



## Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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## NOVEMBER 2016

**“Building the Next Generation of Jackson’s Leaders  
One Kiwanian at a Time”**



“November is the most disagreeable month of the whole year.” –  
Louisa May Alcott, Little Women

As I write this article we continue to experience the warmest November I can remember. It is hard to believe that our winter activities are coming up soon, but, alas, they are. Thanks to the helping hands of many of you, we had a huge crowd of youngsters for the Kiwanis Halloween Party. Thanks to Reg for leading up that effort once again. Kids Against Hunger was another great success. Nearly ten thousand people will have a warm meal because of the hard work of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson. Thank you Linda and Dick for heading up that effort.

If you are able, please plan to sell Kiwanis Newspapers on Friday, December 16, with gusto and collect money for our signature Boots and Shoes Project. For many in the community our presence on the streets and stores that day is the only time they see Kiwanis in action. Many donors take the time to speak proudly of a loved one who enjoyed being a member of Kiwanis. Thanks, Joe, for once again extending your generous challenge. There is a reason we call him Mr. Kiwanis.

Beth and her committee are planning a multi-year 100th Birthday celebration, which is very exciting. Plans are already taking shape thanks to you, generous Michigan State and Michigan fans. Congratulations, Spartans, for winning the challenge. You have a whole year to study your fanfare now. Stay tuned and do not hesitate to help if there is a piece of the 100th celebration you would like to help with. There are many.

When you make those Christmas lists remember nuts and candles. Be like voters in Chicago in the old days, buy early and often. Speaking of voting, Jim let us know that you are welcome to plant flags before Election Day. We could all use a reminder of why we have been willing to go through this awful, terrible, no good election season. The Racing for Dollars and Chili Golf Committee continue to roll ahead. I am sure both would be glad for more volunteers if you are so inclined.

Dictionaries have been delivered to kids all over Jackson (except mine, I think they are still in the trunk of my car - shush, don't tell Eileen). Thanks Eileen for heading up that effort again. Pretty soon we will be bell ringing again. I am always touched by the generosity of many. I bet you are too. Thanks Ted for getting that big project going. Onward, Kiwanians.

-President Rick Mills



Third graders/dictionaries



Kids Against Hunger 9,750 meals



Ready to serve 600+ Trick or Treaters!

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Mary Hitch

Jim Philo

Ted Wilson

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**Lt. Governor District 11**

Phil Krauss, Brooklyn

**Club Meetings**

Fridays at noon

Cascades Manor House

1970 Kibby Rd.

**Board Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

noon at the Hunt Club

**Newsletter Editor**

Beth Philo

## NOVEMBER Programs

Thank you Ted Wilson for chairing this month's programs.

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Travel Series Filmmaker Tom Sterling

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Keeping Girls Safe by Julie Redmer

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Salvation Army with Lieutenants Anderson

November 25<sup>th</sup> – No meeting – Thanksgiving Weekend

# Keeping You in the Know

## October Board Action

- 1) fund balances as of October 19<sup>th</sup> – admin -\$8,741 and project -\$7,625
- 2) approved the 2016/17 budget
- 3) elected Joe Wolfe to serve as secretary (again)

## Halloween Party

Dig out your costume or create a new one and join us at our Kiwanis Park on Halloween night. Since 1937 our club has handed out cider and donuts to area 'Trick or Treaters! Come join the fun from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the corner of Badgley and Elm Streets.

## Interfaith Shelter Luncheon

Our club (along with perhaps Key Clubbers) will serve lunch to the guests at the shelter on Tuesday, December 13. See Past President Don Schroeder if you'd like to help.

## Aktion Club

The Aktion Club plans to help out at the Kiwanis Halloween Party. A paramedic brought an ambulance to their regular meeting and talked about safety. Cheri Johnson reports the backpacks for kids project will be delivered at the end of this month. Next month, they will complete other service projects. They will hold a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13 and would love to have some Kiwanians join them!

