



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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JULY 2015

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

Well, we are gearing up for the 3rd planting of flags for the season. Thank you to each member who helps with our biggest fund raiser! The kids summer movie series is up and running. I took three grandkids to see *“How to Train your Dragon #2”*. We had a great time!



July is a time to think about how YOU want to support YOUR Kiwanis Club. Don will be starting the process of setting up committees for next year. If you have been on a committee and would be willing to chair it next year, please share with Don. The division is running committee chair training on July 11. This training will give you all the tools you need to make your committee a success.

The Eliminate Committee is planning a fund raiser bus trip the end of September. Check out details on page 7 in this newsletter. Buy your tickets now!

As I write this, I am packing up to head to the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis... I will share with you my experience when I return.

The weekly meetings are more low-key in July as we won't have a lot of announcements or heavy planning accountabilities. Come get to know your fellow members as we simply enjoy time together!
Sincerely, Beth

<p>July Programs</p> <p>3: No club meeting (Happy 4th of July!)</p> <p>10: Robin Embury from Lifeline</p> <p>17: Major Pollum from The Salvation Army</p> <p>24: Ben Redman of The Hub Teen Center</p> <p>31: Patrick Duffy of the MSU MacCready Reserve</p> <p>Thanks to this month's Program Chair: Kelly Langley</p>	<p>Inside:</p> <p>Pg. 2 Remembering Elinore</p> <p>Pg. 3 Bennett Photos</p> <p>Pg. 4 Membership Awards</p> <p>Pg. 5-6 Club News</p> <p>Pg. 7 Calendar</p>
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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:

At this Kiwanis
International Convention,
the first female President
is elected: Sue Petrisin,
of East Lansing,
Michigan!

In Memory of Elinore Currier

We celebrate the life of Kiwanian Elinore Currier. She died on June 1.

Elinore loved Kiwanis. "She was a tireless volunteer who loved kids," said Eileen Lehnert.

A member since 2000, Elinore had served on the board, helped raise funds for our club through our Nut Project, coordinated Interclubs and often helped with registration at Friday meetings.

Elinore would have earned 15 years of Perfect Attendance in June.

Her obituary mentioned her membership in our club and said she was "deeply committed to their literacy program at Cascades Elementary School."

It also describes Elinore "as a lady in every way. Meticulously put together, kind and generous with an abundance of love and comfort." We Kiwanians couldn't have said it any better!

Elinore, we thank you for your service and generosity. We will miss your dedication, smile and spirit.

The family has requested that donations be made in Elinore's memory to the Kiwanis Foundation of Jackson, 1203 First St., Jackson, MI 49203.



Elinore Currier
May 7, 1927-June 1, 2015

Making a Difference at Bennett Elementary, one Lego and Stitch at a Time

Designing and building a Lego City. Teaching crochet. Reading to students. These were some of the projects Kiwanians were involved in with our partner, Bennett Elementary School this year.



Proud students pose with their final Lego city. Photo by Mike Zuchowski



Bennett Principal Jackie Brock gathers the kids from the Lego Club and Kiwanians for pizza and pop on the club's last day. Mrs. Brock presented club members with a Bennett travel mug. She also brought it to the students' attention that without Kiwanis and the donation of the Legos and volunteers there would not have been a Lego Club! – Story and Photo by Connie Murray



Crocheting is not as easy as it looks! It takes concentration, eye/hand coordination, consistency and some math! We started out planning to make pot holders for family gifts. Only one project became a pot holder! Some projects evolved into purses and simple headbands.

Job well done by all students who tried something new! – Story and Photo by Beth Philo

Congratulations, Kiwanians!

