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GRAND RAPIDS



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April 2025

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

Future Programs/Events

May 6

Amy Urick - Earl O'Brien
Memorial Fishing Derby

May 13

Clara Berry & Symone Gray
Possible Circle K
Calvin University

May 13

Board Meeting

May 14

Noorthoek Academy
End of Year Celebration

May 20

Annual Meeting
Election of Officers

May 23 & 29

Terrific kids

May 27

Bill Weitzel
B-24 Plant



Kim Madsen with [Goodwill of Greater Grand Rapids](#) spoke about their programs beyond the store locations, which have expanded to online shopping. They have eleven programs in West Michigan that provide skill training and personal growth. Ninety cents of every dollar goes toward their mission.

For today we listened to the [Golden Moments of Paul Harvey](#), an American icon and national treasure.



In honor of tax day and the many who procrastinate about filing them, we had a TED talk from [Tim Urban, "Inside the Mind of a Procrastinator"](#).

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



Matt Diener is the State Director for [Michigan Fellowship of Christian Athletes](#). He talked about the summer camp at Spring Arbor University. Their vision is to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. They have more than 500 athletes, 100 volunteer coaches from 112 schools in Michigan. Our club provides scholarships for students to attend.

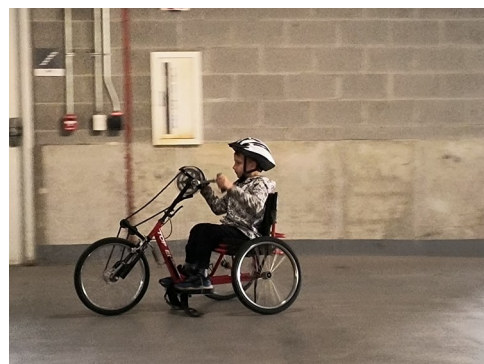
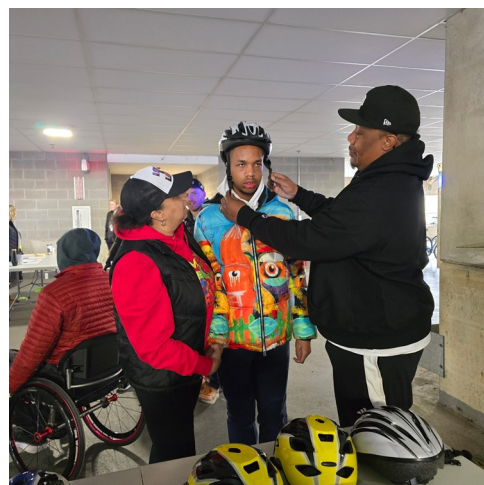
Several members from the Forest Hills Northern Key Club <https://fhnkeyclub.com/> attended the Kiwanis meeting. The club is only two years old and they had 60 members this year. RJ and Maddy talked about their community projects this year. They made gift boxes and 100 blankets for kids at the Salvation Army GR Kroc Center. They also helped younger children with their Reading for a Reason project.



We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org
Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](#)

Bikes for the Rest of Us

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids worked with [Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital](#) and their [Bikes for the Rest of Us](#) event. We purchased and fit bike helmets for their participants. This is a great program matching adults and children with disabilities to specialized, adaptive bikes. The club fit and handed out 48 helmets and left more with the hospital for them to use during the year. See more about their event here: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/957408351963177>



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.

“Frasier” (1993-2004)



In season six, episode 19, Niles Crane (David Hyde Pierce) mentions that he was a member of Key Club at his fictional alma mater, Bryce Academy. Niles admits that he initially joined Key Club — along with chess club and drama club — out of a sense of competitiveness with his older brother, Frasier (Kelsey Grammer). However, its principles may have benefited him in the long run — he went on to help others in his profession as a psychiatrist.



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 10

Children served—50

Mary Free Bed Bikes for the Rest of Us

Hours Total - 20

Members Involved - 4

Nonmembers—2

Children Served - 48

Creston Neighborhood
Garden Cleanup

Hours Total - 10

Members Involved - 2

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

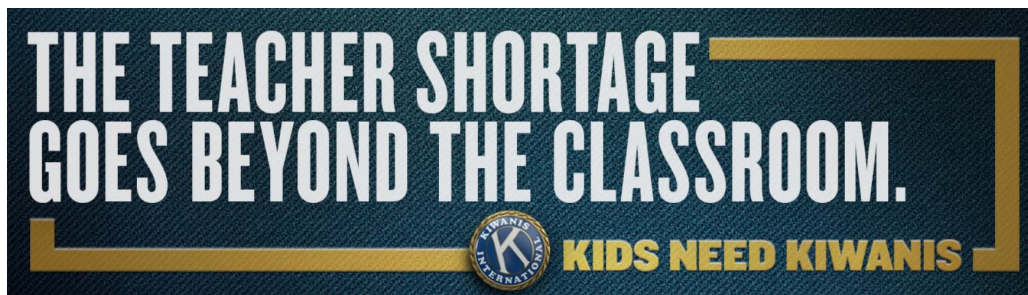
“The starting point of all achievement is desire.” - Napoleon Hill

“If there is a 50-50 chance that something can go wrong, then 9 times out of ten it will.” - Paul Harvey

“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.” - Wayne Gretzky

“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.” - Sanskrit Proverb

“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.” - Stephen Hawking



May



2 Quincy & Mike Quast

22 Sandi & Jerry Swett

Kiwanis Trivia

Key Club International is Kiwanis' oldest and largest continuing youth-service program. The first Key Club ("for key boys") was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento, California, in 1925. The concept of a service club for high school (or secondary students ages 14–18) spread to other Kiwanis clubs, and Key Club became an official program of Kiwanis International in 1942. Today, more than 250,000 young men and women belong to Key Clubs in more than 5,000 high schools throughout the U.S., Canada, and a growing number of other nations. Key Club International is run largely by its members, who conduct conventions and elect officers each year at the district and international levels.