

Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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"We Are Family"

Our Kiwanis Club's 98th year starts October 1st. Some new members have joined, some members have passed, others have become honorary members as it has become more difficult for them to attend meetings and participate on projects. Our members make up our Kiwanis family.

The officers and board members will continue the traditions, projects and goals of our family. Our club remains committed to helping children, people with disabilities and each other as we continue to carry out the ideals of Kiwanis.

I look forward to being an advocate for all the committees as I continue to learn what all they do and how the board can help them. I want our projects and meetings to be fun and satisfying, If it feels like work please let me know as we are doing something wrong.

Thank you for being part of the family!

All the best, Don



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Don Schroeder
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Lt. Governor District 11

Bonnie Bartlett

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

Club News to Keep You in the Know

October Programs – for your knowledge & enjoyment! Don't miss them!

October 2nd "Marriage Matters" with Chuck Connors

October 9th "Fitness Council" with Alex Cash
October 16th "Boy Scouts" with Jeri Kimmel
October 23rd "Rise Above" with Neil Fernandes

October 30th "Are your Surviving or Thriving?" with Jan Janke & Craig Carrol

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! In order to make our club run smoothly, a few more volunteers are needed! The following committees desperately need help – Hospitality/Registration, Interclubs, Music (Harold would appreciate a backup pianist), Membership and monthly Program Coordinators.

Technology Support — Jessie does a great job with our website, facebook and email blasts! To view photos of our activities go to our website: www.jacksonkiwanis.com. Click on Events (on the left side of your screen), then photo gallery.

Welcome New Member Kyle Anne Jansen! Kyle is a consummate community volunteers. She has been involved with many community and civic minded organizations such as



the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, Jackson Race week Festival, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Downtown Development Authority. She currently works for Catholic Charities. Kyle is married to Tom and they have three grown children John (married to Jessica), Brian and Anne. Kyle likes hanging out at sporting events because that seems to be the favorite activity of her husband. She also likes anything to do with Lake Michigan – as she says "I can't get enough of it!"

Welcome Kyle, we look forward to many fun times with you.

Halloween Party – Did you know our club purchased the land for our Kiwanis Park in the 1930's and funded summer programs for many years? We have kept our presence visible by hosting a community Halloween party over the years! The Jackson parks department provides about 20 gallons of cider and our club provides over 80 dozen donuts and the manpower to serve these refreshments to area trick or treaters. Many of our members have fun dressing in costume and disbursing candy too! Plan to join us this year. We have as much fun as the kids!

Challenge Day at the Lily Missions Center – Our club supports this event financially. We hope many of our members will volunteer to participate in this wonderful experience on one of the following days: Monday, November 2nd, Tuesday, November 3rd, Wednesday, November 4th, or Thursday, November 5th. The day starts no later than 7:30 a.m. and lasts until about 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Kathy Ott (kathy.ott@jcisd.org) or call (517-768-5147). If you can join us on one of the days, please provide Kathy your name, phone number, mention your are with the Kiwanis Club of Jackson, and your preferred date, no later than October 09. Thanks!

Club Polo Shirts – Members have requested more polo shirts with our club name on them. The shirts are red and say "Kiwanis Club of Jackson" on the left front. Each shirt costs \$40 and sizes run in both women's and men's *small through 2X large*. We need a minimum of 12 orders to send it in. We currently have 4. Please let me know soon if you want one. Beth Philo

Kids Against Hunger – Plan to volunteer a few hours on Tuesday October 27th at Frost Elementary as this is our first food packaging day planned for this year. For those who have never participated – we partner with the elementary students to compile enough packages of casserole ingredients to feed about 10,000 people. Most of the meals stay in our community. Our club pay for the ingredients. –Project Chair, Sandra Eisele

Our **Foundation** held a board meeting on Wednesday, September 16th. Eileen Lehnert and Rick Mills were thanked for their service as Foundation President and Secretary, respectively. New board members Kelly Langley and Mary Lou McFadden were welcomed. New officers will be elected at the first meeting for 2015/16.

Flag Project – Great job everyone – we have 1,086 flags this year! The last planting for 2015 will be for Veterans Day November 11th! Plant your flags the weekend before then harvest them the weekend after that holiday. If you do not plan to store your flags in the club storage shed, please let us know so we have an accurate count of all the flags. -- Project Chairs Jim and Beth Philo

Youth Services Committee – Thank you to all the members who help this committee with its various projects. Numbers have been confirmed for each participating school so the dictionaries/Thesauruses were ordered and certificates made for shoes and boots. Cal Schuch is coordinating mentorship opportunities and lego projects with Bennett & Northeast Elementary Schools.-- Youth Services Chair Linda Brzezinski

Aktion Club – Three members attended the State Convention on Sept 25th held at Camp Storer in Napoleon. Everyone made posters and worked on scrapbook contests. This Year's Officers will be installed October 13, 2015. President: Mark Stone. Vice President: Traci Turk, Secretary: Rachelle Markowski, Treasurer: Mark Piddock. New members joined from the Jackson Friendly Home, Special Olympics and the Lyle Torrent Center. Update: The convention was featured in the Jackson Citizen Patriot on Saturday, check it out: http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2015/09/aktion_clubs_annual_convention.html#incart_river_home





A great day for baseball with the camaraderie of club members, Guests, Aktion club members & Hudson Kiwanis members!