## Newspaper Sale

- Since 1918 our Club has sold newspapers and this year marks our 98<sup>th</sup> year! We are asking every member to contribute in some way to the sale – either working a location or making a financial contribution (a recommended amount is \$50 if you cannot work). We will have a pizza luncheon at the Manor House between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – no charge! We will man the location spots from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the lunch time is staggered so those working early can eat later and those working later can eat early. Instead of using the traditional “front door” of the Manor House we will be housed in the small room in the rear, so please park in the lot and enter the first door off the walk way. **The sale date is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>!**
- Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for shoes and boots. Anyone who can raise \$500 or more will be rewarded with a \$100 gift certificate from Knights Steak House (I thought I was safe on this bet but last year 4 people topped \$500 – while it hurt the pocketbook, I could not have been more pleased with the effort and results – let's see if you can exceed last year!). Finally, I have ordered balmy weather – but don't put your long-johns away, just in case. Thanks for all you do for Kiwanis and kids.  
Joe Wolfe & Newspaper Sale Committee
- **On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Mighty Kiwanis Art Players are presenting their version of Jackie Gleason's famous sit-com from the 1950's, “The Honeymooners”. While the skit has not yet been writ, I can promise you the zany ideas tossed around are going to be good for a lot of laughs. This is our largest attended

meeting of the year and we encourage you to bring guests (and show up early for good seats).

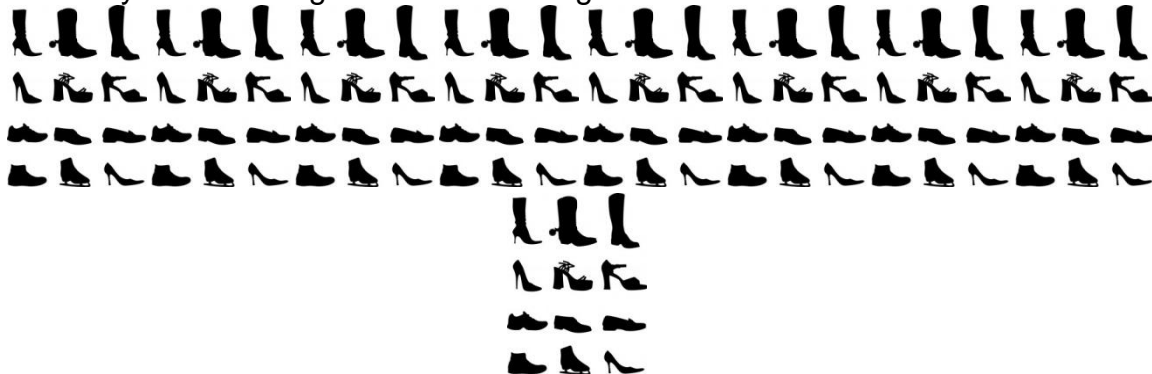
Because the Salvation Army gives up their bell ringing locations on our Newspaper Sale day, we ask them to attend skit day and bring their Red Kettle. The club donates \$1,000 and our goal is to match that by passing the kettle around at the meeting – so, come prepared. The Salvation Army does wonderful work and for Kiwanis to partner with them is a true win/win for our community. Please be generous.

## Youth Services

- **Dictionaries and Thesauruses** have been delivered to area schools by our members. Thank you to members who helped stamp the books in a new record time: 22 minutes!
- **Shoes & Boots** vouchers are ready to deliver to schools.
- **Kids Against Hunger** counts as our “Kiwanis One Day” project! Almost 20 volunteers helped the students at Frost Elementary School create 9,750 meals to be shared with our local food pantries.
- We will again sponsor the "Just For Kids" **movies at the Michigan Theatre** over the holiday break. The movie "Ice Age / Collision Course" will be shown Dec. 26 thru Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. The movie hasn't been chosen yet for the week of Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Challenge Days will happen on November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Shoes/Eliminate Project

Treasurer Chandra Howard is still collecting used shoes for the Eliminate Project. Bring them to Friday club meetings or board meetings.



