



Kiwanis®

GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

March 2025

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

Future Programs/Events

April 8
Regular Meeting

April 15
Regular Meeting

April 15
Creston Neighborhood
Garden Cleanup

April 22
Regular Meeting

April 24 & 25
Terrific kids

April 26
Bikes For the Rest of Us
Mary Free Bed Hospital

April 29
Forest Hills Northern

May 2
Key Club
Installation of Officers

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



Mike Merren is the owner of [Comforcare Homecare](#) in Grand Rapids and he talked about in home care for individuals. His staff works to make homes safer and provides services such as daily assistance, companion care and medication machines.

Mike Martin provided part one of a presentation on songs of the 20th Century. Each of the songs had a powerful message for the time.



Mike Martin provided part two of a presentation on songs of the 20th Century. Each of the songs had a powerful message for the time.

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



Dave DeBruyn spent decades as the Chief Curator of the [Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium](#). He was joined by Ben, a student intern at our meeting. He spoke about eclipses and his “shadow chasing around the world” in the quest to view solar eclipses.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE INTERNET LATELY?



KIDS NEED KIWANIS

**TWERKING IS
ACTUALLY IN THE DICTIONARY NOW.**



KIDS NEED KIWANIS

**CHILDHOOD
DOESN'T COME WITH A ROAD MAP.**



KIDS NEED KIWANIS

April



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We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org

Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)

Twitter: [kiwanisgr](#)

March is Reading Month

For March is Reading Month, the Kiwanis club donated 12 bikes to 6 schools. They were used to encourage students to read. The schools displayed the bikes so the students would see them every day and remember to keep reading. The project was a huge success. At the conclusion the schools drew names to determine the winner of the bikes. The program benefited more than just the 12 winners of the bikes, all of the students in the quest for the prize became better readers. We were able to attend some of the celebrations and see the excitement on the faces of the students.



Aberdeen Elementary

Coit Creative Arts Academy



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 5

Children served—50

March is Reading Month Bike Awards

Hours Total — 11

Members Involved — 3

Nonmembers — 6

Children served — 1800

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated.” —

Ernest Hemingway

“Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better.” — Jim Rohn

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

— Jim Rohn

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” — Albert Einstein

“The starting point of all achievement is desire.” — Napoleon Hill

Money Donated

Kids' Food Basket Dick Post Memorial

\$100

March is Reading Month Bikes

\$1,140

Mary Free Bed Bikes For the Rest of Us Helmets

\$837.60

Terrific Kids Supplies

\$323.16



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.