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### PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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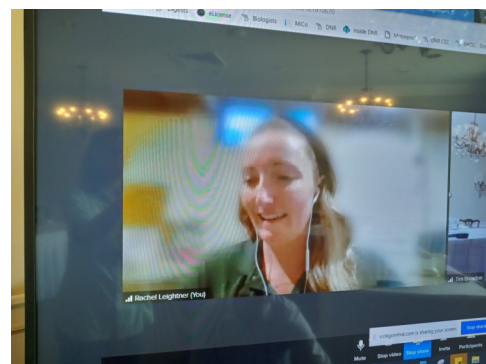
#### Future Programs/Events

<p><b>September 14</b> Kids Food Basket Check Presentation</p>
<p><b>September 21</b> Kathleen Warber Early Childhood Development</p>
<p><b>September 28</b> Tom Coleman Reimagine Plainfield</p>
<p><b>October 5</b> Dr. Fahner DeVos Children's Hospital</p>
<p><b>October 26</b> Terri Cooper Family Tree Therapies</p>



Bruce Oosterhouse, our resident baseball aficionado, gave a presentation and a quiz about the Detroit Tigers. He also told us a great story about attending fantasy baseball camp in 2006 at the Tigers training center in Florida.

Rachel Leightner is the Wildlife Outreach Coordinator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. She spoke about some of the DNR success stories in Michigan with the management of Elk, Bear and Turkey.



Denise Kooiker founded [School Supply Santa](#) in 2007 when she discovered a need to provide all students with the tools they need to start school. Her organization works with six school districts and forty-two schools. They base their school supplies and backpacks on the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches in the schools. Since the teachers are the people most invested in their students, School

Supply Santa provides all the supplies to the teachers and they in turn give them to the kids. They also help the teachers with their classroom supplies.

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



Representative Peter Meijer joined us and gave us an update on his first few months of being in Congress. A lot has happened over the last 7-8 months and the Congressman gave us details on as many things as he could, including his recent trip to Afghanistan and an update on the various committees he is part of.

Ricardo Tavarez and Lance Kraai with [New City Neighbors](#) gave us an overview of their organization and their fundraising efforts. They work with children and young adults on a farm, teaching them about growing food and providing their vegetables to several food pantries. The students also make wood fired pizza for sale to the neighbors.



## “QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

*“Everybody we meet has an influence on us and an impact - good or bad. And I think that's why we have to be careful with the way we handle people because what we're doing is making an impact.”* - Ernie Harwell, American sportscaster

*“There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot.”* - Aldo Leopold, America ecologist and wildlife conserver

*“All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.”*  
Magic Johnson

*“A somebody was once a nobody who wanted to and did.”* - John Burroughs,  
Author

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Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)  
Twitter: [kiwanisqr](#)

**CLUB SERVICE RECAP**

**First Tee Golf Tutoring, Tutoring at Palmer Elementary**

Hours Total — 40  
Members Involved — 5  
Children served—1,000

**CARRIER CREST GARDENS**

In April Kiwanians helped at a work session for the [Creston Neighborhood Association](#) Carrier Crest Gardens. All Garden plots, raised beds, and planters now have veggies and flowers. See the work in progress from April 2021 here: <https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisGrandRapids/posts/4469342426412433>



**September**



- 16 Bruce Warber
- 18 Tim Breadon
- 18 Marilyn Perski

**Kiwanis Trivia**

The first Kiwanis International convention staged outside the United States and Canada was in Vienna, Austria, in 1983. The event commemorated the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Vienna club, which was the first in Europe. The second international convention outside North America occurred in Nice, France, in 1993. Taipei, Taiwan, hosted the 2001 convention, the first in Asia. In 2010, the Kiwanis International Board adopted the policy of hosting the international convention outside North America every three years, alternating between Europe and Asia Pacific.