



Jackson Downtown Kiwanian

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OCTOBER 2016

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



Dear Kiwanians:

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President this Kiwanis year. It is traditional for the President to choose a theme so I have chosen the above stated theme for the 2016-2017.

Jackson has a rich history of civil leadership. For generations people like Ella Sharp, Captain Sparks, and Peter Hurst stepped up to meet Jackson’s needs. Generations have thought, “Jackson’s kids should have . . . (a museum, a Cascades, a Planetarium, a Kiwanis Park . . .)” and went ahead and made it happen. The Kiwanis Club has played a big part in that history, for nearly a century, and it still has a big role to play.

Sadly, for several decades we’ve seen a decline in service organizations like ours. Many young people (and many older people for that matter) just don’t understand what a service club is, let alone what that club is with the funny name. They want to serve, but don’t understand why they should join a club to do it. We need to communicate the value of Kiwanis to those who already have a desire to serve, but just don’t understand what we do and why we do it. I explain it this way. We get together because we’re friends and we do service together because we can make a bigger difference that way. It’s that simple.

I propose we make a special effort this year to encourage young people to see what we’re about. They won’t come in droves, but if we attract the right ones our club (and Jackson’s kids) will reap the benefits for decades. I am looking forward to starting this Kiwanis year with you. Kids need Kiwanis and Jackson’s kids need YOU. Let’s build a better community, starting with better leaders, one Kiwanian at a time.

Rick Mills

Welcome recent new members Colin Smith and Bill Kohn! We will introduce them in the next issue!

NEW – 2016/2017 Officers

Kiwanis Club Officers

President
Rick Mills
President-Elect
Andy Johnson
Vice President
Mike Zuchowski
Treasurer
Chandra Howard
Secretary
Joe Wolfe
Past President
Don Schroeder

Board Directors

Linda Hayes
Terry Langston
Mary Lou McFadden
Mary Hitch
Jim Philo
Ted Wilson
John Grzeskowski

Club Meetings

Friday Meetings at noon
Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Rd

Board Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesday
noon at the Hunt Club

Lt. Governor District 11

Phil Krauss, Brooklyn

Newsletter Editor

Beth Philo

OCTOBER Programs

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

September 30th – Jeff Beal, Superintendent of the Jackson Public Schools
October 7th - **Installation of Officers 5:30pm (no noon meeting)**
October 14th – Jackson District Library
October 21st – Visit to Jackson College (with lunch) **meeting at Walker Hall**
October 28th - Marie Bonkowski from Baker College

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

60 Year Member Ken Hickey passed away!

Ken Hickey passed away at Vista Grand Villa this past weekend. His funeral will be Wednesday, September 28th, at St. John's Catholic Church, at 11:00am. Ken joined our club in 1956. This past June, he received a Legion of Honor pin, to celebrate the 60 year milestone. He loved life, so it was fitting his birthday was February 14-Valentine's Day. Ken loved this club, the good work we did and the friendships he developed. He managed the 50/50 tickets for many years and always wanted us to sing "My Wild Irish Rose"!

Ken ran a typewriter repair business. He was married for 57 years before his first wife passed away. In 2011, Ken re-married a lovely woman named Juliann, who also lives at Vista Grand Villa. Remember Ken fondly, and join us as we honor him at Wednesday's service if you can.

DATE CHANGE FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday, October 7th - a special night where we install our officers for the 2016/17 year. Please bring a guest and show support for the fellow kiwanians who were willing to step up. We also plan to recognize our Aktion Club members for the great year they have had and awards they received at their convention too! Last chance to get your ticket at this Friday meeting for \$20/each.

Keeping You in the Know

September Board Action

- 1) fund balances as of September 21st – admin -\$1,477 and project -\$7,612
- 2) approved setting aside \$25,000 for the Aquatic Center at Cascades Park
- 3) budgeted donations were approved at the first meeting in September and paid to the following: International Kiwanis Eliminate project - \$2,000; Challenge Day \$1,500; Birthline - \$1,000; Sitting Tall Program - \$800; and Girl Scouts - \$800.
- 4) A special request for \$3,000 was made from Catholic Charities for a Child Abuse/Counseling Program. This amount would give our club naming rights for this program. It was approved since we had enough funds raised this year to cover it.

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.

Youth Services

Dictionaries and Thesauruses have been ordered and will be delivered to area schools by our members in October. Shoes & Boots vouchers are ready to deliver to schools. Kids Against Hunger will happen on October 27th at Frost Elementary.

Kiwanis Disc Golf Course Update

The baskets have been bought, the course has been designed and the funding has been determined. A disc golf course next to the Ella Sharp Park Golf Course off Fourth Street is expected to be open by summer 2017. The course will include 18 holes and two practice putting greens. The course will be open during normal park hours and be free to use. Discs – including a driver, mid-range and putter – will be available at the current golf course club house.

KEY CLUB NEWS

Key Club has met three times already this year and we have a strong core of eight members. Last Tuesday, we elected the following officers: *President Michaella Oudoa; Vice-President Karena Coffie; Treasurer Sam Ramsey; Secretary Zaire Ingram and Editor Victoria Williams.* Now that our officers are set, we can begin organizing and building our club for the future. Our members are a good mix of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen, which should make continuity easier than having mostly Seniors last year. We look forward to visiting the Kiwanis Club in October or November. Go Jackson High Key Club!

