



## Friday Noon Meetings Cascades Manor House



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Welcome to February!

It seems we were just welcoming in 2025 yesterday, and we are now quickly ushering in the month of February. What this means for us in the Midwest is that we are that much closer to spring and warmer weather. No matter what the season holds, our Kiwanis mission remains the same, serving the needs of our community. For our Kiwanis Club of Jackson, community service is in the air.

Thank you to all who supported, participated, or contributed to a successful Chili Golf Event. Bob Johnson made his request, and both the weather and our many partners came through affording us to experience another successful event. Additionally, the many who contributed time and energy to serving our neighbors through the Interfaith Shelter added to our positive beginnings to 2025. Appreciation goes to Don Schroeder for his coordinating efforts, ensuring we are able to continuously serve this important need.

As we enter the month of February let us keep focused on Club growth, community service, and making the lives of children brighter than yesterday. We are Kiwanis Club of Jackson, where community service is always in the air.

***“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”***

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Appreciate the opportunities in the upcoming month,

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## Interfaith Shelter Lunch

Our Kiwanis club served over 110 customers for lunch at the Interfaith shelter. The meal consisted of four varieties of little Caesars pizzas, tropical fruit salad, chips, cookies, and punch. Everyone was appreciative of the wonderful tasting lunch. It was a real treat for them.

Our team consisted of Mary Anne and Lynn Seamans, Dick Erhardt, Glenn Pascoe, Cathy and Don Schroeder. Serving was a well orchestrated assembly line. The Interfaith shelter staff was very complementary of our volunteers and the food. One of the dishwashers commented it was the only time they had run out of serving trays since he had been there over a year.



## DYNAMIC DUO



Friday Kiwanis meetings always start with glowing smiles from Lynn & Mary Anne Seamans, our ever-present registration table greeters and our Dynamic Duo of the month!

In addition to their dedication to Kiwanis, here are some fun facts you may not know: Mary Anne is a Realtor, Italian Chef, makes meals for others, visits sick and homebound friends and Lynn and Mary Anne never miss one of their grandkid's events. Mary Anne's daughter best describes her – "she always shows up"!

Lynn repairs flags for the club, helps set flag sleeves, and serves as a sub for any flag team in need of help. He is one of our honored U.S. Service Veterans.

Both Lynn and Mary Anne have a love for Jackson, kids, and Kiwanis having worked on Chili Golf, the Flag Project, the Cascades Splash Pad Opening, Interfaith Shelter lunches, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, annual Newspaper Sale, Kiwanis Playground and anywhere else help is needed.

Next Friday, take a moment to say "thanks" to a fun couple who enjoy each other, our community, and all their Kiwanis involvement!



# Annual Kiwanis Chili Golf Charity Classic



## The Kiwanis Flowering Tree Project

The Kiwanis Flowering Tree Project was founded in 2013 by Stan Mazur. The Jackson Northwest Club took the initiative to plant an abundance of flowering trees throughout Cascades Park which subsequently our club voted unanimously to carry on with the project. These trees would serve two main purposes. One, it would undoubtedly beautify the park and secondly the trees would serve as a memorial for lost loved ones in the Jackson Community by being adopted by donors.

The Kiwanis Flowering Tree Project is a stand-alone 501C(3), has a board of directors, a bank account, and a website to provide potential donors with a road map on how to purchase a tree or obtain answers to their specific questions.

To date three (3) phases has been approved by the County Parks Board. Phase 1 consists of 91 trees along Randolph Street of which 79 have been adopted. Phase 2 consists of 33 trees around the fishing pond/pavilion of which all have been adopted. Lastly, Phase 3 consists of 33 trees near Cascades Manor House and the round-a-bout of which 19 have been adopted. So in conclusion, before Phase 4 is developed and presented to the County Parks Board for approval the remaining 26 trees, which have been planted, need donors.

I would like to thank and recognize the fellow Kiwanians who have purchased a tree.

Dr. Jim Schindler, Mary Csage, Linda Hayes, Jim Justin, Phil Krauss, Clark & Linda Danley, Dennis Hackett, and Stan & Meredith Mazur.

The cost of a tree is \$500 which includes the purchase, the donor tag, perpetual care, and most importantly free replacement if the tree is damaged.

Please visit the website for additional information at: [www.kiwanisfloweringtrees.com](http://www.kiwanisfloweringtrees.com) or talk to Stan or Jeff Mazur for additional information.



## February Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, February 5 -  
Zoom Board Meeting Noon -  
All members are welcome!**

**Friday, February 7 - Jessica  
Mitchell (former Kiwanis  
member) - Executive Director,  
Albion Health Alliance**

**Friday, February 14 -  
Valentine's Day Party**



**Wednesday, February 19 -  
Zoom Board Meeting Noon -  
All members are welcome!**

**Friday, February 21 - Michelle  
Cochran - CEO, Founder SOAR**

**Friday, February 28 - Kevin  
Merrill - Teacher Western High  
School - Youth in Government  
Program**



Gourmet Nuts are still available from  
Linda Hayes or @ Bob's Country Store  
Now \$20



February 2 - Jonathon  
Qualls

February 17 - Jeff  
Sekerke

