



# Kiwanis®

## GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

December 2024

### CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAY PARTY

Brenda Eller, President  
Linda Paige, Secretary  
Sarah Pastoor, Treasurer  
Linda Paige, Editor

#### Future Programs/Events

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| <b>January 6</b><br>Megan Erskine<br>Catherine's Health Center     |
| <b>January 13</b><br>Linda Paige<br>2025 Kiwanis<br>Year in Review |
| <b>January 13</b><br>Board Meeting                                 |
| <b>January 20</b><br>Regular Meeting                               |
| <b>January 22 &amp; 23</b><br>Terrific kids                        |
| <b>January 27</b><br>Regular Meeting                               |



Potential new member, Justin Balczak with [Prime Edge Media](#), came to speak about his business. He has a social media marketing system that helps businesses in the competitive marketplace. They create tailored content that makes a brand standout. Strategic consistency to keep the brand in the public eye and messaging that is clear and engaging, turning viewers into customers.

Secretary Linda Paige gave the annual Kiwanis Your Protection Training. As the premier provider of youth service clubs and programs, Kiwanis International holds itself and its members to the highest standards of conduct and awareness. Kiwanis members must know how to protect the youth with whom we interact. When we all share this commitment, we also protect ourselves and the organization we value.



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**

**January**

03 Donna & Bruce Warber



#### 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.

## “QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

*“Blessed is the sedason which engages the whole world ina conspiracy of love.” - Hamilton Wright Mabie*

*“If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts, but if he will content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.”- Francis Bacon*

## SUMMING UP THE BENEFITS OF KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP



If you have so much to share about Kiwanis that it’s hard to give it shape, emphasize these points.

**By Tony Knoderer**

For all the great things you can share about Kiwanis, it’s never a bad idea to have a quick list of overarching reasons for joining. Consider stressing the personal benefits we share with new members when they receive their welcome message from Kiwanis International:

- **Meaningful impact.** Kiwanis empowers you to make a tangible difference in your community.
- **Personal growth.** Kiwanis offers a place to enhance your skills and self-confidence — with opportunities for leadership development, public speaking and project management.
- **Investment in the future.** As part of an organization that improves the health and well-being of children and their communities, you help create global citizens who are better equipped for success.
- **Global network.** The Kiwanis family connects you with like-minded individuals worldwide, fostering friendships, collaborations and cross-cultural experiences.

We are on the web: [kiwanisgrandrapids.org](http://kiwanisgrandrapids.org)

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

Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/kiwanisgr)

## CLUB SERVICE RECAP

### **Terrific Kids**

Hours Total — 6

Members Involved — 6

### **Employment Coaching**

Hours Total — 4

Members Involved — 1

### **Tutoring at Palmer**

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

### **Kids at Christmas**

Hours Total — 170

Members Involved — 14

### **Salvation Army**

#### **Bell Ringing**

Hours Total — 12

Members Involved — 11

### **Forest Hills Northern**

#### **Key Club**

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved — 1

## **Money Donated**

### **Key Club**

\$2600

## **Salvation Army**

### **Bell Ringing**

**We raised \$853.21 in the kettle**



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Bruce



Katie &  
Sarah



Brenda  
& Larry



Bill &  
Larry



Marilyn  
& Ron

## **Kiwanis Trivia**

Until 1962, Kiwanis clubs were limited to the United States and Canada. But club delegates to the 1961 convention in Toronto approved the extension of Kiwanis to the rest of the world. In April 1962, the Kiwanis Club of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, became the first club to be organized outside the two founding nations.

# 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 **40 families** with a total of **110 children**.



## 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.

### “M\*A\*S\*H” (1982)

In season 10, episode 16, the refrigerators are too full to accommodate more blood for transfusions. “Back home at the **Kiwanis picnic**,” Potter remembers, “we used to put the beer in the creek.” So he suggests trying something similar as a temporary storage option.

