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GRAND RAPIDS



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July 2024

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Dan Williams, President
Linda Paige, Secretary
Sarah Pastoor, Treasurer
Linda Paige, Editor

Future Programs/Events

August 5 Division Council Meeting Kamp Kiwanis, Holland
August 6 Steve Rogal
August 6 Board Meeting
August 13 Michaela Krull Storehouse
August 20 Carol Dodge Author of "The Mayor, the Maestro, and the Mansion"
August 27 Regular Meeting
September 3 Heather Carlson It's Gotta Be The Shoes
September 3 Board Meeting



Jeremy Cook and Mike DeYoung joined us to talk about [Trail Life USA](#) Troop 50. Trail Life is an organization that partners with churches and parents for character development of boys and young men. Boys experience numerous activities such as camping, hiking, and fishing. They develop many skills in a practical hands-on manner that is naturally engaging.

Lance Kraai, Ricardo Tavárez and Avrey Smith with [New City Neighbors](#) spoke about working with dozens of students and "growing neighborhood leaders". With their GRIL (Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders) several students earn up to 4 college credits in leadership.



Amy Turner-Thole spoke to the club about the Ready By Five millage on the August Ballot. [First Steps Kent](#) This millage was first approved in 2018 and voters will decide on continuing the program for another six years. The program is dedicated to improving early childhood, health, well-being and school readiness.

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

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

Michelle Hatfield from [St. Alphonsus Parish - Grand Rapids](#) joined us to speak about the mission trip they took to Jonesville, Virginia. This is a very poor community and volunteers installed new siding on a home for a woman and cleaned out her porch. They also cleaned up around her house.



Sheila Snow and Jamie Johnston with [We Do Care GR](#) spoke about the nonprofit. It was founded by Kiwanians Bob Olson and Frank Archer in 1986. Their goal is to make children with cancer smile. In 2023 they spent \$22,500 on children. They have never turned down a child I need.

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Lead from the back and let others believe they are in front.” - Nelson Mandela

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” - Mahatma Gandhi

“Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person’s life.” - Jackie Chan

August



6 Julia & John La Porte
14 Sandy & Larry Goodlander
26 Sarah & Scott Pastoor

We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org
Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](#)

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

First Tee

Hours Total — 4

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 12

St Alphonsus

Supper house

Hours Total — 15

Members Involved — 5

Children served — 30

Mentoring Northview H.S.

Hours Total — 1

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 1

Creston Neighborhood Garden (June & July)

Hours Total — 18

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 20

Employment Coaching

Hours Total — 1

Members Involved — 1

Key Club Advising

Hours Total — 1

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 4

MONEY DONATED

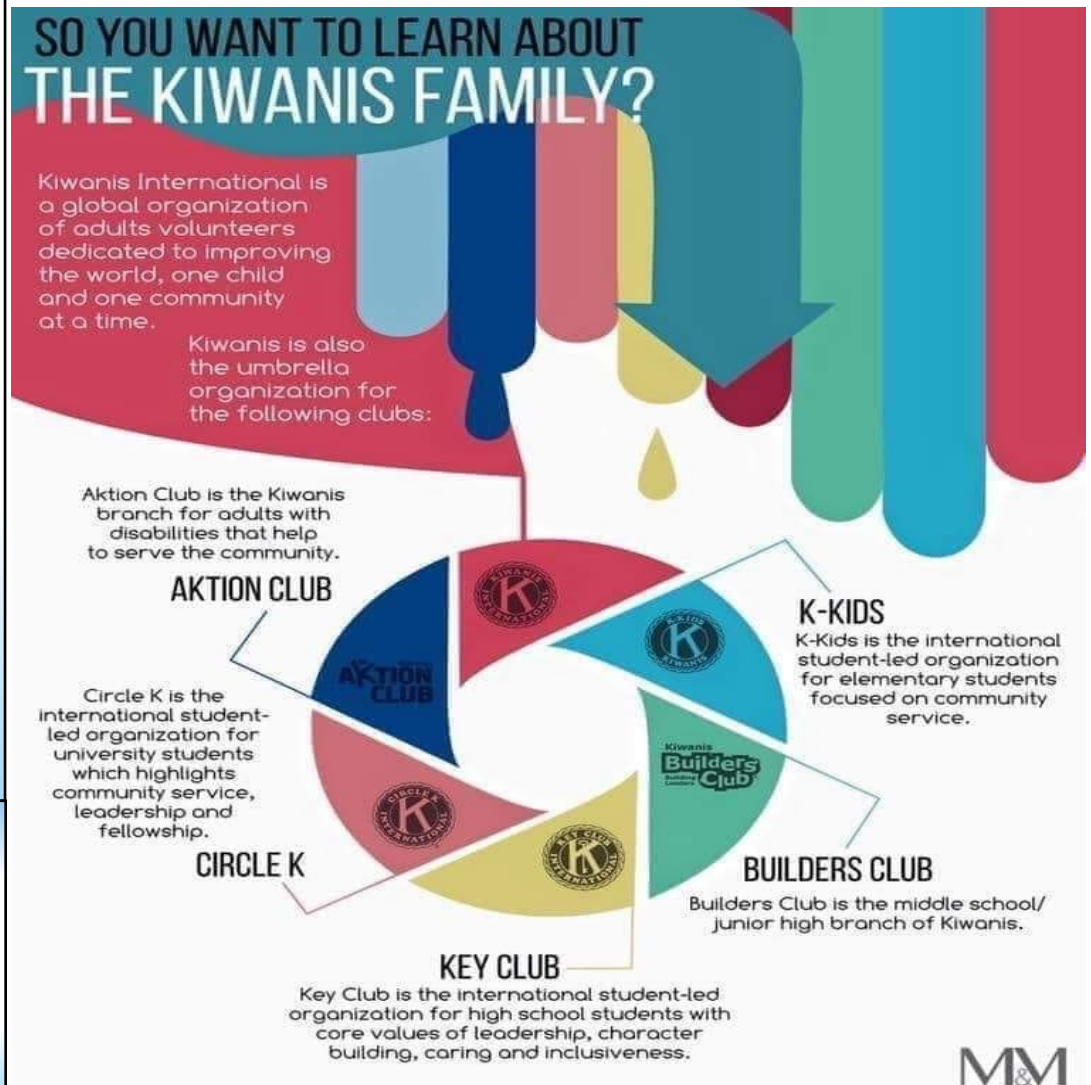
St. Alphonsus
Supper House
\$300

Girls Choral Academy
\$1,000

“THE KIWANIS FAMILY”

Multiple studies, as well as Kiwanians’ own experiences, have shown that students who volunteer:

- Tend to get higher grades.
- Improve their social and emotional health.
- Strengthen their ties to other youth and adults.
- Feel connected to the larger community — and feel motivated to contribute to it.
- Develop leadership abilities that lead to better employment opportunities.
- Have better awareness and understanding of public issues.
- Get more first-hand experience of diverse cultures and communities.



Kiwanis Trivia

Key Club International is Kiwanis’ oldest and largest continuing youth-service program. The first Key Club (“for key boys”) was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento, California, in 1925. The concept of a service club for high school (or secondary students ages 14–18) spread to other Kiwanis clubs, and Key Club became an official program of Kiwanis International in 1942. Today, more than 250,000 young men and women belong to Key Clubs in more than 5,000 high schools throughout the U.S., Canada, and a growing number of other nations. Key Club International is run largely by its members, who conduct conventions and elect officers each year at the district and international levels.