



HAPPY New Year

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This time of year offers the opportunity for reflection, appreciation, and goal setting. It seems annually that as much as we look forward to the start of a new year, it is in the reflection of the journey of the one passing combined with the anticipation of the upcoming, that an element of joy is found. As Kiwanians, we have much to appreciate in the way of goals met for 2024. We also have much to expect in the way of our service, new membership, and providing for community needs in 2025. Doing all with humility is the Kiwanis difference.

As we begin a new year, I thank each of our Kiwanis members for your service and generosity during our holiday season. From bell ringing for the Salvation Army and the noted generosity in donating to the kettle, along with our newspaper sales, we have positioned ourselves to be a positive difference in our community. Both accompany the added efforts throughout the year, such as Kids Against Hunger, Chili Golf, Veterans Celebrations, and more. We are Kiwanis strong.

I challenge each of us to bring at least one guest to one of our lunch meetings. In doing so, we each become the deciding difference in the growth of our Club. Club growth allows us to do more for our community and its children. It also provides additional manpower to contribute to all of the wonderful activities of our very active membership, and potentially add to our fundraising efforts. The stronger our financial resources, the greater our generosity. We are Kiwanis generous, in time, talent, and treasure.

Appreciate the star of 2025 and new opportunities to give back to our community and its young people. We must set our goals high and commit to continued and growing strength even higher. From the words of Michael Phelps: "There will be obstacles. There will be doubters, There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits." Through hard work and commitment, we will grow in numbers, resources, and service to the children in our community. We are the Kiwanis Club of Jackson

Newspaper Sale

Our 106th Annual Newspaper Sale was a success! We currently have over \$10,500 collected and more still coming in – we should be close to \$11,000 when all accounted. We had 67 of our 82 members help in some way (82%) which is a fantastic stat! Our shoes and boots budget continues to grow and these newspaper proceeds will help fit about 250 kids! What a club we have! Lets keep the ball rolling through 2025!

Salvation Army Red Kettle

Major Matt Grindle sent a special thanks to our club for the contributions made when he brought the Red Kettle to the Skit on December 6th. The club donated \$2,000 and the members/guests in attendance gave another \$2,230. The \$4,230 amount is the largest amount ever collected at our skit day!

Snow Days

Just a reminder that if Jackson Public Schools calls off Friday classes due to snow, then the Manor House will be closed and we will not have a Friday meeting. Please pay attention to the local weather forecasts and school closings.

Roster Changes

It's time to update our Kiwanis roster booklet. Please get any changes – addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, job changes, etc. to Joe Wolfe by February 1, 2025 (email: joewolfe1948@gmail.com or call or text 517-740-3008)

Christmas Party

A special thanks to Nate and Katie Mahan for hosting our annual Christmas Party on December 20th. There were over 50 in attendance who enjoyed their wonderful warm home festively decorated for the Christmas season! And thanks to Lumen Christi who supplied us with a couple of valet parkers making it easy access to and from the party.

A SNIPPET OF KIWANIANS SHARING FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND COMMITMENT!



Happy Birthday Pat!



"Skit Day"



January Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, January 8 - Zoom
Board Meeting Noon - All
members are Welcome!**

**Friday, January 10 - Keith
Gillenwater & Debbie Kelly -
Enterprise Group**

**Friday, January 17 - Steve Castle -
Interfaith Shelter**

**Wednesday, January 22 - Zoom
Board Meeting Noon - All members
are Welcome!**

**Friday, January 24 - Jonathan
Greene - City Manager**

**Saturday, January 25 - Chili Golf
Fundraiser**



**Friday, January 31 - Pat McGee
Boy Scouts**



Gourmet Nuts are still available from
Linda Hayes or @ Bob's Country Store

*Happy
Birthday*

**January 8 - Mike McDevitt
January 13 - Bob Johnson
January 15 - George Gancos
January 17 - Dave Ray
January 23 - Dick Erhardt**

