



Kiwanis®

GRAND RAPIDS

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July 2025

Dan Williams, President
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Future Programs/Events

August 5

Bruce Oosterhouse Mike
Rowe Path to Careers

August 12

Ben Swayze
Kent County Parks

August 12

Board Meeting

August 19

Bill Weitzel
B-24 Plant presentation

August 26

Weekly Meeting

September 2

Weekly Meeting

September 9

Dr. Fahner
We Do Care

September 9

Board Meeting

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



Jeff Travis works with the [Historical Society of Michigan](#) in the Outreach department. They are a nonprofit established in 1828. They connect Michigan's past to its residents and organizations with numerous programs and workshops during the year.



Eric Drugotch with Revive Environmental Technology - <https://revive-environmental.com/> gave us an overview of the "forever chemicals" known as PFOS, PFAS or PFOA among others. His company works to remove and breakdown these chemicals into an inert substance. They have two central processing locations and seven mobile processors.

Jen Groters with the [Michigan Horse Driving School](#) talked about her unique school and summer camp program. She has 30 miniature horses on her 10 acre farm near Saranac. Her team works with 30-40 children every year. Miniature horses and carts are the means used to teach the unique skill of cart driving while quietly instilling virtues and teaching lifelong values.



Ben Glisson and Tyce Clement from [Michigan FCA](#) talked about the summer camp for Athletes at Spring Arbor University. This is one of the few multi-sport camps in the country. This year they had 560 students attend. The coaches relate biblical principles to excelling in sports and life.



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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

Michael Schut from the [The Mackinac Center for Public Policy](#) spoke about the organization and how they work to shape public economic policy using their principles of free markets and limited government. They are nonpartisan and do not promote any person or political party and to not weigh in on social issues.



ST ALPHONSUS SUPPER HOUSE



The Kiwanis club had two successful nights serving food at the [North End Community Ministry/St. Alphonsus Parish - Grand Rapids Supper House](#). The Kiwanians, and their family members served on one night.



Two members from Forest Hills Northern Key Club <https://fhnkeyclub.com> pitched in to help on the second date.

This is a very worthy place to spend our time. Everyone was so grateful to see us and we made a difference in the community.

John LaPorte received this note of gratitude

"A heartfelt thank you to your wonderful team of volunteers. We had a nice turnout and a fantastic meal. Your volunteers shared our guests feedback - thank you

Sure hope they enjoyed their meal, too!

Appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our community, Supper House, and North End Community Mission.

Together we make a difference!

See you again, soon!

Many blessings to you all!

Karen Stahl

NE Supper House Coordinator"

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

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

Saint Alphonsus Church/ NECM Supper House

Serve dinner to community members

Hours Total— 36

Members involved—7

Nonmembers—3

Key Clubbers—2

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world.” — Buddha

“Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.” — Jim Rohn

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” — Confucius

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” — Benjamin Franklin

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” — Albert Einstein



August



6 Julia & John La Porte
14 Sandy & Larry Goodlander
26 Sarah & Scott Pastoor

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."