



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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MAY 2015

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

We have an AWESOME club! We received an armful of awards at the Spring Divisional meeting! For the 2013-14 year, with Glenn at the helm, we received the Governor’s trophy for a growth of 6 members, District Outstanding Club, International Outstanding Club, two Round Robins awards for interclubs, 100% participation in Kiwanis Foundation, 1st Place for Scrapbook and Newsletter, Salvation Army Bell Ringing recognition and recognition for Key Leader Service Leadership. Already for the 2014-15 year, we were recognized for our Service Leadership to our Aktion, Key and Builder Clubs. This photo shows our awards. More photos from this divisional are on our website. The meeting was a great opportunity to network with fellow Kiwanians around lower Michigan; we received a lot of updates and enjoyed being hosts for the meeting. Thank you to Jessica Mitchell for coordinating ‘goody bags about Jackson’ for each participant to take home. You make us look good in SO MANY ways, Jessie!



The first half of May is full of special opportunities to be enriched by your Kiwanis experience: the Prayer Breakfast, Kids Against Hunger Project, Social Hot Dog Roast with our Service Leadership clubs and the programs lined up for Friday meetings. We would like to see the attendance at meetings increase. We miss those who haven’t been able to participate through the winter months! Welcome back!

Behind the scenes many members are hard at work! This time of year, the scholarship committee, Bennett school committee, the bus trips for the International Eliminate Project, the summer Movies committee, PR committee with a contingent recruiting new members at the Consumers Energy Volunteer Fair, the Flag committee, the flower fundraiser and our service leadership clubs are all role modeling what Kiwanis is all about! Thank you to all of you and any group I missed! Sincerely, Beth

<p>May Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Kent Maurer, Jackson County Airport Manager 8: Steve Rand, Jackson County Sheriff 15: President’s Choice: More Fun Memories 22: Round Table 29: Steve Shotwell, Jackson County Commissioner & Roads <p>Thanks to this month’s Program Chair: Phil Berkemeier</p>	<p>Inside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pg. 2 Sharing our message Pg. 3 Flag tips Pg. 4 & 5 Club news Pg. 7 Calendar
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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:

On March 29, 1982, Joe Wolfe became our "new" secretary. Thanks, Joe, for more than 32 years of service in this role.

Sharing the Kiwanis Message

We shared the Kiwanis message at the Consumers Energy Volunteer Fair with its employees on Thursday, April 23. We had good attendance and some great conversations. It was also great for our Kiwanian retirees to catch up with old friends. -- Richard Mills



Pictured left to right: Denny DaPra, Cal Schuch, Richard Mills, Therese Hesslau with a Consumers Energy employee. Not pictured: Beth Philo, Jim Philo and Glenn Pascoe.

Who will you share the Kiwanis message with this month? The woman in line behind you at the grocery store, the dad you talk to after church, the owner of the business where you're planting a flag this Memorial Day, your co-worker? Help us spread the message, and perhaps we'll gain a new member or two or ten. Talk about the laughs at Kiwanis meetings, how you feel after you serve at a function, the goals of Kiwanis. Invite them to a project or meeting with you. Need a membership packet? Ask Dick Hitch for one, or download the membership application on our website at www.jacksonkiwanis.com All of us can grow our club.. in more ways than one!

Kiwanis Family Hot Dog Roast

with Kiwanis, Aktion, Key and Builders Clubs

Tuesday, May 12 5-7 p.m. at Kiwanis Park

Bring your family with you for fun and games.

Bring a *donation* for a local food pantry if you wish!

Our Flag Project Kicks off this Month

Overview – Our club’s largest fund raiser consists of 30-35 teams planting and harvesting more than 1,000 flags throughout Jackson County on the following five holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day through 9/11, and Veterans Day (weather permitting). Each team is made up of 2-3 club members and team routes have 10 – 60 flags (depending on what the members can handle). Each flag costs \$30/year. Project costs for mailings, flags, poles & PVC sleeves are about \$3,000/year. So you can see – if we continue to work together and make this a quality service to our community – we make around \$27,000/year.

SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW

Preparation –

You will receive your route along with the combination to the Blue Bay Storage company gate and combination to the lock on our storage unit:

- New customers on your route – sleeves will be set by the Prep committee
- Get familiar with your route before it is time to plant for the first time
 1. Old sleeve – take a stick with you to test how straight it stands –reset or adjust the sleeve as needed –don’t relocate it without calling Miss Dig 811
 2. Spray paint around the sleeve and on the edge of the road, check your measurements from the road for easy location of the sleeve when planting
- Familiarize yourself with the storage unit - check location and combinations, figure how to fit flags in your vehicle, cans of white spray paint are there for you to use for marking

Flag Planting & Harvesting

- Time Line – plant your flags 3-5 days before the holiday & harvest them 3-5 days after the holiday (strive to have them in for one week as a courtesy to the customer) **FOR MEMORIAL DAY: PLANT MAY 20-22, HARVEST MAY 28-30.**
- Care of flags – don’t take down wet flags – be sure they are dry before rolling and storing (bring damaged or badly faded flags back to the storage unit, in the designated repair area and take a replacement)
- Use the log sheet at the storage unit to acknowledge sleeves, paint, flags taken and repairs needed

Substitutes

- Plan Ahead – Look at the five holidays – decide if you will need help. Connect with a sub before you need one – have them go with you on the route so they know it.
- **Emergencies – make them few and far between – be accountable for your route – how you manage it reflects on the whole club – make your customers glad you are their team!**

Questions/Problems

Give us a call and we will see how we can help. **Jim 745-0529 Beth 531-5120**

Club News to Keep You in the Know

- The **next Kids Against Hunger food packaging** is Friday, May 8, at Bennett Elementary School. Setup will begin at 7 a.m. We will finish by 11:30 - in time for all the volunteers to get to our Friday meeting! We need several adult volunteers to help set up, supervise the children as they assemble the ingredients in the packages and help clean up. Cleaning up is when we need the most hands! The food that we package will go to Jackson area food pantries. Each package has approximately six servings and contains rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring. Let one of us know if you can help. – Eileen Lehnert and Sandy Eisele
- Our club is sponsoring another luncheon for the guests at the **Interfaith Shelter** on Tuesday, May 19. We have enough volunteers signed up already-thank you! They need to be at the shelter at 10:30 a.m.– Don Schroeder
- The Aktion Club raised about \$1,300 during our third annual **Bowl-A-Thon** on Saturday, April 18 at Airport Lanes. We had 72 bowlers and about 25 non-bowling spectators/pizza eaters. Five other Aktion Clubs joined us from Brighton, Mason, Lansing, Hillsdale and Holt. It was nice to have President Beth there to help with registration, as well as Gordon Schleicher, the Michigan District Aktion Club Administrator. Our main charity for this fundraiser was Sleeping Children Around the World. Thanks to all of you who support us. -- Cheri and Bob Johnson



Members of the Aktion Club have fun at their Bowl-A-Thon!

- **Happy birthday to Key Club!** It turns 90 on May 7.
- Support the **Key Club** and **Aktion Club**--drop off your pop tabs at Friday meetings.
- The next **Foundation board meeting** is Wednesday, May 6, at the Hunt Club immediately following the Kiwanis Board meeting (approximately 1 p.m.). It is open to all Kiwanians. We would love to see you there! – Eileen Lehnert
- The next **evening meeting** is Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at the Hunt Club. Catch up with friends, learn about Kiwanis updates and eat!
- Thanks to those attending the **Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast** on May 7.
- Jackson officials have decided to not hold the **downtown flower planting** this year, because of construction on Michigan Avenue. (Our club has volunteered for this project in years past). We hope to participate again in 2016! – Pat Kiessling

Club News (continued)

- Our club agreed to organize two bus trips to raise money for the **International Eliminate Project**. **Now we need commitments to participate in these trips!** Please make the effort to register SOON for the Saturday, June 13, trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The bus leaves Jackson at 2:15 p.m. and returns around 8 p.m. The cost is \$40/person and you get back \$20 on a player card and \$5 voucher for food at the casino. If you have never been – it should be a great new experience! Feel free to invite your friends! The second bus trip is scheduled for late September to a Tigers baseball game. You will hear more about that one in July. – Suzy Crittenden
- Another way to support the **Eliminate Project** is to donate funds from your personal bottle/can returns and loose change at Friday meetings. – Suzy Crittenden
- Beautify your home or your mom's for Mother's Day, while supporting your Kiwanis Club! We are hosting a **Flower Fundraiser** in conjunction with Gee Farms, in Stockbridge. I have order forms at Friday meetings or contact me. Make checks payable to the Kiwanis Club of Jackson. And pick up the flowers when you want by June 3. Directions to Gee Farms on www.GeeFarms.com or call them at (517) 769-6772. – Ron Sondergeld
- Another Mother's or Father's Day or Christmas gift idea: purchase season tickets for the **Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series**. Present your loved one with a trip to China, the Mediterranean, France or the Great Southwest, without leaving Jackson. The series begins in October and wraps up in March. For ticket information, call us at (517) 474-5227, email us at Kiwanis@gkveach.com or download the order form at www.jacksonkiwanis.com See photos of our 2014-15 sponsors who we honored during our Friday, April 10 club meeting at www.jacksonkiwanis.com. Click on events, then photo gallery, then Travel Adventure Film Series 2015.



