



Friday Noon Meetings Cascades Manor House

”December Events”

Friday, December 6th, Annual Newspaper Sale Skit

Where were you in '62? The Mighty Kiwanis Art Players are presenting “Re-Greased”, the 50th class reunion of Rydell High which airs live on American Band Stand, just like it did 50 years ago! Come and see if the Grease characters have changed much in 50 years. And you, the audience, are part of the class reunion too, so we'll teach you a really cool hand-jive. This is a great time to bring guests and be sure to arrive early for a good seat. So, be there or be square!

106th Annual Kiwanis Newspaper Sale, Friday, December 13th

Since 1918 our club has been selling newspapers to buy shoes and boots for needy children. Everyone should have an assignment as they were sent with the November newsletter. Every sale location has been assigned a “Captain” and the captain should be scheduling individuals to cover their location. The Manor House will be our sales headquarters (the small room in the back) and papers, bags, and vests will be there by 10 am. Little Caesars pizza will be available for lunch (no cost for lunch). Last year we spent \$12,000 on children's footwear and this year we might even spend more! We need every member to help in some way!

Salvation Army Red Kettle

On December 6th (skit day), the Salvation Army will bring their Red Kettle. The club donates \$2,000 and members and guests last year contributed another \$1,200. The Salvation Army gives up bell ringing spots on our Newspaper Sale day and filling their “red kettle” is a great way to thank them for not only helping us with our newspaper sale but for all the good work they do year-around in our community.

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From the desk of President Barb:



Welcome to December!

What a beautiful time of year this is, with the many opportunities to offer service to our community, spend added time with family and friends, and simply appreciate the many gifts we have been afforded. I am thankful for the many occasions we are provided to serve alongside each other in meeting the ongoing needs of our community.

Thank you to those who have been able to dedicate time to bell ringing thus far, and will continue to do so through December. Additionally, a thank you to Joe Wolfe and Mike Zuchowski who have coordinated with the Salvation Army our privilege to ring bells, sell the Kiwanis Newspaper, and join the Salvation Army in our efforts to meet our commitment in reciprocal support. I know that the children and families of our local community are grateful for the service and generosity of both. We are blessed.

As we move into the month of December, please take that added time with family and friends. Life is finite, and extended appreciation and value for both becomes increasingly important. Take the opportunity, wherever it presents itself, during the holiday season to brighten the day of those around you. Whether in a large way or small, every act of kindness is the positive difference in the life of another.

Remember always that, “kindness is giving hope to those who think they are all alone in this world.”

Blessings for a wonderful holiday season!

Barb

Welcome New Members

It is our pleasure to welcome 3 new members to the Kiwanis Club of Jackson.



Welcome! Hendrik Schuur, sponsored by Chad Noble, is an active member of several community boards, including the Jackson Community Foundation, the Ella Sharp Museum, The Enterprise Group, the County National Bank Advisory Board, and the Early Childhood Literacy Alliance. His favorite hobby is spending time with his grandkids. We are pleased to have Hendrik as a member of Kiwanis.



Welcome Erin Mazur, a wife, mother of 2 sons and a nurse practitioner teaching at Jackson College. She has already been baking cakes for the John George and Friendly Homes, even before becoming a member. We are excited to have Erin as part of Kiwanis.



Welcome Ben Probert to our club. Ben has been a Kiwanis member for 44 years and recently transferred from the Chelsea Kiwanis Club. Ben has served as president of his club, Lt. Governor and Governor of the Michigan District. It is a pleasure to have Ben, with all of his experience, join our club.

Veterans Honored on “Veterans Day”

Thank You For Your Service



Richmond Brothers Makes Donation to Kiwanis Foundation

Donations to The Kiwanis Foundation of Jackson are most often made by members, or sadly, family and friends when a member passes away. Recently, your Foundation received an interesting and unexpected gift.

For 30 years, the team at Richmond Brothers, led by David Richmond and Matthew Curfman, have provided their clients with professional money management and retirement planning. The Richmond Brothers firm, like us, believes in supporting Jackson. What’s more, they ask their clients for suggestions to direct a portion of their charitable giving. It seems that a number of our members are Richmond clients. Those members (and maybe others?) suggested a gift to the Kiwanis Foundation of Jackson.

Thank you to the team at Richmond Brothers and to our members who suggested a donation to the Kiwanis Foundation. Their gift, as well as all Foundation assets, will benefit children and our community for many years to come.



Congratulations to Greg O'Connor on his retirement! Enjoy your time with family & friends. Especially with your beautiful, amazing wife!



Dr. Jim made Mary Lou's day, and possibly even her year!! **Go Blue!**



Holiday Gifts!

Gourmet Nuts



Gourmet Nuts are available at a Friday noon meeting, Bob's Country Store 2103 Horton Road or by contacting Linda Hayes. \$25/jar or \$150/case (6 jars)

Kiwanis Candles

Kiwanis candles are now available for order, offering a selection of 12 delightful scents for just \$22 each. The club earns \$11 per candle, which helps support our Administrative Fund. To place an order or for more information, please contact Mary Lou McFadden.

Wednesday, Dec 4- Zoom Board Meeting Noon

**Friday, Dec 6- “De-Greased”
Kiwanis Skit**

Friday, Dec 13 - Newspaper Sale

Wednesday, Dec 18 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon

Friday, Dec 20 - Kiwanis Christmas Party @ Nate & Katie Mahan’s 6:00 - 9:00 (see the flyer for more information).

Wednesday, December 25 -



Friday, Dec 27 - No Meeting

Friday, January 3, 2025 - No Meeting

Happy New Year!



Snow Days

Just a reminder. If Jackson Public Schools cancels classes due to snow on a Friday, then the Manor House will not be open and our Kiwanis meeting will be cancelled. So, please pay attention to TV and radio announcements (WKHM 970)



December 1 - Joe Wolfe

December 13 - Nicole Rogers-Johnson

December 15 - Caroline Brown

December 31 - Pat Kiessling