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GRAND RAPIDS



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September 2025

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

Future Programs/Events

October 7 Installation of Officers Lt. Gov. See Marzolf
October 14 Craig Talsma Mission Aviation Fellowship
October 14 Board Meeting
October 21 Weekly Meeting
October 23 & 24 Terrific Kids
October 28 Weekly Meeting



Dr. James Fahner provided the club with an update from the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The hospital continues to expand and grow. The hospital is one place that never says 'NO' to children and families. They will always find a way to help every child that needs care. He also gave updates on new treatments and research with cancer and other diseases.

Secretary Linda Paige gave Dr. Fahner our annual check of \$3,000 for the We Do Care GR fund, which our own Frank Archer and Bob Olson founded in 1986. The fund helps families with things like gas money, groceries, bus passes, hotels, and even childcare. Their annual golf outing raised over \$25,000 for the first time ever!



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.

MORE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Instead of the normal in person speaker we decided to have a video presentation and the club voted to hear "Overcoming the illusion of division in America" by Monica Harris.



Tom Kozura with the FAA discussed the aircraft incident and accident investigations in the state of Michigan. His focus was on this fiscal year but he also discussed a few of his memorable events over the past decade.

Marilyn Kehr with Family Futures talked about how they help children during the first five years of a child's life, which are critical for development. They provide resources, education and support to parents and caregivers. They have 10,000 children from Kent County connected to their programs.



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

Noorthoek Big Stop Walk

Pat Newcombe participated in the [Noorthoek Academy](#) Big Step Walk. The Kiwanis Aktion Club members are part of the Noorthoek Academy. This fundraiser brings in money to support the academy, which provides an affordable college experience, offering continuing education in the arts and sciences for adults with learning challenges and other intellectual disabilities in partnership with Grand Rapids Community College. They raised over \$60,000 and had a magnificent day celebrating their favorite Champions .



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 Flash” (2014-2023)

Key Club prides itself on helping students develop into tomorrow’s leaders. In the universe of “The Flash” TV series, it may have even helped one of them develop into a superhero. When Barry Allen (Grant Gustin) —a.k.a. The Flash— temporarily loses his memory in season three, episode 21, his fiancée, Iris West (Candice Patton), reminds him that he was a member of his high school’s **Key Club**, along with the science club, astronomy club, anime club and yearbook staff. A true hero, Barry was helping others even before he acquired his super speed.



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 5

Noorthoek Academy Big Step Walk

Hours Total — 12

Members Involved — 1

SLP Members—5

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.— Thomas A. Edison

A hospital bed is a parked taxi with the meter running.— Groucho Marx

If you believe in something, you need to bravely struggle for those ideas. Do not flee from them or try and suppress them.— Unk

Learn how to be happy with what you have while you pursue all that you want.
— Jim Rohn

Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical.—Yogi Berra

TWERKING IS ACTUALLY IN THE DICTIONARY NOW.



KIDS NEED KIWANIS

Money Donated

**Noorthoek Academy
Big Sep Walk**
\$1000

October



03 Wes Roth
22 Ormal Saathoff
28 Jerry Swett

Kiwanis Trivia

Kiwanis International's official publication has appeared continuously since 1917. It was first called "The Kiwanis Club." Two other titles, "The Hornet" and "The Torch," were tried in 1918–20, but quickly abandoned for the simple descriptive title "The Kiwanis Magazine." In 1976, this was further abbreviated to "Kiwanis magazine."