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April 2022

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Tim Breadon, President
Linda Paige, Secretary
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Future Programs/Events

<p>May 10 Danielle MacInnes Jolly Madison Sailing Club</p>
<p>May 17 Leadriane Roby GRPS Superintendent</p>
<p>May 20 New City Neighbors Ribbon Cutting</p>
<p>May 26 & 27 Terrific Kids</p>
<p>June 28 Megan Rydecki Consumers Energy</p>



Dondrea Brown started the nonprofit [Young Money Finances](#) where he teaches students and families to build healthy financial behaviors. He hosts summer camps for kids teaching them to better manage their finances. Students can work with Money Mentors and participants receive Money Matters Kits to help them on their financial journey.

John Ruther is a Forensic Accountant at [Okeefe consulting](#). He investigates companies looking for the creative ways they conduct their accounting and even commit fraud in the process. He gave the club a few examples and stories of cases that he investigated.



Dave DeBruyn retired from the [Roger B Chaffee Planetarium](#) but still remains close to the stars. He talked about the new Webb Space Telescope and the journey from the Hubble telescope. The Webb Telescope will become the most sophisticated, expensive, and potentially most revealing astronomical instrument of all time. The telescope is now hovering at its vantage point and could reveal that we are not alone in the universe.

The club meets every Tuesday from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.
Kent Country Club
1600 College Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616 363 6811
**Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis**

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The primary purpose of this club is to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide by adhering to the Objects of Kiwanis International. The objectives were approved in 1924 and through the decades, they have remained unchanged.

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

MORE PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



Matt Chapman with [Grand Rapids WhiteWater](#) and Jay Steffen from the City of Grand Rapids talked about the plans to restore the rapids to the Grand River. The river has not had any rapids for more than 100 years. The plan is to remove the four dams and add boulders to create rapids for boaters. The project will take several years. The long term plans are to create more “green space” along the river for people to enjoy.



May



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We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org
Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](#)

MARCH IS READING MONTH BIKE WINNERS

For March is Reading Month, the Kiwanis club donated 12 bikes to 6 schools. They were used to encourage students to read. The schools displayed the bikes so the students would see them every day and remember to keep reading. The project was a huge success. At the conclusion the schools drew names to determine the winners of the bikes. The program benefited more than just the 12 winners of the bikes, all of the students in the quest for the prize became better readers. Below are a few photos of some of the winners.



Winners from Coit Creative Arts Academy



Winners from Palmer Elementary



Winners from Cummings Elementary

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 2

Children served—50

Bikes for the Rest of Us

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 4

Children Served — 40

Employment Ministry

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 1

Children Served — 3

Mentor at Northview High School

Hours Total — 4

Members Involved — 1

Children served—1

Miracle League Baseball

Hours Total— 32

Members involved—1

Non members—30

Children Served—30

Carrier Crest Gardens

Hours Total— 4

Members involved—1

“Quotable Notables”

“He has achieved success who has worked well, laughed often, and loved much.” — [Elbert Hubbard](#)

“Our attainments [in space] are a major element in the competition between the Soviet system and our own . . . in this sense, [they] are part of the battle along the fluid front of the cold war.” — James E. Webb

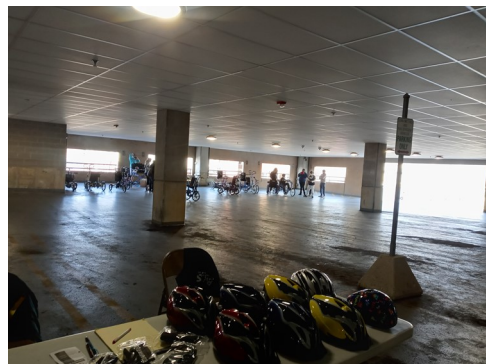
“Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be.” — Kahlil Gibran

“Money doesn't change you; it reveals who you are when you no longer have to be nice” — Timothy Ferriss, *The 4-Hour Workweek*

Bikes for the Rest Us

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids partnered with Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital and their [Bikes for the Rest of Us](#) event. We purchased and fit bike helmets for their annual event. This is a great program matching adults and children with disabilities to specialized, adaptive bikes.

Mary Free Bed
Rehabilitation Hospital



Kiwanis Trivia

Kiwanis International conventions began when the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland invited representatives of other clubs to meet there in May 1916. At that time, there were 16 clubs with 1,924 members. A Kiwanis International convention has been conducted every year since then, except for limited conferences in 1943–45 due to wartime travel restrictions.