

*Friday Noon Meetings Cascades Manor House*

03/20/25: Kiwanis Boards Vote to Support Two Large Projects

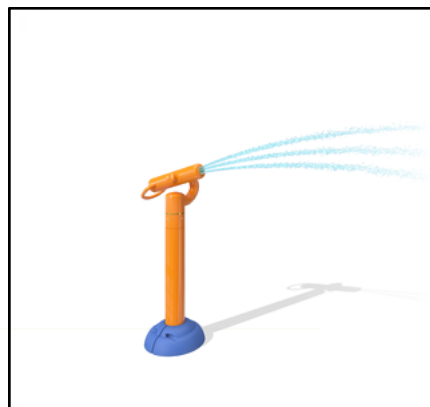
Board members of the Kiwanis CLUB and Kiwanis FOUNDATION of Jackson voted recently to share in the investment of \$50,000 to renovate two (2) basketball courts at Workers' Memorial Park (on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and E. Wilkins Street, the former Mc Culloch School) and \$8350 to add a Spray Cannon to the Kiwanis Splash Pad at Cascades Park.

Both boards are rightfully proud of our Splash Pad and wanted to enhance the fun children and families experience there. They also noted that Kiwanis has a significant presence with the Splash Pad, Kiwanis Park, and the Disc Golf Course; an investment in the heart of the city would expand our name and benefit those who live or play near the downtown area.

A dedicated committee of Kiwanians worked for several months reviewing nineteen (19) options and ideas, ultimately recommending these investments to the Club and Foundation boards. Thank you to Barbara Baird-Pauli, Denny DaPra, Adam Howard, Chandra Howard, Nathan Mahan, Mary Lou McFadden, Chad Noble, Glenn Pascoe, Cal Schuch, and Steve Shotwell for beginning the process and seeing it to conclusion.

The Kiwanis name and logo will feature prominently in both projects. Final details are being resolved with the City and County Parks Departments. At this time, it is unclear when the basketball courts and spray cannon will be operational. More news to follow. It is your support of Kiwanis that enables these investments. Thank you.

A Spray Cannon for the Kiwanis Splash Pad

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Jackson Kiwanis Bike Project

A picture is worth a 1000 words. Both students were extremely appreciative, and you could feel the buzz of anticipation as the winners were drawn. In our eyes, every student was a winner because the program encourages reading, which we all know is essential to navigate through life. Jeff Mazur & Chad Noble



Flag Project Fundraiser –



It is April and the applications are coming in from the business and gift-giving customers, 156 flags at this point. The individual renewals will be mailed out in early April. I just picked up 6 flags that were left out over the winter. I thought they had been taken care of by the route team when we reminded them late last fall. All 6 flags were new flags last year and 4 of them will now have to be replaced. If we are going to continue this project, it has to be done with pride and integrity. The community loves the patriotism it shows and our club receives a LOT of money to share for worthy projects. Our customers are told the times the flags will be flying and they do not expect the flags to remain indefinitely and become worn out. This project takes most of our members to make it run and we need to manage our 1200+ flags with integrity and be consistent.

The idea of advertising to garner even more applications has been brought to my attention. I do not recommend general advertising as we have few resources to increase teams if orders come in from unserved areas or from areas where current teams are maxed out in the number of flags they can manage. I encourage members who can manage more flags on their route to personally solicit their area; I will provide you with applications.

I have also been asked to give input on raising the cost per flag. A few of our surrounding clubs charge \$45.00/flag. We could do that (bringing in over \$5,000.00 more) but first, ask yourselves: How much money do we need to make the impact we want to make in our community? We raise our fundraising goals every few years and that is admirable. I think we need to take a moment and identify how much we are willing to do to raise the desired funds. We are a strong, proud club and we make a huge impact on our community. Many businesses in the community give a lot to help us do the things we do. How much more do we want to tax these businesses and neighbors?

I am adding the team roster at this time so you can each look it over and confirm your route or get with me to make needed changes.

I am looking into having the flag project be a program for one of our meetings in April or early May. If that doesn't pan out, I will host a meeting at my home. I want all of us to be on the same page and feel good about the positive impact this fundraiser makes to our community and our club. Kiwanians are truly servant-minded. I am proud to be a member of this club! Beth, project chair

Prayer Breakfast

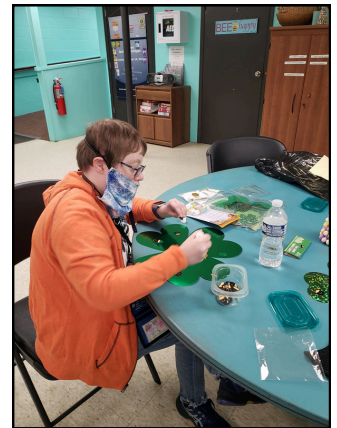
Jackson Kiwanis will be hosting our annual Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, May 7th from 7:30 - 8:45 at the Cascade Manor House. Reservations are needed by April 25th. Please contact Mary Lou McFadden at a Friday meeting or at mmcfadden0715@sbcglobal.net. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for \$15 and payment in advance will be appreciated, however, you may pay at the door with a reservation.



Aktion Club Fun

Aktion Club members had fun making St. Patrick's Day 🍀 decorations to take home for their rooms.

The Aktion Club meets at David's Promise every other Tuesday from 3:15 - 4:30. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 8th. Everyone is welcome!



April Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 2 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon - All members are welcome!

Friday, April 4 - Jackson Symphony Orchestra - Belle Coty - Director of Fund and Audience Development

Wednesday, April 9 - Kids Against Hunger - The Middle School at Parkside

Friday, April 11 - Dr. Randolph Penn - Penn Chiropractic Centre

Wednesday, April 16 - Zoom Board Meeting Noon - All members are welcome!

**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
No Meeting**

Sunday, April 20 - Happy Easter

Friday, April 25 - Shawna Tello, CEO Y-Center - Final stages of the Y-Center Renovation.

Wednesday, May 7- Prayer Breakfast



Happy Birthday

April 5 - Beth Philo

April 14 - Ron Markowski

April 26 - Barry Malek



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