



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## GRAND RAPIDS



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**October 2023**

### PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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#### Future Programs/Events

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| <b>November 7</b><br>Dee Hudson<br>KI of MI Foundation               |
| <b>November 14</b><br>Lyn VanTol<br>Noorthoek Academy                |
| <b>November 21</b><br><b>Vicki Potgetter</b><br><b>Project Linus</b> |
| <b>November 21</b><br>NECM Supper House                              |
| <b>Nov. 30 &amp; Dec. 1</b><br>Terrific Kids                         |
| <b>December 7</b><br>Aktion Club meeting<br>GRCC                     |
| <b>December 9</b><br>Salvation Army<br>Bell Ringing                  |



Jennifer Headley-Nordman with [First Steps Kent](#) talked about the nonprofit the county uses to administer the funds from the “Ready by Five” millage that voters approved in 2018. They work with parents and collaborate with 39 programs and organizations to make sure that children receive everything they need to start kindergarten by the age of 5.

Carolyn Geck with [Covenant House](#) talked about the organization which provides safe housing and care to youth ages 16-21 experiencing homelessness and survivors of human trafficking. They operate in 13 states and 5 countries and provide stability and resources to help these individuals get on their feet.



Gregg Hampshire with the [Creston Neighborhood Association](#) spoke about the latest developments on the north side of Grand Rapids. They strive for a diverse community where all neighbors thrive. They hope that people can not only live in the area but also work and play. They work hard to try and make it a walkable area where people can get fresh food and participate in the local garden to grow their own food.

The club meets every **Tuesday** from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.  
**Shots on the River**  
5760 W River Dr NE,  
Belmont, MI 49306  
616-951-6071  
Always remember—  
**#KidsNeedKiwaniis**

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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



Our own Pat Newcombe gave us a history lesson on the Halloween. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

## FOREST HILLS NORTHERN KEY CLUB

The students with our Forest Hills Northern Key Club are making blankets for kids. What a great project. #KidsNeedKiwanis



We are on the web: [kiwanisgrandrapids.org](http://kiwanisgrandrapids.org)  
 Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Grand-Rapids-North)  
 Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/kiwanisgr)

## CLUB SERVICE RECAP

### Mentor at Northview High School

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

Children served—1

### Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 7

Children served—50

### Tutoring at Palmer

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 2

### Key Club Mentoring

Hours Total — 1

Members involved —1

Children served — 15

## “QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

*“If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary.” - Jim Rohn*

*“Comedy is acting out optimism.” - Robin Williams*

*“We must all suffer one of two things: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret or disappointment.” - Jim Rohn*

*“If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much. “ - Jim Rohn*



06 Nancy and Bob Mills

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## Kiwanis Trivia

Kiwanis became an international organization in November 1916 with the creation of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton in Ontario, Canada. However, the organization's official name, “Kiwanis Club,” was not changed to “Kiwanis International” until the Constitutional Convention in Denver in 1924.