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Kiwanis Club Celebrates Beginning of Summer with Free Admission to Splash Pad

The Kiwanis Club of Jackson is sponsoring free admission on the opening day of the Cascades Splash Pad. Partnering with Little Caesars and Cascades Ice Cream Co., the club is also providing free pizza and ice cream to attendees on the first day of the season (while supplies last). The splash pad will open to the public on Friday, June 5th at 11:00 AM, with Kiwanis members and other volunteers handing out ice cream and serving delicious pizza to the kids – with free admission for all attendees.

“This has been an annual event for the Kiwanis Club of Jackson since the splash pad opened in 2017,” said club member Denny DaPra. “So, this is 10 years of working with Jackson Little Caesars, Cascades Ice Cream, and the Jackson Parks Department to provide free food and treats to kids in our community.”

The Kiwanis Club of Jackson, Michigan, has been serving the children of the community for over 100 years. The club’s projects include the outdoor flags seen throughout the community, food packaging for needy families, and the Kiwanis Shoes & Boots program which provides warm footwear to needy students in the winter. Other previous capital projects include Kiwanis Park on N. Elm Avenue in Jackson and a significant contribution to the YMCA remodel.

The Kiwanis Club of Jackson was one of the primary sponsors of the construction of the Cascades Splash Pad, signified by the distinctive “K” logo on the water bucket.

“Kiwanis has been serving youth and families in Jackson for generations,” said club secretary, Joe Wolfe. “We are proud of the splash pad, and very thankful for the generosity of Little Caesars and the Cascades Ice Cream Co. And a big thanks to the Jackson County Parks Department who has been excellent to work with to make this event happen.”

Last year, over 500 slices of pizza were given out, along with 500 scoops of ice cream.

Rick Jehnzen Installed as New Kiwanis Member

We are excited to welcome Rick Jehnzen to the Kiwanis Club of Jackson. His mother, Marlene Jehnzen, sponsors him. Rick is married to Amy and enjoys spending time with grandkids, camping, hunting, fishing, building, and trail riding. He has already been initiated into the flag program. Welcome Rick!



A Thank You Note from Mary Lou McFadden

"From the bottom of my 'Go Blue' heart, I can't thank all of you enough for the lovely birthday surprise!!! It was so kind of all of you to remember this auspicious occasion! It was really a surprise!!

You are such a wonderful and great bunch of friends!!

I love all of you!!!"

Mary Lou



Interfaith Shelter Luncheon

Our club provided about 85 lunches for the Interfaith shelter and nearby community on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. We served sub sandwiches with all the condiments along with chips, fruit, punch, and cookies. We had some leftover meats and buns, which will be used for sack lunches for residents that have Jobs.

Our volunteers included Mary Anne Riley-Seamans; Lynn Seamans; Glenn Pascoe; Dick Erhardt; Ted Wilson and Don Schroeder.

We learned that they are in the process of constructing a large multipurpose garage and warming building. This building will be available for temporary housing for anyone needing it during the winter.

They are also constructing a new facility nearby for family housing. This will free up room in their main facility for singles.

Don Schroeder



Polly's Gift Cards

Polly's gift cards are available. Polly's donates 5% of all sales to our club, and these funds are used to support our administrative fund. If you would like to purchase cards, please contact Sally Wingle at sallywingle@mailbox.org or text or call at 517-795-4286. She will get them to you as quickly as possible

A Message From Ben Probert

I'm doing well - thank you for asking. The past 2 weeks have been a blur. What was supposed to be a treadmill / EKG on the 14th turned into open heart surgery of the 19th. They were able to bypass a number of blockages, but I will need a couple of stints added around mid-June. Who knew!

Initially, I took myself to the Cardiologist. At times, it seemed like I didn't have the stamina I once had. Honestly, I'm glad I listened to my body. I was on the verge of a widowmaker event.

Tell everyone, I said Hi! I hope to make the meeting on the 12th.

*Best regards,
Ben*

People for the Parks & Trails of Jackson, Michigan

On Saturday. Volunteers from People for the Parks & Trails delivered a truckload of mulch to the playground at Kiwanis Park. This year, the park has received a significant facelift, thanks to the efforts of volunteers in the Jackson community.



Community Impact Day

Jackson's first Community Impact Day took place on May 13th, where 100 community volunteers assisted 15 non-profit organizations. Kiwanis Park was selected as one of the beneficiaries. A fantastic group of seven volunteers from Henry Ford joined us to spend the morning weeding and spreading mulch at the park. Thanks to their efforts, the park looks beautiful, and we are incredibly grateful for all the help!



JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 3 - Zoom Board Meeting @ Noon. All members are welcome!

**Friday, June 5 - NO MEETING
Cascades Splash Pad Event**

**Tuesday - Thursday, June 9 - 11
Kiwanis Kids Movies-
“Ruby Gillman Teenage Kraken”**

**Friday, June 12 - Steve Shotwell -
County Commissioner Updates**

**Tuesday - Thursday, June 16 - 18
“The Boss Baby.”**

Wednesday, June 17 - Zoom Board Meeting @ Noon. All members are welcome!

**Friday, June 19 - Katie Wolfe
Kiblock - Are you as cool as you
kids/grdkids? A 50 yr study of
“slang words.”**

**Tuesday - Thursday, June 23-25
“The Bad Guys 2”**

Friday, June 26 TBD



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MORE PARTY PHOTOS!

