



Kiwanis® GRAND RAPIDS

<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

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Brenda Eller, President
Linda Paige, Secretary
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Linda Paige, Editor
Future Programs/Events

December 9 Kristy Blackmore Paws with a Cause
December 16 Madeline Langlois FHN Key Club
December 18 & 19 Terrific Kids
December 23 No Meeting Merry Christmas
December 30 No Meeting Happy New Year
January 6 Megan Erskine Catherine's Health Center



PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Virginia Scholtan with [Young At Heart GR](#) talked about their senior enrichment programs. They are supported in part by the Kent County Senior Millage. They welcome adults over 55 to engage with others and enrich their lives. They offer activities like Tai Chi, woodcarving, cooking, and cultural events.

On this Veterans Day we viewed two videos that commemorate the bravery, valor and dedication of Veterans to this country.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrDJvwAnDok>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARSOrBOb1Zk>



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



Sgt. Joy Matthews with the Kent County Mounted Unit <https://www.kentcountymi.gov/1269/Mounted-Unit> spoke about the history of the patrol and their various missions. They enforce laws, perform crowd control to maintain public safety, conduct search and rescue missions, and increase community policing effectiveness through high visibility with officers on horseback.

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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 in person speaker, this Thanksgiving week our president suggested this TED Talk:
Volunteering - the beneficial side effects
<https://www.ted.com/talks/>



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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.

“M*A*S*H” (1983)

While stationed in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the 1950-1953 Korean War, Colonel Sherman T. Potter (Harry Morgan) tries his best to spread the spirit of service he saw in the **Kiwanis** club(s) of his hometown in Hannibal, Missouri, U.S. In season nine, episode five, a Christmas meal for soldiers and refugees is stolen from a supply convoy, but Potter rallies his unit to share the contents of their care packages from home, saying, “We got the makings of a great buffet — just like the smorgasbord down at the **Kiwanis** back home.”



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total—10

Members Involved — 10

Creston Neighborhood Gardens

Hours Total — 17

Members Involved — 1

Non members—5

LIFT Program

Hours Total — 2

Members Involved—1

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“This land, which we have watered with our tears and our blood, is now our mother country, and we are well satisfied to stay where wisdom abounds and gospel is free.” — Richard V Allen

“Every step forward, no matter how small is still progress.”

Spread cheer in your club and community with gifts from the Kiwanis Family Store. Shop drinkware, hats, gloves and scarves:

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MONEY DONATED

LIFT Christmas Store

\$2000

Salvation Army

\$350

KI of MI Foundation

\$765

KI Foundation

\$365

Kent Hills SOAR Store

\$120

December



02 Craig Avery

04 Brenda Eller

10 Larry Goodlander

25 Bob Mills

Kiwanis Trivia

Aktion Club is a community-service club for adults living with disabilities. Aktion Club allows members to develop initiative and leadership skills in serving their communities while enabling their integration into society.