Kiwanis Travel & Adventure Film Series News

The 2015-2016 Travel Adventure Film season will start on Thursday, October 1st. By now you should have received your package of tickets. If you did not get one, please give George a call at 474-5226. Please be sure to contact those on your list. They are all previous ticket buyers. Also consider contacting someone new to let them experience the great family entertainment. In other words, sell, sell, sell!!! With senior season tickets only \$30, where else can you go today for just \$4.30 per show. For more ticket information, contact Kathie at: 517-474-5227 or Kiwanis@gkveach.com

George & Kathie Veach

"Natural Wonders of the SOUTHEAST COAST

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Produced and Narrated by John Holod



When you think of the East Coast you usually think of big cities, but there are many natural areas that have been set aside as well. Our adventure begins in Virginia Beach as we follow the coast south through the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where the Wright Brothers made their first flight. From there we continue on to South Carolina, to Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head, with their dolphins and shrimp boats. Then it's on to the salt water marshes of Georgia, inhabited by oysters, crabs, and manatees. Our trip eventually concludes in Florida, as we take the famous Route A1A to historic St. Augustine and on to the Kennedy Space Center. From there we head further south and to the Everglades with its alligators and crocodiles, and finally on to the Florida Keys.

October Sponsor:

Where we are going this season...

Southeast Coast of the USA Southwest of the USA Deserts of the World China America's Volcanic Legacy Mediterranean France John Ganton's Countryside Retirement Community

Annual Club Skit – Friday, December 4th is the annual Newspaper Sale Skit and visits from spouses, guests and the Salvation Army. "Gilligan' Island" will be presented and you will have to guess what that has to do with Kiwanis! But once the skit is writ, we'll know the answer. Anyone with trivial information about that show should contact Secretary Joe who is hidden deep in an underground bunker preparing to write the script. We can tell you that the casting is perfect – Ginger, Mary Ann, the Professor, Gilligan, the millionaires, and the Captain –watch out Hollywood!

97th **Annual Newspaper Sale** – Friday, December 11th. All club members will have an assignment, so stay tuned and plan on donating at least two hours working the sale. Weather report looks balmy, so dress like Bob Johnson. We will initiate the memorial Leo Harley challenge. Anyone who brings in more than \$500 in newspaper sale money will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Knight's Steak House. Leo traditionally was our top salesperson and always exceeded his goal of \$500. Anyone up for the challenge? More information to follow. Project Chair, Joe Wolfe

Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation

A Ninety year tradition of Michigan Kiwanians stepping up and helping Children and Families cope with the challenges of childhood hospitalization.

Past Michigan District Governor Thomas Oliver District Governor 1973-74 Would have been very proud of the \$11,311.35 raised to support the work of your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation in 2014!

Let's do it again!

This Holiday Season, rather than purchasing Holiday Cards, purchasing stamps, writing notes, addressing envelopes for your Kiwanis friends you can participate in the Thomas Oliver Holiday Greetings Program. Make a contribution to the Thomas Oliver Holiday Greetings Program, supporting hospitalized children, and your greeting will be published in the December/January issue of the Michigan Builder. See your Division's Michigan Foundation Trustee for more information. Our deadline is November 5th.

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KIWANIS OCTOBER 2015

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| 4 | 5 Builders Club 2:45p.m. | 6 Key Club 2:35 p.m. | 7 Board meeting 12 noon Hunt Club | 8 | 9 Program: Fitness Council | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Happy Birthday Jan Schanne & Phil Berkemeier | 13 Aktion Club 3 p.m. Happy Birthday Kelly Langley | 14 | 15 | 16 Program: Boy Scouts | 17 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 Aktion Club 3 p.m. 'Kids Against Hunger' at Frost School 7:30am – 2pm | 28 | 29 | 30 Program: "Are you Surviving or Thriving?" | 31 Halloween Party 5-8pm Kiwanis Park |

Save the Dates

Challenge Day – week of November 2nd volunteer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

Newspaper Skit: Friday, December 4 (during club meeting) Newspaper Sale: Friday, December 11 (throughout Jackson)

30th Kiwanis Chili Golf Charity Classic: Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Hankerd Hill 10th Racing for Dollars: Sunday, February 21, 2016