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100 YEAR

Future Programs/Events

November 16 Shandy Longcore Embracing Imperfections

> November 23 David Leonard GRPD "Real Cop"

November 30 Stephanie Sheler & Kari Williams CASA

December 7 Mike Grenier Grand Rapids BioDigester

> **December 14** Board Meeting

December 14 Mark Kusten AeroMed Flight Nurse

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— #KidsNeedKiwanis



PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Michelle Hatfield, Director of Social Concerns at St. Alphonsus Parish, gave the club an update on the NE Pole Christmas program. Last year they had 300 families come to the toy store and provided approximately 1,500 kids with toys for Christmas. The program evolved because of the pandemic last year and their changes made things easier for many of the families. We discussed some of the challenges and potential changes for this year. One of the changes is using <u>Amazon: NE Christmas Store</u> to purchase and have gifts sent directly to the toy store.

Terri Cooper with <u>Family Tree Therapies</u> spoke to the club about speech, occupational and feeding therapy. She gave us some insight into how the brain works on a multitude of levels. Their unique approach combines the best of all current research-based therapy techniques and individualize a program for the child.



THE TEACHER SHORTAGE GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

Club Contact Information Tim Breadon - President:@kiwanisgrandrapids.org John Bigari - Secretary@kiwanisgrandrapids.org 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.

PREPARING FOR MARCH IS READING MONTH 2022



While most people are thinking about the upcoming holidays the Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids is already planning for March is Reading Month. The supply of bikes in the stores dwindled during the pandemic and we don't want to disappoint the winning readers. We jumped at the chance to purchase bikes for the five elementary schools that we partner with. Linda Paige made the purchase.

Dan Williams and John Bigari help deliver the bikes to the schools.





We visited Aberdeen Elementary to hand out our Terrific Kids awards to the students and were greeted with a prominent display of the two bikes we gave them to use as prizes for March is Reading Month next year. What a great way to encourage reading even when it is not March.

"QUOTABLE NOTABLES"

"It is easy to sit up and take notice, What is difficult is getting up and taking action." — Honoré de Balzac

It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle

"Where is the Life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?" - T. S. Eliot

We are on the web: <u>kiwanisgrandrapids.org</u> Facebook:: <u>Kiwanis Grand Rapids North</u> Twitter: <u>kiwanisgr</u>

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Tutoring at Palmer Elementary, Terrific Kids Awards, New City Neighbors, Bicycles for reading, Kids at Christmas, Dictionary project, New City Neighbors

Hours Total — 60 Members Involved — 11 Children served—125

NEW CITY NEIGHBORS

Our club had a two day work party helping the <u>New City Neighbors</u> to clean up their property. It was a jungle out there with overgrown landscape areas. We trimmed the bushes and removed some scrub trees. We then hauled the waste to the Butterworth Compost site. Six of our members participated and two non-members and a total of 27 volunteer hours.



Shandy Longcore , our newest member





Trying to tame the jungle



November

06 Nancy and Bob Mills 24 Linda and Tom Kozura 29 Barb and John Bigari



Kiwanis Trivia

From 1915 to 1919, the organization of new Kiwanis clubs was managed by a professional organizer, Allen Simpson Browne, who can be credited with creating Kiwanis. In return for building new clubs, he received a portion of every new membership fee. This arrangement led to increasing controversy about the purpose and control of the organization. The problem was solved when Kiwanis International "bought itself" from Browne at the 1919 convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Club delegates raised US\$17,500 on the convention floor to purchase Browne's rights to the Kiwanis name and organization.

Money Donated

Girl's Choral Academy \$1,000

New City Neighbors \$5,000

The Dictionary Project \$1925

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- Founded in 1952 by local people with a great desire to give back to the Grand Rapids community, especially focused on the KIDS of the North End.
- We have a Foundation that allows us to fund grants of about \$15,000 annually.
- We engage in fundraising efforts to fund an additional \$15-20,000 annually.
- 99% of all grants stay in the GR area.
- Members log over 1,200 volunteer hours per year.
- Some of our featured projects are:
 - Kids At Christmas- the original project helping the neediest NE GR kids
 have a Merry Christmas
 - Annual Golf Outing to benefit Kids' Food Basket
 - Catherine's Health Center
 - "We Do Care" Fund at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital
 - Palmer School student tutoring
 - Kiwanis Dictionary Project benefitting every 3rd grader in GRPS annually
 - St. Alphonsus/NECM Supper House

We focus on 4 local grade schools: Palmer, Coit, Aberdeen and East Leonard Members visit these schools monthly to present **"Terrific Kids"** awards

> Our goal is to tend to the needs of children in NE Grand Rapids. Many projects and ideas are member-driven. <u>Check us out online</u>:

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Website: https://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org/

Twitter: @kiwanisgr

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