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GRAND RAPIDS



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August 2025

Dan Williams, President
Linda Paige, Secretary
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Linda Paige, Editor

Future Programs/Events

September 2 Weekly Meeting
September 9 Dr. Fahner We Do Care
September 9 Board Meeting
September 16 Weekly Meeting
September 23 Tom Kozura FAA Aircraft Accidents
September 25 & 26 Terrific Kids
September 30 Weekly Meeting
October 7 Installation of Officers Lt.Gov. Steve Marzolf

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**

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



Matthew Swem spoke about education and jobs in the skilled trades. While in high school, he chose to receive an education with the Kent Career Tech Center in the electrical trades. After high school he worked for an electrical firm where he continued his education and his employer even paid for his classes. A four year degree from a traditional college is not required to be financially successful in some careers.

Ben Swayze spoke about the Kent County Parks Department. They have 7,448 acres of parks, greenspace and trails. This includes 102 miles of trails with 43 parks. They are expanding and building new parks, and some will connect to other larger projects around the state. One of the plans is to connect 171 miles of trails from Grand Haven on the shores of Lake Michigan, to Owasso in mid-Michigan.



Our own Bill Weitzel gave a talk on the WWII B-24 plant at Willow Run near Detroit. He gave some details on the plane and the immense task creating and retooling factories for the war fighting effort. He showed parts of a documentary - War Factories | Episode 5: US Aviation | - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCklyEmUgX0>

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 MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Brenda spoke about attending the Kiwanis Great Lakes Conference in Kalamazoo. She attended several of the educational workshops and expressed the emphasis on building relationships and in turn growing club membership. Numerous Key Club members attended and even led the group in singing Karaoke.



REMEMBERING KIWANIAN FRANK HOEBEKE



Frank G. Hoebeke III, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2025, at the age of 87.

Born on November 15, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Frank and Rosa Lee (Linderer) Hoebeke, Frank grew up with a love for family, the outdoors, and hard work. He graduated from Creston High School in 1956 and, just one year later, married his high school sweetheart, Peri. Together, they built both a beautiful family and a successful construction business, which they ran side by side until their retirement in 2005.

Frank's life was full of community, friendship, and adventure. A long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids, he believed in giving back and making lasting connections. Upon retirement, he and Peri enjoyed winters in Florida—eventually settling in Venice—and cherished summers with friends and family

at their cabin on the Big Huron River in Arvon Township, Baraga County, Michigan.

From his boyhood days hunting with his father, brother Raymond, and great-uncles, to sharing fishing trips, golf games, and countless stories as an adult, Frank embraced life with humor, curiosity, and joy. He was never without a tale to tell or a laugh to share.

Frank is survived by his daughters Laura Winick (Mike), Mariea Heeringa (Jim), and Patricia Hensen (Mark); his grandchildren Aaron Winick (Audrie), Frank Heeringa (Rebecca), Tessa Heeringa (Allen), Joel Morgan (Huda), and Kolin Morgan (KayLee); and his great-grandchildren Daniel, Phoebe, and Donovan Heeringa, Sara Morgan, and Cash (Heeringa) Bibler. He is also survived by his siblings Lynne Baker, Jerry Dutmers (Ginny), and Christine Sanfilippo (Dominic); many nieces and nephews; and his loving companion, Barbara O'Brian of Venice, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Peri Hoebeke, his parents Frank and Rosa Lee Hoebeke; his in-laws Jerry and Fran Dutmers; his brother Raymond Hoebeke; and brother-in-law Nick Baker.

Frank will be remembered for his devotion to family, his generosity of spirit, his sense of humor, and the love he shared with so many. Frank always said, "I've lived a charmed life."

As per his wishes, Frank has been cremated. The family will gather to celebrate his life at St. Patrick's Church, 4351 Parnell Ave., N.E. Ada, Michigan 49301, on Wednesday September 3, 2025, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service, and a luncheon will be served immediately following.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Rapids Kiwanis Foundation in Frank's memory at 2318 Holtman Dr. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org

Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisGrandRapidsNorth)

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POPULAR MOVIES AND TV SHOWS THAT HAVE NAME-CHECKED KIWANIS AND KEY CLUB OVER THE YEARS.

Kiwanis International has been serving the children of the world for over a century — and in that time, it has permeated popular culture as well. In movies, TV and written fiction, the presence of a Kiwanis club succinctly tells the audience that the setting is a community that helps out its less fortunate members. Characters might say they are Kiwanians to indicate a dedication to service or a thriving social life. Or they might mention an affiliation with Key Club to indicate that they are high achievers involved in their schools and communities.

Part one of the series is in the [February](#) edition of the newsletter. **There are a total of 10 in the series.** Look for more in the coming months.

“The Andy Griffith Show” (1960-1968)

In season eight, episode 21, the fictional small town of Mayberry, North Carolina, U.S., becomes the unlikely host of a summit meeting between Russian and American diplomats. Former police deputy Barney Fife (Don Knotts) immediately names **“The Kiwanis club meeting hall”** among the best options for the location — although it ultimately takes place in the home of Sheriff Andy Taylor (Andy Griffith).



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Employment Coaching

Hours Total — 4

Members Involved — 1

Creston Neighborhood Gardens

Hours Total - 5

Members Involved - 1

First Tee

Hours Total — 3

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 15

Key Club

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

Children served — 40

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“Success is nothing more than a few simple disciplines, practiced every day.” — Jim Rohn

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.” — Mark Twain

“War does not determine who is right - only who is left.” — Bertrand Russell

“If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.” — Jim Rohn



Money Donated

Horse driving School

\$1,100

Family Futures

\$650

September



16 Bruce Warber

18 Tim Breadon

18 Marilyn Perski

Kiwanis Trivia

Just the Facts

As of Oct 2024 Kiwanis has 448,509 adult and youth members, 14,346 adult and youth clubs in 83 nations. Each year, the Kiwanis family of clubs raises \$433 million and devotes more than 7.1 million hours to service. The Kiwanis family of clubs conduct more than 516,000 Projects. Since 2021, Kiwanis clubs have raised almost \$1.3 billion. The average Kiwanian impacts the lives of 98 children.