



# Kiwanis®

## GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

June 2024

### PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

#### Future Programs/Events

**July 9**  
**SPECIAL MEETING AT**  
New City Neighbors

**July 16**  
John Helmholdt  
Ready By Five

**July 23**  
Michelle Hatfield  
St. Alphonsus Parish

**July 30**  
Regular Meeting

**July 30**  
St Alphonsus  
Supper House

**August 6**  
Steve Rogal

**August 13**  
Michaela Krull  
Storehouse

**August 20**  
Regular 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**



John Helmholdt with [Destination Kent](#) visited the club to talk about the ballot proposal to increase the tax on hotel/motel stays. The funds could be used for the new amphitheater, soccer Stadium and Aquarium. This will allow visitors to help fund these projects.

Our own Bill Weitzel gave a talk on memory. He spoke about how the memory works and the different types of memory. He discussed the decline in memory as we age and ways to stay active and keep the brain healthy.



Dr. James Fahner provided the club with an update from the [Helen DeVos Children's Hospital](#). The hospital continues to expand and grow. President Dan Williams gave Dr. Fahner our annual check of \$3,000 for the We Do Care fund, which our own Frank Archer founded in 1986. The fund helps families with things like gas money, groceries, bus passes, hotels, and even childcare.

#### 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 PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Several members from the Forest Hills Northern Key Club <https://fhnkeyclub.com/> attended the meeting. They updated us on several of their projects helping children. They provided gift boxes and made 80 blankets to children at the GR Kroc Center. They look forward to another successful year helping the children in West Michigan.



Kiwanis International President

## ELECTION RESULTS FROM ICON



Lee Kuan Yong (Malaysia)

Kiwanis International President Elect—  
Michael Mulhaul (New Jersey)



Kiwanis International Vice President  
Hope Markes - Jamaica

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

## CLUB SERVICE RECAP

### First Tee

Hours Total — 22.5

Members Involved — 1

Nonmembers — 2

Children served — 15

## “QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

*“I have a memory like an elephant. I remember every elephant I've ever met.” -*

Herb Caen

*“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt*

*“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.” -Angela Schwindt*

*“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.” —Steve jobs*



## July



2 John LaPorte

26 Mary and Bruce Oosterhouse

31 Stacey & Tim Breadon



## Kiwanis Trivia

The first Kiwanis headquarters, a two-room office, was opened in Chicago in 1918. Kiwanis continued to rent larger and larger offices in the “Windy City” until 1957, when the first Kiwanis International building was dedicated. This building served Kiwanis for 25 years, until the organization outgrew the space. In 1982, the sale of the property allowed construction of a larger building in Indianapolis—a site with lower costs and greater convenience than downtown Chicago.