During our Friday, June 5, club meeting, I had the honor of handing out Kiwanis Membership Awards. When I inherited the Secretary job in 1982, our club tracked these awards from May 1 – April 30, so I continued that practice. Below are those who received **Perfect Attendance Awards** and the number of years they have exhibited perfect attendance:

Lynn Seamans (for one year)

Linda Brzezinski, Don Schroeder, Chandra Howard (for two years)

Suzy Crittenden, Cheri Johnson, Nicole Visel, Jim Philo (for three years)

Rick Mills, Jessica Mitchell, Mary Anne Riley-Seamans, Ron Sondergeld (for four years)

Beth Philo (for five years)

Adam Howard, Harold Miller, Glenn Pascoe (for six years)

Carolyn Brown, Nels Oman, Andy Johnson, Bob Johnson, Cal Schuch (for seven years)

Connie Murray (for eight years)

Herb Elfring, Reg Fennell, Therese Hessler (for nine years)

Ted Wilson (for 12 years)

Eileen Lehnert (for 13 years)

Dave Ray (for 14 years)

Pat Kiessling (for 16 years)

Bob Eberhart (for 17 years)

Phil Berkemeier (for 20 years)

Dick Erhardt and Dick Hitch (for 21 years)

Denny DaPra (for 27 years)

George Veach (for 30 years)

Dr. Jim Schindler (for 35 years)

Joe Wolfe (for 40 years)

Congratulations-and thank you for your dedication to our club!

Perfect attendance can be achieved without attending 52 Friday meetings. Those who work on a Kiwanis project automatically pick up a “make-up” and the chairs are really good about giving me information as to who worked. Another way is to attend one of our two monthly board meetings, an Interclub, another Kiwanis Club or our monthly Wednesday night meeting at the Hunt Club. So, if you wonder why someone achieves perfect attendance without attending the Friday meeting on a regular basis, that’s how.

We lost Leo Harley this year, who had 57 years of perfect attendance and as far as I know, that is the club record!

At this Friday meeting, I also presented two Kiwanians with the **Legion of Honor**, which recognizes those who have been in the club for 25 years. They are rewarded with a “silver” pin and each subsequent 5 years they get a new silver pin. Congratulations to Denny DaPra who has been with Kiwanis for 30 years, and to Reg Fennell who celebrates his 40th anniversary with Kiwanis. – Secretary Joe Wolfe

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- Per requests from the Youth Services Committees, our board voted to donate **\$1,000 to Birthline** for the purchase of six cribs/toddler beds. Recipients have to write essays to Birthline explaining what they have learned from taking lessons, as well as pay \$25 baby dollars, which they earn through their programs. Our board also voted to donate **\$750 to the Sitting Tall program** (a therapeutic riding program designed to teach basic horsemanship skills to riders with disabilities within Jackson County) which will either go towards insurance or the purchase of new helmets. The final donation was **\$1,500 to the Child Advocacy Council**, which provides services for children who have been sexually and/or severely physically abused. – Beth Philo and Linda Brzezinski

- During our Friday, June 19, club meeting, at Vista Grande Villa, we awarded \$1,000 **college scholarships** to four high school graduates: Paige Lukasik, of Michigan Center High School; Ally Oliver, of Western; Trevor Tarantowski, of Jackson Christian; and Rachel Waskiewicz, of Grass Lake.



- Paige and Rachel will attend Jackson College; Ally and Trevor will attend Spring Arbor University. Thank you to Nels Oman, Kelly Langley, Mary Lou McFadden and Rick Mills for your work this year on the scholarship committee. – Suzy Crittenden and Jessica Mitchell

- Our **Kids Movies** summer program continues this month. June 30, July 1-2: The Croods. July 7-9: Megamind. July 14-16: Shrek: Forever After 2D. July 21-23: Marmaduke. July 28-30: The Tooth Fairy.

