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December 2020

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Tim Breadon: President
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Future Programs/Events

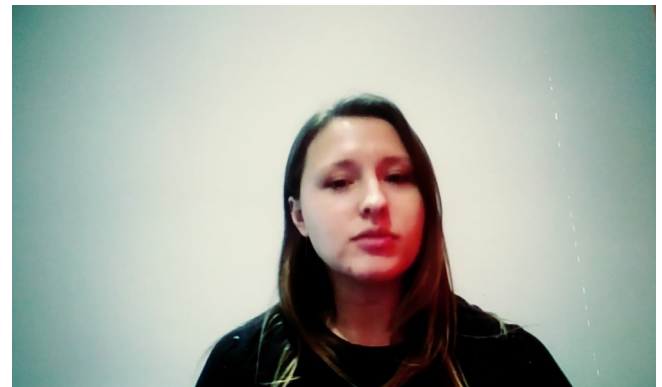
<p>January 19 Shandy Longcore Embracing Imperfections</p>
<p>January 26 Kim Karn Land Conservancy of West Michigan</p>



Karrie Brown with the [Family Network of Wyoming](#) spoke about her organization and the services they provide. They are primarily a food pantry and because of the pandemic the number of people requiring assistance has increased dramatically. When the food pantry is not open they have food trucks that provide additional support to those in need. They also have Durable

Medical Equipment (DME) that they loan out to individuals and families with financial need. The first week of every December they have a Christmas store at Grace Reformed Church.

Delaney Fraught with [Kids' Food Basket](#) gave us an update on how their organization deals with the pandemic. They have drastically fewer volunteers and those that do assist, work longer shifts to fill the need. They have had to spend more money on prepackaged food that does not need refrigeration. They



typically serve 3-9 thousand children a day.

Until dining restrictions ease, the club will meet virtually every Tuesday at Noon.

Contact the Secretary or President if you would like to join our meeting.

**Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis**

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CLUB SERVICE RECAP

CNA Gardens:

Hours Total — 24

Members Involved — 5

Non members— 7

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Hours Total — 11

Members Involved — 10

Kids at Christmas (Nov-Dec):

Hours Total — 124

Members Involved — 20

Non members— 42

Est youth served: 114

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 the need was even greater because of the pandemic. our club helped **33 families** with a total of **114 children** from four of the schools.



MONEY RAISED

Salvation Army:

Hours Total — \$900

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Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisGrandRapids)

Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/kiwanisgr)

CARRIER CREST GARDENS

With a generous gift from Kiwanis Grand Rapids the [Creston Neighborhood Association](#) was able to purchase new raised metal garden bins to replace the raised wooden bins at the at the Carrier Crest Gardens. The "Work Party" transferred and removed the old wooden planters to the new ones.



January

01 Roxanne & Wes Roth

29 John Tamboer

03 Donna & Bruce Warber



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.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



It was time once again for our annual Salvation Army bell ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign. We were at the Family Fair on Northland Drive. As we do every December the club ran bells for the The Salvation Army. This is the first year in memory where heavy rain fell instead of cold and wind driven snow. Thanks to all the Kiwanians and friends that participated. The total raised in the kettle was \$900.



Marilyn Perski



Pat Newcombe, John Bigari
Larry Goodlander



Craig Avery 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.