



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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MAY 2016

“We Are Family”

Spring has arrived. We are seeing members returning from the south. We hope to see YOU at a Friday meeting if you have not attended recently.

Opportunities:

1) We want a large attendance for Prayer breakfast May 5th.

Cascades Manor House special breakfast brunch, and key note speaker Reverend Rachel Ross.

2) We request your attendance at the Friday meeting April 29th, and invite your spouse or a guest. We are handing out large Racing for Dollars checks. Michigan Governor Linda Lawther will attend. Show our support for Dick Hitch, who is willing to be the next Governor-Elect.

3) April inter Club was with Addison. Stay tuned for next month's inter club. Let me know if you want to be on the inter club attendee email list.

Shout outs:

1)Jess Mitchell for our website and weekly summaries. The website should win an award this year.

2) George and Kathie Veach for another successful Travel Adventure year.

3) Jim and Beth Philo and Patty Kiessling for the flag project work they do. Flag clients are increasing and the money is coming in.

I will be attending the spring divisional April 30th. My wife and I will be attending the international convention in June. I will be at the Tiger game with Cathy and family. If you want to feel more included in our club--Join me!

Observations:

Meeting attendance has been very good. We have four new members. Our newest member is Nathan Mahan. Finances are very good. Project fund income is better than budgeted. The board will be looking at summer program options for kids. We have \$5000 budgeted. If you have any good ideas please let me know.

All the best,
Don



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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

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

May Programs

April 29th -- Invite a guest or your spouse today! Special program

May 6th -- Connie Poisson, Executive Director of Junior Achievement of the Michigan Edge

May 13th -- Bruce Van Eyck, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Jackson

May 20th -- Heather Stilner, Director of the Lily Mission Center

May 27th – Round Table – Memorial Day Weekend

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

Spring Flower Fund Raiser – The board decided to discontinue this low participation fund raiser. It supported the administration fund so it is hoped that members will purchase more flags and or buy more Travel Adventure Season Tickets to cover the budget expectation loss of this fund raiser.

Other April Board information: 1) noted better participation at weekly meetings, 2) Nathan Maher was approved for membership to our club, 3) approved a 'full page' ad in the Michigan convention program book supporting Dick Hitch in his run for Governor-Elect, 4) discussed a possible new rim for our flag bases, 5) discussed the need to replace club logo signs around town, 6) tabled discussion on summer program ideas – it will be addressed at the next board meeting – come and share your ideas!

ELIMINATE maternal/neonatal tetanus – Shoe us what you can do!

Please collect all your gently used pairs of shoes – better yet – collect your neighbors' used shoes too! Bring all the shoes to our Friday meetings in April and Chandra will take them to the divisional meeting on April 30th! We are considering making this project an ongoing project for our club until we reach our 100th birthday in 2018! These shoes get sold by weight to a group who refurbishes them, then sells them cheaply to third world countries. The money raised goes to the Kiwanis Eliminate project. What a win-win! We save babies and third world countries get shoes for their people! More info:

<https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-7613/userfiles/files/kiwanis%20shoe%20collection.pdf>

Park Legacy Bricks--Getting a tax refund? Wondering how to honor a Kiwanian? Purchase a Legacy Brick at Kiwanis Park. The Foundation oversees this. Foundation President Therese Hesslau says we have nearly 50 bricks still available. Download the form here, and return it, along with payment, to Therese:

<https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-7613/userfiles/files/3.%20foundation/kiwanis%20found%20granite%20block%20project%20flyer%20june%202012.pdf> Thanks, Foundation Board members!

Kids' Movies Update - Thanks to members who welcomed families at the Kiwanis Kids' Movies at the Michigan Theatre during spring break. Pat Kiessling reports that 624 people attended. She writes, "the members who worked seemed to enjoy themselves and were glad to be back at the Michigan Theatre." Thanks, Pat, for coordinating this!

Travel Film Series - Remember to purchase your season tickets for the next season, when we'll look for gold, take a Christmas cruise and be mesmerized by Hawaii. The season's schedule and order form are here:

<http://jacksonkiwanis.com/Page/14018> Check out the photos Therese Hesslau took at the last Travel Adventure Film Series this season, on March 31:
https://www.facebook.com/jacksonkiwanis/photos_stream

Jackson-Area Kiwanis Club's Prayer Breakfast - Our club hosts on **May 5th**, starting at 7:30 a.m. at Cascades Manor House. Invite your favorite clergy as your guest. Get your tickets now (\$10) from members Phil Berkemeier or Jim Schindler by May 2nd.

Shower for St. Luke's Clinic - Our club agreed to hold a shower for St. Luke's Clinic. They have sent us the following list of their needs. **Please bring your contributions to our Friday meetings May 6th and 13th.** The needs list includes: **Disinfecting Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Tri-fold paper towels for dispensers, toilet tissue, copy paper, garbage bags 13 gallon and 33 gallon.** Thank you for asking for our list, and thank you in advance for all you do. Sincerely, Dr. Jim & staff.