All movies are at the Carmike Theatre (purple one on Wisner) and begin at 10 a.m., but if you're volunteering, please be there at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to all who are helping on this project! Be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors and any kids you see around. The movies cost only \$1 and there is plenty of free parking. – Pat Kiessling



- Help us solve the **Flag Mystery**. We ended up 10 flags short for Flag Day. We had enough for Memorial Day, repaired more than 40 and made 50 new, so we should not be short. Does your team have more than one spare flag? Return them to the storage shed. Remember, plant your flags 3-5 days before the 4th of July and harvest them 3-5 days afterwards (strive to have them in for about one week as a courtesy to the customer). **FOR 4TH OF JULY, PLANT BY JULY 2, REMOVE BY JULY 6.** – Jim and Beth Philo

Club News (continued)

- Our **next slate of officers** is set: President Don Schroeder, President-Elect Rick Mills, Vice President Andy Johnson, Treasurer Chandra Howard, Secretary Joe Wolfe and Past President Beth Philo. Terry Langston will be a new board member. Glenn Pascoe and Caroline Brown will step down this fall. Tommy Amidon has resigned from the board. Mike Zuchowski takes his spot. The inductions will take place at a special meeting in the fall. **Thank you to all of you for your service!**
- The Board will hold **one board meeting in July and one in August**. It will be the third Wednesday of each month. So... no meeting the first Wednesday of July and August. – Beth Philo
- During our Friday, June 5 club meeting, we held our **Foundation annual meeting**. We elected Kelly Langley and Mary Lou McFadden to this board. Secretary Rick Mills and I will step down this September. We also reviewed the Foundation's finances. We reminded club members to kindly remember the Foundation in your will or trust, and that granite blocks are available at the Kiwanis Park (forms online at www.jacksonkiwanis.com). – Foundation President Eileen Lehnert
- The next **evening meeting** is Wednesday, July 8, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club.
- We raised about \$150 for our club's administration budget from the Gee Farm **flower fundraiser**. – Ron Sondergeld
- Purchase season tickets for the **Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series**. Call us at (517) 474-5227, email us at Kiwanis@gkveach.com or download the order form at www.jacksonkiwanis.com -- George and Kathie Veach

Kiwanis Club Picnic and Golf Outing

Join us at our club's annual Summer Picnic on Friday, August 7, in the evening. It will be at Jeff and Linda Serkerke's house. Tickets are \$15/person and include pre-dinner snacks, steak dinner (cooked to perfection-you are the cook!), beer/wine/soft drinks and dessert. Invite spouses, kids, grandkids, guests. Tickets will be available at any Friday Kiwanis meeting, or at the door. There will be NO Friday luncheon on August 7. The official meeting will be the picnic.

--Joe Wolfe

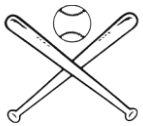
Before that picnic, join us for golf. We will start at noon, at Burr Oak Golf Course on North Parma Road in Parma. I will have more info soon. -- Glenn Pascoe

Golf with Michigan Kiwanians

Here is another chance to golf with Kiwanians: the 28th annual Max Drake Kiwanis Open Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 5, at the Concord Hills Golf Course in Concord. The cost is \$60/golfer and includes lunch, cart and goody bags. So far, seven club members have signed up. Please see me for registration forms. – Glenn Pascoe

KIWANIS JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kids Movies	2 Kids Movies Plant Flags	3 <u>No club meeting</u>	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i>
5	6 Harvest Flags	7 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Mary Hitch	8 Kids Movies Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club	9 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Neal Maske	10 <u>Program: Lifeline</u>	11
12	13	14 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Nels Oman	15 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Kids Movies Happy Birthday Jim Schindler	16 Kids Movies	17 <u>Program: The Salvation Army</u> Happy Birthday Tim Hartley	18
19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Sandra Carpenter	22 Kids Movies	23 Kids Movies	24 <u>Program: The Hub Teen Center</u>	25
26	27	28 Kids Movies	29 Kids Movies	30 Kids Movies Happy Birthday Dave Gould & Ted Wilson	31 <u>Program: MSU MacCready Reserve</u>	



Save the date! We are headed to **the Detroit Tigers baseball game** (vs. Minnesota Twins) on Sunday, September 27. 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. This FUNdraiser will support The Eliminate Project. – Ted Wilson