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PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Tim Breadon, President
John Bigari, Secretary
Gordy Howe, Treasurer
Linda Paige, Editor

Future Programs/Events

With all restaurants in Michigan closed we will not have any meetings until life returns to "normal".

Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis



As we prepare to file our annual taxes, one of our own CPAs, Sarah Pastoor gave the members an update on some new tax law changes for this year. This includes a new tax form for seniors, and IRA changes. Other changes are for putting money away for children's education, medical deductions, racehorses and W-4s. She also discussed changes to limits for 401ks, mileage rates and IRAs. Finally she updated us on the tax brackets and deductions, or lack thereof.

Grant Harden with [North Kent Connect](#) gave us an overview of their services and the planned expansion. They are a significant resource, connecting those in need with organizations that can provide assistance. They have a food pantry where local farmers provide fresh products and they also have a clothing store. They also offer classes to help individuals with things like home repairs, finances and care giving. They also teamed up with local churches to provide space for homeless to stay while they try to become independent and self-sufficient.



Lucy and Renae came to the club and spoke about the "We Do Care" fund with [Helen DeVos Children's Hospital](#). They sold raffle tickets for their big fundraising event where they raised 15,000 dollars last year. Lucy's husband (now deceased) started this great non-profit 35 years ago for the sole purpose of helping children with cancer and their families.

Grand Rapids 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 — 6
Est. Youth Served — 40

Palmer Tutoring: Personalized tutoring
Hours Total — 3
Members Involved — 3
Est. Youth Served — 3

March is Reading Month
Bike Donation to 5 schools
Hours Total — 13
Members involved — 3
Nonmembers — 1

World Record Book Drive:
Collect and donate books
Hours Total — 8
Members Involved — 3
Nonmembers — 1
Est. Youth Served — 10

St. Robert Employment Ministry:
Hours Total - 15
Members Involved - 1

Saint Alphonsus Church/NECM Supper House
Serve dinner to community members
Hours Total— 24
Members involved 6
Nonmembers— 2
Est Youth Served—50

SAINT ALPHONSUS SUPPER HOUSE



Another successful night serving food at the [North End Community Ministry](#)/St Alphonsus Supper House. The Kiwanians and their family members all pitched in to help with the Thanksgiving 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.

WORLD RECORD BOOK DRIVE



Over 4,000 books collected toward the goal of 250,000. This would establish a new Guinness World Record for book donations. We hope to raise awareness of the importance of reading to and with our children.



March

17 Pat Newcombe

21 Linda Paige

Kiwanis Trivia

Until 1962, Kiwanis clubs were limited to the United States and Canada. But club delegates to the 1961 convention in Toronto approved the extension of Kiwanis to the rest of the world. In April 1962, the Kiwanis Club of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, became the first club to be organized outside the two founding nations. Today, Kiwanis clubs are active in more than 80 nations and geographic areas.

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”

“Nothing is as obnoxious as other people’s luck,” — F. Scott Fitzgerald

“Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them.” — P.J. O’Rourke

MARCH IS READING MONTH BIKE PROJECT



Getting ready for March Is Reading Month, 10 bikes, 5 schools. Prizes are ready for delivery. We need to get Michigan off of the bottom of the list of student readers.



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