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February 2020

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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Future Programs/Events

April 13 Sue Petrisin
April 17 Spring Divisional
April 24 Mary Free Bed Bikes for the Rest of Us
April 27 Ellie Wilcox Make-A-Wish Michigan
May 18 Congressman Peter Meijer



Tiffany Carr with the Grand Rapids Veterans Home spoke about the facility and the new construction project. The facility currently houses 140 Veterans and their dependents. The new facility will house 128 people in private rooms and a less institutional feel.

Michigan District Governor Fran Babbage spoke about her District project, "Children Are Our Future". She asks all clubs to develop new service projects that concentrate on the development of children 0-5 years of age in our community.



Mandi Lopez with Hospice of Michigan explained what hospice is and how it benefits the individual and families. In West Michigan there are several hospice organizations, some are for profit and others are non-profit. When your doctor or hospital recommends hospice, the patient and their family have many options to consider when deciding on a hospice team.

The club will meet at the [Boulder Creek Golf Club](#) 5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont, MI 49306 every Tuesday from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis

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CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Set up March is Reading Month event at 5 grade schools. Agreed to supply 80 helmets to Mary Free Bed hospital for their "Bikes for the Rest of us" event.

Hours Total — 15

Members Involved — 5

Est. Youth Served — 1200



10 WAYS YOU CAN HELP STUDENTS

Kiwanis members are encouraged to work with students, but how should you do it, especially during a pandemic? Here are 10 ways:

- 1. Ask school officials what they need.** The faculty and administration will help guide you. Follow their lead. If the school does not have a Service Leadership Program, ask if they would be interested in your club helping to open one. [Learn more here.](#)
- 2. Already sponsor an SLP club?** Make sure you have designated Kiwanis advisors working with your SLP clubs and that they are trained to work with youth. Visit kiwanis.org/youthprotection to learn more about serving children in the safest possible way.
- 3. Share the fun of reading.** Pick out age-appropriate books and pre-record club members reading them or coordinate regular live readings via Zoom with a classroom teacher. Donate copies of the books to classrooms for students to take home.
- 4. Provide extra support.** School administrators and faculty members are overwhelmed this year so connect with your school's parent/teacher organization to see what the school needs. Schools always welcome classroom supplies, and 2021 is no different. Consider donating hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies. Tip: Purchase supplies from [Kiwanis Warehouse](#) for a discount.
- 5. Eliminate the learning gap.** [Some families aren't equipped to support partial or full at-home schooling.](#) Ask school counselors whether you can provide supplies for kids learning from home.



4 Sarah Pastoor

17 Dan Williams

April

4 Carla & John Tamboer



Kiwanis Trivia

The first Kiwanis headquarters, a two-room office, was opened in Chicago in 1918. Kiwanis continued to rent larger and larger offices in the "Windy City" until 1957, when the first Kiwanis International building was dedicated. This building served Kiwanis for 25 years, until the organization outgrew the space. In 1982, the sale of the property allowed construction of a larger building in Indianapolis—a site with lower costs and greater convenience than downtown Chicago.

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.

10 WAYS YOU CAN HELP STUDENTS CONT.

- 6. Thank teachers.** Deliver pre-packaged snacks to teachers with notes of appreciation. You can also work with your SLP clubs to create a thank-a-thon for faculty and administration members. We have a virtual meeting kit dedicated to gratitude where you can find great ideas for [K-Kids](#), [Builders Club](#) and [Key Club](#) members.
- 7. Celebrate seniors.** Start planning socially distanced ways to congratulate members who are graduating from high school and college. Organize a car parade, send soon-to-be Key Club and Circle K International grads special items from the Kiwanis Family Store or honor grads and their families with a virtual ceremony before graduation.
- 8. Help them stay connected.** Many SLP clubs are unable to pay their dues this year. Consider paying Key Club and CKI students' dues and sponsoring their attendance at their spring district conventions (if registration is not free) and the Key Club International and Circle K International conventions this summer.
- 9. Reach out to CKI members.** There is no better way to help grow CKI than to connect with members and clubs. From networking at professional events and mentoring members to helping them find internships and providing career advice, CKI members want and need your support.
- 10. Protect their mental health.** The uncertainty of living, learning and growing up during a global pandemic has affected students. Key Club has relied on resources provided by [Erika's Light-house](#) and CKI has partnered with [Active Minds](#); both organizations are leading nonprofits in the United States promoting mental health awareness for teens and young adults. They have resources you can use and share with fellow Kiwanians, advisors, teachers and parents.



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