Pat Kiessling and Kathie Veach sell tickets during the April Travel film at Jackson High School. Thank you to all our volunteers!

- See the **tins of nuts** in the photo with Pat and Kathie? They have all been sold!
- Six local non-profits are able to help more people, thanks to the hard work of Kiwanis! On Friday, April 10, we handed out nearly \$40,000 we raised during **Racing for Dollars**. See photos from the event and of the check presentations, on www.jacksonkiwanis.com, click on events, then photo gallery, then Racing for Dollars 2015.

Kiwanians Build Teamwork and a Lego City



Here is an example of Kiwanians in action: Dick Erhardt, Mike Zuchowski and a couple of fourth graders at Bennett Elementary engineered their own Lego City on April 22. It teaches these students teamwork, planning and self-confidence. Thanks also to Jim Philo and Connie Murray who volunteer for the Lego Club, and thanks to Connie for this photo! Want to volunteer at Bennett? There is still time before the school year ends. And **they need you!** Talk to any of these volunteers or Cal

Two Chances to Golf with Kiwanians

June 8 or August 5

The Michigan District of Kiwanis will host its annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 8, at the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Pinckney (learn about the course at www.whisperingpines.com). The cost is \$80/golfer if registered by May 1, \$90/golfer after May 1. It includes golf, breakfast, lunch and dinner. This benefits the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. 80% of the net proceeds will be allocated to the Foundation and the Child and Family Life Departments at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, the Northern Michigan Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The 28th annual Max Drake Kiwanis Open Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, August 5, at the Concord Hills Golf Course in Concord. The cost is \$60/golfer and includes lunch, cart and goody bags. Proceeds go in our club's name to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, and will benefit children's hospitals of Michigan (with projects such as art therapy and helping patients keep up with their schoolwork).

Prizes, fellowship and more! You can bring a friend, or several or just sign yourself up. Please see me for registration forms! – Glenn Pascoe

Did you know that you can find this newsletter, as well as past newsletters of 2015, on our website, www.jacksonkiwanis.com?

KIWANIS MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>Program:</u> Jackson County Airport	2
3 Happy Birthday Dick Hitch & Ron Sondergeld	4 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside 2:45 p.m.	5 Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m.	6 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Kiwanis Foundation Board meeting 1 p.m. Hunt Club	7 Prayer Breakfast Steve's Ranch 7:30 a.m. Happy 90 th Birthday, Key Club! Happy Birthday Elinore Currier & Therese Hesslau	8 <u>Program:</u> Jackson County Sheriff Kids Against Hunger Packaging Party 7-11:30 a.m. Bennett Elementary School	9
10 Happy Birthday Brian Smith Happy Mother's Day!	11	12 Aktion Club Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3 p.m. Kiwanis Hot Dog Roast Kiwanis Park 5-7 p.m.	13 Evening Club Meeting 6 p.m. Hunt Club Happy Birthday Glenn Pascoe	14	15 <u>Program:</u> President's Choice, More Fun Memories	16 Happy Birthday Suzy Crittenden
17 Happy Birthday Phil Burch	18 Builders Club Middle School at Parkside 2:45 p.m. Newsletter Deadline	19 Interfaith Shelter Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Key Club Jackson H.S. 2:40 p.m. Aktion Club Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3 p.m.	20 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	21	22 <u>Program:</u> Round Table	23 Happy Birthday Doug Beiswanger
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Aktion Club Jackson First Church of the Nazarene 3 p.m.	27	28 Harvest	29 <u>Program:</u> Jackson County Commission	30 28-30
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