Aktion Club Bowl-a-thon – May 7th will be held at Airport Lanes from 11am – 1pm. Contact fellow Kiwanian Cheri Johnson to join a bowling team or sign up your own team. She needs bowler registration by April 23 if you want a t-shirt (cost: \$10) or by April 30 if you want to bowl (\$15).

Interfaith Shelter – May 17th Another opportunity to volunteer your time as you help prepare and serve a meal to the less advantaged people in our community. If you can give an hour or two, contact President Don.

Downtown Flower Planting – May 21st Join our club as we plant flowers in downtown Jackson. It will begin at 9 a.m. Pat Kiessling will have sign-up sheets in May.

Foundation annual meeting will be **June 17th** during our Friday club meeting. So will the presentation of **membership awards to Kiwanians.**

Tiger Baseball Game – May 21st Have some fun with fellow Kiwanians! You're invited to join us at a Detroit Tigers game on Saturday, May 21st. The game begins at 4:08 p.m. and is against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Seating is in the upper deck, somewhere behind home plate. Cost: \$35 for ticket and you can buy one from Ted Wilson. This is a 'just for fun' event so come and get to know your fellow members better as we carpool to Detroit!

Kids Against Hunger food packaging – June 3rd. This morning event will be at Northeast Elementary School. Sandy Eisele reports that the times will be worked out in the next couple of weeks, and sign-up sheets will be coming to our weekly meetings.

Rose Parade – June 5th The Jackson Aktion Club will have a float in the Rose Parade. Cheri Johnson reports, right now, they are getting ideas for the float. They will assemble it at Bob's incubator building the Saturday before the float (June 4). If anyone is interested in helping, giving ideas or being a part of this in any way please contact Cheri Johnson.

Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh 60th Anniversary - Please join us for dinner as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Details-May 24th, 2016; Lenawee Country Club 4110 Country Club Rd. Adrian, MI 49221; 6 -9pm; Cost per person - \$28 Must connect with Wendy Brys no later than May 6th, 2016: wendybrys@gmail.com

Editor's note on pictures: there are very few pictures in our newsletters as we have members who have computers that reject large emails. We work to keep our newsletters as informative as possible and direct members to our web page for enjoyment of our many pictures taken of club activities.

Welcome New Members

Kathie Veach - George and I have been married for 49 years. If you know George, you probably know me. I've been an honorary member for many, many years. I've worked on many Kiwanis projects but the two big ones are the Travel Adventure Film Series and Chili Golf. I'm also very involved with our church, Queen of the Miraculous Medal. In my free time, I like to travel, play golf and practice yoga. We are thrilled that you are an "official" member! Welcome!!

Nathan Mahan - Nathan is a Jackson native, and attended Jackson High School. He was the Viking mascot during high school. After attending Michigan State University and running a few sales businesses, he moved back to Jackson in 2012 to take over his father's financial planning practice. Nathan is a second generation business owner. He is a financial rep, insurance broker, securities broker, and registered investment adviser for Northwestern Mutual. He has two kids, Frances and Carl, ages 2 years and 4 weeks. His wife, Katie, is an attorney for a bank. Nathan and his family attend Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jackson, where his father, Ross Mahan, is a pastor. Nathan said he is proud to become a Kiwanian because of their commitment to giving back to children and the community which he has grown up in. Welcome Nathan!

KIWANIS MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Happy Birthday Dick Hitch & Ron Sondergeld	4 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	5  Prayer Breakfast 7:30-8:45am	6 <u>Program:</u> Junior Achievement	7 Aktion Club Bowl-A- Thon 11-1 Happy Birthday Therese Hesslau
8	9	10 Key Club 2:35 p.m. Aktion Club 3:00 Church of Nazarene Happy Birthday Brian Smith	11	12	13 <u>Program:</u> Big Brothers Big Sisters Happy Birthday Glenn Pascoe	14
15	16 Happy Birthday Suzy Crittenden	17 Serve lunch at Interfaith Shelter Happy Birthday Phil Burch	18 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	19	20 <u>Program:</u> Lily Mission 'after school program'	21 Flower Planting 9am Tiger Bball game 4pm
22	23 Newsletter Deadline Happy Birthday Doug Beiswanger	24 Tecumseh interclub Key Club 2:35 p.m.	25	26 Plant flags 	27 <u>Program:</u> Round Table	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31	June 1 Remove flags 	2	3	4

Birthdays acknowledged are taken from online member information. If yours is wrong – go to our web page/member login to correct the date, then inform Beth.
Remember our club foundation in your will or estate planning.