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PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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Our own Bruce Warber once again delighted the club, but this time he had “musings” of his recent back surgery. He had a couple of his vertebrae fused and a titanium plate implanted. Normally this would be a dreary discussion, but as anyone who knows Bruce, knows that his discussions are anything but boring.

Adam Sheridan and his wife started a law practice in West Michigan and he discussed Business Succession Planning. Turning your business over to the next person is complicated. Whether the next owner is a family member or somebody new knowing how to do it the right way can save endless headaches and money. It's always best to start planning early and check on the plan often.



Grand Rapids North Kiwanis
meets Tuesdays at 12 noon
at Fred's Italian Restaurant
3619 Plainfield Ave NE

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CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids: Visit 4 schools and hand out citizenship awards
Hours Total — 8
Members Involved — 3
Est. Youth Served — 50

Kid's Food Basket: Deliver sack suppers to two schools
Hours Total — 8
Members Involved — 8
Est. Youth Served — 1600

Palmer Tutoring: Personalized tutoring
Hours Total — 4
Members Involved — 4
Est. Youth Served — 4

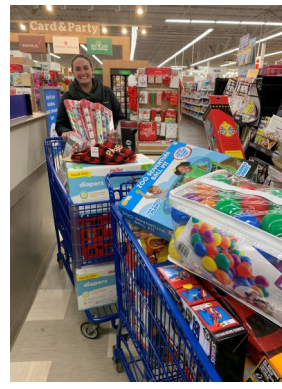
Kids at Christmas: Purchasing and delivering toys for needy kids
Members Involved — 15
Est. Youth Served — 105

Salvation Army Bell Ringing:
Hours Total — 16
Members Involved — 15
Nonmembers — 1
Est. Youth Served — 1000

Money Donated
Salvation Army \$350
FCA \$ 400
Circle K \$250

KIDS AT CHRISTMAS

Every year the club helps local children have a Merry Christmas with gifts under the tree. This is the **Signature Project** where all members get excited and participate. Working with four of our "Terrific Kids" schools, the faculty nominates students that may not have any, or very few, presents to open on Christmas morning. This year our club helped **32 families** with a total of **105 children** from four of the schools.



29 John Tamboer

January

01 Roxanne & Wes Roth

03 Donna & Bruce Warber



Kiwanis Trivia

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, USA, in 1914. The club received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915—the day that is regarded as the birth date of Kiwanis. In recognition of its heritage, the club's name is Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1. The club continues to serve the children of Detroit.

SEVEN CHILDREN AND NO BEDS...UNTIL KIWANIS STEPS IN

Our Kids at Christmas program, discovered a critical for one family. **A working mother with seven children were all sleeping on the floor of their home because they had NO beds.**

Kiwanian, Pat Newcombe stepped in to find help for the family. He contacted **In The Image** <https://www.intheimage.org/> to find some household necessities for the family. He then called the Ashley Home Store and their **Hope to Dream** program about getting some beds donated. <https://blog.ashleyfurniture.com/hope-to-dream-celebrates-anniversary-with-record-donation/>. After a few days the new beds arrived! Not only did they receive beds, but sheets, pillows and seven stuffed animals. **In the Image** provided blankets and comforters.

Angeline McCall from Fox 17 did an amazing job covering the delivery and interacting with the family. <https://www.fox17online.com/7-children-have-first-beds-to-call-their-own>

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this a truly Merry Christmas for this family.



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Media coverage unloading the truck



Putting the beds together



Ashley Home store with a few of the girls



Three of the girls on their new beds

Did you catch the Kiwanis float in the Tournament of Roses Parade?

FUN FACT: Kiwanis offers more volunteers for the parade than any other organization. About 7,000 people come from all over North America, contributing more than 56,000 service hours to prepare 9 floats and serve meals to other volunteers.



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 this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas” - Johnny Carson

“An Optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.” - Irv Kupeinet

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



It was time once again for our annual Salvation Army bell ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign. We moved inside this year to the Family Fair on Northland Drive. Thanks to all the Kiwanians and friends that participated. The total raised in the kettle was \$654.



A granddaughter in action



Bruce Oosterhouse John LaPorte



Craig Avery Bill Weitzel Linda Paige



Dan Williams

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