## Fund Raisers

- **MSU/UofM** – fight song competition is running rampant. MSU won the competition! Their fun rendition of the MSU fight song was enhanced with friendly razzing by the U of M fans. We raised over \$500.00! (This quick fund raiser helped kick start funds for our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2018.)
- **Mixed Nuts** – This fund raiser was moved from project fund to administrative fund to help raise funds for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! The nuts will arrive anytime now. There will be no peanuts in the mix. Let Carolyn know how many you want soon before we run out!
- **Candles** - Chair Mary Lou McFadden reported that candle samples are here for Fridays meeting and she will take orders through Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. You need to pay in advance. \$20/candle.
- **Chili Golf** -The next committee meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Incubator Building. All are encouraged to attend. The event is **January 28<sup>th</sup>**!
- **Racing for Dollars** -Join us on Thursdays, at 8 a.m. at Steve's Ranch for our Racing for Dollars committee meeting. The event is **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, but we have a lot to do before then.

## Foundation

Chair Therese Hesslau reports the Foundation board set its meetings for 2017. All are at The Hunt Club, on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m., following the regular board meeting with the exception of the annual meeting in June. They are: January 18, April 19, June 15 (Annual meeting during Friday noon club meeting) and September 20. All club members belong to the Foundation and are welcomed at Foundation board meetings.

## 2018! Our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Committee members are getting started on their respective projects: shadowbox of Kiwanis pins, picture books, banners, Display for Ella Sharp Museum, minted coin and history book. Their progress will be reported at the next meeting which will be at noon, the last Wednesday in November, at the Hunt Club.

Stay tuned to Jessica's weekly updates & reminders and check out our cub web page & facebook page to see lots of pictures of all our activities!

## Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series News

Ticket sales have been brisk thanks to the Kiwanians who support the travel adventure shows. Since there are only six shows left, the season tickets can now be sold for \$29 for adults and \$26 for seniors. Return ticket stubs and information sheets to George Veach as soon as possible. For more ticket information, contact Kathie at: 517-474-5227 or [Kiwanis@gkveach.com](mailto:Kiwanis@gkveach.com)

*George & Kathie Veach*

### **“Superior: Land of the Woodland Drummer”**

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

**Produced and Narrated by Tom Sterling**

Surrounding the great inland sea called Superior, is some of the most beautiful and exciting wilderness country in North America. The lake itself surrounds a unique and wild archipelago called Isle Royale National Park. And while some of the wildlife in this part of the world may be familiar to many, it's rarely seen as intimately as in this visit. As we immerse ourselves into this wonderland, we share the life cycles of all who live here, whether year round or seasonally. From the tiniest of fairy shrimp... to black bears, river otters, bald eagles, wolves and moose...as well as the ruffed grouse...the Woodland Drummer. Join film producer, Tom Sterling, in the north country for an unforgettable venture to this great land and its wildlife.

**November Sponsor:  
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#### **Where we are going...**

November 3, 2016—Superior: Land of the Woodland  
December 1, 2016—Florida's Amazing West Coast  
January 5, 2017—Japanland-A Year in Search of WA  
February 2, 2017—Scenes from an Italian Journey  
March 2, 2017—Ghosts of the Gold Rush  
March 30, 2017—Hawaii and the South Pacific

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31  Party 5:30pm Kiwanis park	1	2 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club  Chili Golf Committee 7:15pm	3 Travel Film Series 7pm Jackson High School Happy Birthday Mary Anne Seamans	4 <u>Program:</u> Film Series Presenter Tom Sterling	5
6 Happy Birthday Steffanie Riggs	7 Challenge Days	8 Aktion Club 3 pm  Challenge Days	9  Challenge Days	10 Racing for Dollars committee 8:15am weekly	11 <u>Program:</u> "Keep Girls Safe"	12
13	14	15 Happy Birthday Jim O'Connor	16 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club  Happy Birthday Frank Hones	17 Happy Birthday Chad Noble	18 <u>Program:</u> Salvation Army	19
20	21 Happy Birthday John Grzesikowski Newsletter Deadline	22 Aktion Club 3 pm	23 Happy Birthday Jessica Mitchell	24 	25 <u>Program:</u> No meeting – Thanksgiving Weekend	26
27	28	29	30 100 <sup>th</sup> Bday meeting noon Hunt Club	1 Happy Birthday Joe Wolfe	2	3

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.