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April 2023

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Tim Breadon, President
Linda Paige, Secretary
Sarah Pastoor, Treasurer
Linda Paige, Editor

Future Programs/Events

May 2 Regular Meeting
May 9 Regular Meeting
May 16 Megan Erskine Catherine's Health Center
May 23 Meeting at New City Neighbors and the Pizza Oven
May 25-26 Terrific Kids
June 6 Dr. Fahner DeVos Children's Hospital



Kate Reddy and Kaylee VanDerbaan spoke about [Once Upon A Room](#) at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. For children with long hospital stays they work with the patient and their parents to decorate the room and make it feel more like home. The children get to take the decorations home when their stay ends.

Helen Lehman with [New Development Corp.](#) spoke about the organization. They are committed to helping people with modest incomes buy homes they love. They buy houses on the north end of Grand Rapids that have become vacant or deteriorated, renovate them to like-new condition, and sell them at a reasonable price to qualified buyers who fall within the required income limits. They have branched out into buying vacant lots and building new homes.



Abbie Larink of the [Revive and Thrive Project](#), which provides delicious, nutrient-rich meals for individuals in medical treatment and their families every week. Teens from around Grand Rapids work in Revive & Thrive's kitchen to develop cooking and job readiness skills, gain confidence, and learn about the powerful relationship between food and health.

The club meets every **Tuesday** from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

Shots on the River

5760 W River Dr NE,
Belmont, MI 49306
616-951-6071

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.

ST ALPHONSUS SUPPER HOUSE



Another successful night serving food at the [North End Community Ministry](#)/St Alphonsus Supper House. The Kiwanians all pitched in to help with the dinner. This is a very worthy place to spend our time, everyone was so grateful to see us and we made a difference in the community.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DONATIONS

For the last few months, Kiwanians helped the Noorthoek Academy Action Club collect can tabs for the [Ronald McDonald House of West Michigan](#). They recycle them for cash which supports their important mission of helping families and children.



Palmer Elementary School held their final March is Reading Month assembly. Throughout the month, every time students read in class they earned a raffle ticket for the opportunity to get a new bike. They had so many tickets in the drawing boxes-so many hours of reading happened this month. They had two winners: Here is one of them. CONGRATUALIONS!

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

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Mentor at Northview High School

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

Children served— 2

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 5

Children served—50

North End Community Ministry/St Alphonsus Supper House

Hours Total: - 18

Members involved - 5

Nonmembers - 1

Children Served: 30

Mary Free Bed “Bikes for the Rest of Us”

Hours Total - 15

Members Involved - 5

Children Served - 45

New City Neighbors/ Plainsong Farms

Hours Total - 6

Members Involved - 2

BIKES FOR THE REST OF US

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids worked 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. The club handed out and fit 45 helmets



“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.” - Ellen Glasgow

“Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.” - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

“Innovations that are guided by smallholder farmers, adapted to local circumstances and sustainable for the economy and environment will be necessary to ensure food security in the future” - Bill Gates

May



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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.