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November 2021

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Tim Breadon, President
John Bigari, Secretary
Sarah Pastoor, Treasurer
Linda Paige, Editor

Future Programs/Events

December 7 Mike Grenier Grand Rapids BioDigester
December 11 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 14 Mark Kusten AeroMed Flight Nurse
December 28 Deb Atwood Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
February 1 St Alphonsus Supper House
December 14 Tony Comden West MI Miracle League



Bing Goei was born in Jakarta, Indonesia. His family left the country in 1954 and spent some time in the Netherlands before arriving in Grand Rapids in 1960. He worked his way up to owning [Eastern Floral](#) and was asked by Gov. Snyder to serve as Director for the Office for New Americans. He illustrates the perfect image of an immigrant who fulfills the American Dream.

Dr. James Fahner provided the club with an update from the [Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital](#) and the We Do Care fund, which was founded by our own Frank Archer in 1986. Dr. Fahner provided the members with details on how the hospital used the money from the fund to help families at the hospital. Many times families are on their “last leg” when their child is in the hospital with mounting bills and stress. The fund helps these families with things like gas money, groceries, bus passes, hotels, and even childcare. He also spoke about the many successes the hospital has in fighting childhood cancer. The hospital received a \$200,000 grant from Hyundai “Hope On Wheels” to fight pediatric cancers. For the 10th consecutive year the hospital is listed by US News and World Report as one of the top 50 hospitals for childhood cancer.



The club meets every Tuesday from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.
Kent Country Club
1600 College Ave NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616 363 6811

Always remember—
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Shandy Longcore with [Embracing Imperfections](#) joined us for our meeting and discussed her story of attempted suicide at the age of 10. In speaking with others who have attempted suicide in a millisecond (the time it takes for a bullet to pass through your chest) you can go from wanting to die to wanting to live. She now devotes her life to speaking to children and teens about her experience. She’s more than a motivational speaker she wants to tell kids about other options and resources. These include texting 741741 or calling 1-800-273-talk (8255).

Club Contact Information

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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



David Leonard is a retired Grand Rapids Police Department Officer with over 27 years of service in West Michigan. When he retired he wrote a book [*Real Cop, A Memoir of a Career Street Officer*](#). His book provides a candid look into the life of a street cop.

Stephanie Sheler and Kari Williams with [Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\) of Kent County](#) spoke about their non-profit organization. They look out for the best interests of abused and neglected children as they make their way through the family court system. They do this by training volunteers to investigate, facilitate, advocate and monitor services for children who are wards of the court due to abuse and/or neglect. CASA volunteers present first-hand information and observations to help judges make the very best decisions about children's futures.



December



- 02 Craig Avery
- 02 Mike Kwast
- 10 Larry Goodlander
- 25 Bob Mills

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

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Tutoring at Palmer Elementary, Terrific Kids Awards, Kids at Christmas

Hours Total — 65

Members Involved — 19

Children served—200

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity.” - Thor Heyerdahl

“The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.” - E. E. Cummings

“Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.” - Franklin P. Jones

“Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.” - Dennis Prager

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” - Theodore Roosevelt



Kiwanis Trivia

The Kiwanis Legion of Honor recognizes Kiwanians who have been members for 25 years or more. (Membership does not have to be continuous or in the same club.) Special lapel pins indicating Legion of Honor membership at five-year intervals are available from the Kiwanis Family Store and may be presented to qualified members on the appropriate anniversaries.