	6 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m.	7 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club	8 Travel Film: England's West Country 7 p.m. Jackson H.S.	9 Program: Travel Adventure Film speaker and the White Elephant Auction	10
11	12	13 Aktion Club 3 p.m. Jackson First Church of the Nazarene Happy Birthday Bob Johnson	14 Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club	15 Happy Birthday George Ganscos	16 Program: Volunteers of Allegiance	17 Happy Birthday David Ray
18 Happy Birthday Reg Fennell	19 Builders Club meeting Newsletter Deadline	20 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m. Happy Birthday Eric Scott	21 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club	22	23 Program: Kiwaniis Youth Protection Guidelines Happy Birthday Dick Erhardt	24 Detroit #1 Birthday Celebration
25	26	27 Aktion Club 3 p.m. Jackson First Church of the Nazarene Happy Birthday Jim Touse	28	29 Happy Birthday Terry Langston	30 Program: Jackson Medical Care Happy Birthday Harold Miller	31 Chili Golf Classic Happy Birthday Joe Wolfe & Mary Lou McFadden

Correction from last newsletter. Joe Wolfe's birthday is actually January 31 (was listed as December 1) Joe says, "We've had it wrong for years, I've just never corrected it. ☺" So please join me in wishing Joe a correct Happy Birthday this month! – Jessica Mitchell