



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

November 2024

### PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

#### Future Programs/Events

<b>December 3</b> Regular Meeting
<b>December 11</b> Kiwaniis Christmas Party
<b>December 17</b> Regular Meeting
<b>December 24</b> No Meeting Merry Christmas
<b>December 31</b> No Meeting Nappy New Year
<b>January 7</b> Linda Paige 2023 Kiwanis Year in Review
<b>January 9</b> Terrific kids



Mark Ismond with International Needs <https://internationalneeds.us/> gave us insight into the desperate situation that some children experience in impoverished countries. As a religious based organization they strive to make an impact with Gospel Outreach, Economic Empowerment, Refugees & Relief, Education, and Health & Sanitation.

Catherine Landers and Adrienne Goodstal with [North Kent Connect](#) gave us an update on their organization, which has been around for more than 50 years. They are a central location where people of Northern Kent County can receive a wide range of help including food, transportation and housing. They assist by offering resources for a pathway out of poverty.



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**



Megan Erskine the CEO for [Catherine's Health Center](#) gave us an update on their services. Since their founding in 1996, they have provided health services from the location on Leonard. They now provide medical, dental, and behavioral health care at 12 locations around the Grand Rapids area.

**Club Contact Information**  
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## MORE PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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.



Jessica Fitzgerald with [State Farm](#) Insurance talked about the insurance industry and the changes she sees. She has moved up within the State Farm family and explained the reasons for rate increases in home insurance and how Michigan compares to other states.

Jenny Steele with [Hand2Hand](#) spoke about how churches partner with schools to provide weekend meals for kids. They have 145 West Michigan churches that work with 280 schools. Over 15,000 kids benefit from the weekend meals. When the children arrive to school on Friday the weekend meals are already in their lockers. For the older kids, they have other ways to hand out the food while still maintaining dignity and privacy for the student.



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



### CLUB SERVICE RECAP

#### **Terrific Kids**

Hours Total — 10  
Members Involved — 10  
Children Served — 50

#### **Employment Coaching**

Hours Total — 4  
Members Involved — 2  
Children Served—40

#### **Tutoring at Palmer**

Hours Total — 4  
Members Involved — 1  
Children served — 2

#### **Saint Alphonsus Church/ NECM Supper House**

Serve dinner to community members  
Hours Total— 18  
Members involved 4  
Nonmembers—2  
Children Served—50

### MONEY DONATED

**NE Pole Toy Store**  
\$2000

**Salvation Army**  
\$350

**KI of MI Foundation**  
\$855

**KI Foundation**  
\$365

**ST Alphonsus Supper House**  
\$300

### **“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”**

*“Bad officials are the ones elected by good citizens who do not vote.” - George Jean Nathan*

*“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” - Albert Einstein*

*“It always seems impossible until it's done.” - Nelson Mandela*



### **December**



02 Craig Avery  
04 Brenda Eller  
10 Larry Goodlander  
25 Bob Mills

### **Kiwanis Trivia**

The first president of Kiwanis International was George F. Hixson of the Rochester, New York, Kiwanis Club. He was elected in 1916 at the first international convention in Cleveland and re-elected the next year. The Hixson Fellowship of the Kiwanis International Foundation is named in his honor; Hixson awards are presented to donors who have contributed at least US\$1,000 Kiwanis Children’s Fund.