2018! Our 100th Birthday!

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 26th at noon at The Hunt Club. Please come and help plan as important decisions are being made! Following is a preliminary time line.

100th Birthday Timeline

Committee meets 4th Weds. at Noon, at The Hunt Club! Please attend when you have updates to share, to recruit help or show support.

Fall/ 2016	Winter/Spring 2017	Summer/Fall 2017	Winter/Spring 2018	Summer/Fall 2018
Initial planning, research & secure commitments:	Continue planning Put together:	Order:	Celebrate!	Celebrate!
Budget & Timeline Beth				
Commemorative coin Rick, Ted, Denny	Plan for commemorative coin	Order & sell coins	Order & sell coins	Use for table favors at Gala
Banners Denny	banners	Order Banners	Post banners	
Ella Sharp Display - Therese & Stephanie		Put together display	Ella Sharp Exhibit	August- state convention presence
GALA event	Plan gala event	Continue Gala plans	Fine tune Gala plans, send invites & sell tickets	GALA EVENT!
Disc Golf – Therese	Disc golf celebration		Hold a disc golf tournament??	
History Book, Beth, Joe, Jim	Research & write history book	Order & Sell history books	Sell history books	
Inter org. skit – Joe, Beth	Write skit/secure org partners	Rehearse	Put on skit	
Videos – Jessie, Therese		Make Video commercials		
Picture books – Nicole	Work on Picture books		Display at events	Display at events
Shadow box – Lynn			Display at events	Display at events
PR plan – Jessie, Therese	Continue PR plan	Continue PR plan	Continue PR plan	Continue PR plan
			Engage PR plan	
		Plan for visibility at state convention		
K Park playground/grant – Andy, Beth	Plan K park playground and write grant		Install Playground equipment at K park	
Major community project	Perhaps Aquatic Park at Cascades	Secure timing for Aquatic Park event?		Aquatic Center event?
Proclamations -Rick		Secure proclamations		
Halloween party - Reg		Halloween party at K park		Halloween party at K park

We cannot spend any project fund money on our birthday celebration. As you can see on the time line we need some seed money for the banners, memorial coins, etc. Join us at Friday meetings throughout October as we raise money through a challenge between [MSU/UofM!](#)

Kiwanis Travel Adventure Film Series News

The 2016-2017 Travel Adventure Film season will start on Thursday, October 6th. 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. *George & Kathie Veach*

“Tulips, Windmills & a Christmas Cruise”

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Produced and Narrated by Clint Denn

Join filmmakers Clint and Sue Denn as they discover the springtime beauty and rich history of the waterways linking The Netherlands and Belgium. We start out in Amsterdam and continue to the Dutch countryside, noted for its many windmills and canals. The famous tulip displays at the Keukenhof Gardens are a delightful palate of virtually every color imaginable. In Belgium we will visit Brussels, Gent, and Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (*Personal note: We took this cruise with Ama Waterways last spring. It was the best of times. We love talking about our trip and can answer questions you might have. Also Linda Goding, travel agent and new sponsor from A Dream Realized will be present with information.*)

The Christmas Season brings a special magic for a cruise of four exciting countries. We begin in historic Prague, traveling on to Salzburg, fabulous Vienna, and concluding in magnificent Budapest. Each fascinating city is decorated for the season with countless lights, wreaths and traditional finery to make for a memorable trip.

October Sponsor:

John Ganton's

Countryside Retirement Community

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

AKTION CLUB NEWS

Cheri Johnson introduced service projects for the Fall Service projects: Guardian Angels Suitcases 4 kids (Charlotte, MI); to rake leaves and make a donation for Youth Haven Ranch, Rives Jct, MI; Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (filling shoe boxes for Christmas); and Harmony Garden Music Therapy. All were approved unanimously.

Cheri stated that next meeting, members will vote for new officers. Currently Mark Stone is President, Traci Turk is Vice President, Rachelle Markowski is Secretary, and Mark Piddock is Treasurer. Board Members are Tom Miller, Katie Iocca, Barb Curtis, Lori Burnett.

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OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					30 <u>Program:</u> Superintendant of Jackson Schools	1
2	3	4	5 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club Foundation meeting 1pm	6 Travel Film Series 7pm Jackson High School	7 <u>Program:</u> Installation of Officers 5:30pm evening meeting	8
9	10	11 Aktion club 3 pm	12 Happy Birthday Phil Berkemeier	13 Happy Birthday Kelly Langley	14 <u>Program:</u> Jackson Library presentation	15
16	17	18 Interclub Tecumseh 7:30am	19 <u>Board meeting</u> 12 noon Hunt Club	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 <u>Program:</u> Meeting at: Jackson College 'Walker Hall'	22 National Kiwanis One Day!
23	24	25	26	27	28 <u>Program:</u> Baker College presentation	29
30	31 	Aktion Club 3 pm	100 th Bday meeting noon Hunt Club	Kids Against Hunger Frost Elem. 7:30 am		

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.