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September 2020

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

Future Programs/Events

October 13

Lance Kraai - New City
Neighborhood



Bill Weitzel was stationed in West Germany with the USAF in the late 60s. His first six months were with a radar detachment and when he received his security clearances he transferred to communications. He prepared and decoded messages. He discussed the Berlin Wall and the some of the history of WWII and the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Deb Diepenhorst is the Cannon Township Clerk and our featured speaker for the meeting. She discussed the various rules for the election and the methods of voting. The process of opening absentee ballots and recording votes on Election Day is a very secure process. They have procedures in place that ensure that the signatures on the application and the ballot match and that no person can match a specific voter with a particular ballot before it is counted.



For the summer months,
or until the
pandemic restrictions
ease, we will meet on the
deck at Boulder Creek
Golf Course.

Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis

Grand Rapids Kiwanis meets
Tuesdays at 12 noon at

Boulder Creek Golf Course
5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont



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CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Kids at Christmas Planning:

Hours Total — 6

Members Involved — 6

Non members — 0

KIWANIS LEGION OF HONOR

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.) This year we recognize the following members:



Marilyn Perski — 26 years



John LaPorte — 25 years



John Tamboer — 25 Years

October



03 Wes Roth

04 Wayne Thompson

08 Mike Koelzer

09 John Bigari

22 Ormal Saathoff

28 Jerry Swett

We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org

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

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

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”

“Care and diligence bring luck.” — Thomas Fuller



Leadership is as much about the people around you as the qualities within yourself. At Kiwanis International, that’s one of the most important aspects we emphasize for members who become leaders within our organization — whether it’s at the international, district or club level.

During orientation for incoming officers, we refer to the three official duties of a board member:

The duty of care: The leader should always act in the best interest of the organization, acting as a steward of the organization’s members, finances and programs.

The duty of loyalty: The leader should always demonstrate faithfulness to the organization, putting our mission ahead of personal needs or benefits.

The duty of obedience: The leader’s faithfulness to the mission should always lead him or her to act ethically and with integrity under all circumstances.

These duties blend nicely with the philosophies we use to teach and develop leadership skills for the members of the Kiwanis family. But this year has presented leaders everywhere with unprecedented challenges.

At Kiwanis, we have traditionally prided ourselves on developing servant leaders — people who put the needs of others first, without worrying about the personal benefits of any decision. We also emphasize ethical leadership — a respect for the organization’s democratic principles and values, which demand adherence both to the law and our own bylaws.

But are servant leaders and ethical leaders enough? They’re still crucial, of course, but recent months have compelled us to begin defining another style: the flexible leader. In times like these, it’s like the necessary third leg of a sturdy stool.

For Kiwanis, as for many organizations, the challenges of 2020 have brought great uncertainty, requiring us to plan and make important decisions without being able to forecast outcomes as fully as usual. Long-range planning and budgeting, for example, are far more difficult.

In other words, the times require a flexible leader. That’s someone who stays focused on the duty of loyalty — because they’re acting in the best interests of the organization. With the adjustments they make as events proceed, with the communications they maintain with every stakeholder, they uphold the organization’s mission. They lead.

If recent months have shown us anything, it’s that the definition of a leader is always changing — because the demands of leadership are always shifting. But we’ve also learned something else: The challenges may be unexpected, even unprecedented, but it’s the flexible leader who will rise to meet them.

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Kiwanis Trivia

The name “Kiwanis” was coined from an expression of the American Indians in the Detroit area. The expression “Nunc Kee-wan-nis” (found in Bishop Baraga’s dictionary of the Otchipew language) broadly meant “we trade” or “we share our talents.” As a coined word, however, “Kiwanis” has no meaning except as the name of a leading international service club.