



# Kiwanis®

## GRAND RAPIDS



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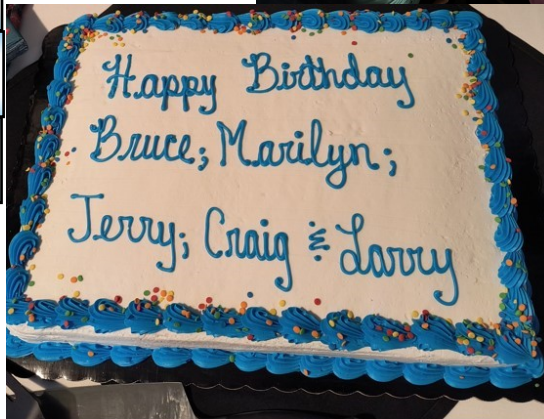
December 2024

### CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAY PARTY

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

The Kiwanis Club held a Christmas party at [Shots on the River](#) where we celebrated five of our members who all turned 80 years old in 2024.

<b>January 7</b> Linda Paige 2024 Kiwanis Year in Review
<b>January 9</b> Terrific kids
<b>January 14</b> Regular Meeting
<b>January 14</b> Board Meeting
<b>January 21</b> Regular Meeting
<b>January 28</b> Regular Meeting
<b>January 30 &amp; 31</b> Terrific kids



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—  
**#KidsNeedKiwanis**



**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.

## LEGION OF HONOR AND HIXSON AWARDS

At our party we celebrated Legion of Honor awards for members with at least 25 years of membership in Kiwanis. Our president Dan has 25 years, Marilyn 30 years, Linda 35 years, Ron has and amazing 50 years of service to Kiwanis and the children, and Bill on the end has 35 years.



We also honored two of our members, Tim Breadon and Pat Newcombe, with Hixson Fellowships. The club donated \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund for each award. This is a way to recognize members who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity. They both worked tirelessly over the last few years supporting our efforts to help kids and keeping the club together during the difficult challenges of the pandemic.



### January

01 Roxanne & Wes Roth

03 Donna & Bruce Warber



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

**CLUB SERVICE RECAP**

**Employment Coaching**

Hours Total — 4  
Members Involved — 2  
Children served 40

**Tutoring at Palmer**

Hours Total — 3  
Members Involved — 1  
Children served — 6

**Kids at Christmas**

Hours Total — 145  
Members Involved — 15  
Nonmembers involved— 8  
Children served — 99

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Hours Total — 15  
Members Involved — 12  
Non Members—3

**Kids' Food Basket**

Hours Total — 4  
Members Involved — 1  
Nonmembers involved— 1  
Children served — 200

**Carrier Street Gardens**

Hours Total — 5  
Members involved — 1

**Money Donated**

**Salvation Army**  
\$350

**“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”**

*“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” - Confucius*

*“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”- Mother Teresa*

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

We raised **\$861.87** in the kettle



**DOING THE MOST GOOD®**



Pat & Bruce



Sarah,  
Katie &  
Larry



Jerry & Bruce



Sandra & Dan

**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.

# Kids at Christmas

Every year the club helps local children have a Merry Christmas with gifts under the tree. **Kids at Christmas** is the Signature Project where all members get excited and participate. Working with four of our "Terrific Kids" schools, the faculty nominate students that may not have any, or very few, presents to open on Christmas morning. We take the parent on a secret shopping trip without the children having any knowledge of our participation. By remaining a silent partner the children think the presents came from "Santa" or their parents.

This year our club helped **35 families** with a total of **99 children**.

