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GRAND RAPIDS



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May 2025

Dan Williams, President
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Future Programs/Events

June 3 Evren Erhan
June 10 Forrest Hills Northern Key Club Officers
June 10 Board Meeting
June 17 Bill Weitzel has a speaker
June 24 Dr Fahner We Do Care
July 1 Bruce Oosterhouse Mike Rowe talk in Detroit
July 8 Jeff Travis Historical Society of Michigan

The club meets every
Tuesday from 11:30AM
to 12:30PM.

Shots on the River

5760 W River Dr NE,
Belmont, MI 49306

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**Always remember—
#KidsNeedKiwanis**

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



Amy Urick from the Tri-Cities Kiwanis club came in to talk about the Earl O'Brien Memorial Fishing Derby. <https://f12.site.kiwanis.org/fishing/> The derby raises money for children's hospitals. In the last 21 years they have donated over \$700,000. They take sick children from local hospitals on a roughly 6 hour fishing trip. Watch a video of the event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E125Of0zXg>

Still fishing for hospitalized kids!

Earl O'Brien Memorial FISHING DERBY

Main Event: Thursday May 22, 2025
Additional events available in June and July, by sponsor preference and/or Patient VIP need.

Boats Depart at 6:00 a.m. from Chinook Pier, Grand Haven and return by Noon for Fish Weigh-In, Lunch, Program and Prizes

Chinook Sponsor — \$5,000
Three boats holding up to 18 participants.

Atlantic Sponsor — \$3,500
Two boats holding up to 12 participants.

Coho Sponsor — \$2,000
One boat holding up to 6 participants.

Pink Salmon Sponsor — \$1,000
Up to 3 participants; no boat choice.

Patient VIP Boat Sponsor — \$2,000
For 3 patients and their adult chaperones.

Patient VIP Benefactor — \$600
Sponsor 1 patient and adult chaperone.

Recruit a new sponsor and both will receive \$200 off!
Sponsors may donate one or more boats to Patient VIPs. Additional donations or gifts are gladly accepted.

Sponsorships must be received no later than two weeks in advance of event date. Boats are chartered and assigned based on paid sponsor request whenever possible. All boat sponsorships must register in advance.

See website for complete rules and prize eligibility.

For further info, sponsorship form, donation options, photos of past events and more...
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Frequently Asked Questions

How old is this event? 21 years! Earl held the first "Sportfishing Tourney" on June 2, 2005. We've been fishing non-stop ever since, sometimes twice a year, even through covid.

How much has it raised? We are proud to report that we have donated \$733,873.16 to children's hospitals since 2005.

Where does that money go? Originally, the event was a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. However, it didn't take long to bring our focus closer to home! Every penny raised goes to Child Life Programs at Michigan children's hospitals.

Which hospitals are supported?
1. CS Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor
2. Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit
3. Mary Free Bed Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Grand Rapids (specifically MFB Kids and Youth Adaptive Sports)
4. Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Grand Rapids

What is "Child Life" and why is it important?
Child Life programs directly impact the well being of children undergoing treatment. Certified Child Life Specialists hold degrees in child development, psychology, education or therapeutic recreation. Their work focuses on reducing fear, anxiety and pain for hospitalized children and accelerating healing through play, distraction, therapy and education.

Child Life programs are funded entirely through grants and donations.

What is the "Child Life" and why is it important?
As the story goes, a grandfather was visiting his ailing granddaughter in the children's ward of the University of Michigan Hospital (now C.S. Mott Children's Hospital). Although she was receiving excellent medical care, he saw that her educational and childhood needs were not being met. He wanted more for his granddaughter.

Thanks to his efforts, in 1922 the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor established a school and recreation program for the children's units in the hospital. That program evolved to become the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, combining the fundraising efforts of all Michigan Kiwanians.

Who fishes in the derby? Both paid sponsors and "Patient VIPs" can fish in our event. Sponsors can choose to fill their boat with up to six of their own participants—employees, associates, friends or family—or donate their boat to Patient VIPs of the children's hospitals.

The grand prize is awarded to the angler of the largest fish by weight in each category. Sponsors and VIPs. Additional prizes are awarded by drawing. A dockside hot dog lunch is served.

What boats participate? We charter boats from Chinook Pier in Grand Haven unless a paid sponsor requests a specific charter boat.

Expansion is always an option! We would happily send anglers from any Michigan port, on any professional charter boat, for any type of fishing, grants and donations.

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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



Clara Berry, Symone Gray and Eric Stezowski came in to talk about starting a new Circle K club at Calvin University. Symone is a student at Calvin and a former Key Club member. She already has several students interested in starting the club. Clara is currently the Circle K Governor and a student at Western Michigan University, while Eric is the current District Administrator for Circle K.

Instead of the normal speaker we decided to have a video presentation and the club voted to hear A free world needs satire by Patrick Chappatte.

<https://youtu.be/MIGtyaVb2Xc>



NOORTHOEK ACADEMY



We love when students like Brandon spread the word about Noorthoek Academy to our leaders in Washington DC.

Our newest honorary degree scholars! - <https://mailchi.mp/.../our-newest-honorary-degree-scholars>



We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org
 Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Grand-Rapids-North)
 Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/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 King of Queens” (1998-2007)



In the first episode, Doug Heffernan’s (Kevin James) father-in-law, Arthur Spooner (Jerry Stiller), moves in with him. When Doug finds out Arthur is planning to invite his **Kiwanis club** over after numerous hijinks have already disrupted the day, he lays down a series of house rules — including “no parties” and “**no Kiwanis.**” But Doug shouldn’t worry about Kiwanians in his home: The sitcom’s setting is Queens, New York, U.S., so Arthur is probably a member of the perfectly reputable **Kiwanis Club of Lefferts-Liberty, Queens County.**



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 9

Members Involved — 9

Children served—50

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

I used to say, “I sure hop things will change.” Then I learned that the only way things are going to change for me is when I change. - Jim Rhon

“If it is to be , it is up to me.” - William H. Johnsen

“If you really want to do sometning, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.” - Jim Rhone

“A room withour book is like a body without a soul.” - Marcus Tullius Cicero



June



3 Bruce Oosterhouse 17 Chris & Pat Newcombe
22 Bill Weitzel 20 Priscilla & Ron Karelse



Kiwanis Trivia

Circle K International is the premiere collegiate service organization in the world. Based on the tenets of service, leadership and fellowship, CKI develops college and university students into responsible citizens and leaders who have a lifelong commitment to service. CKI clubs are organized on a university campus and sponsored by a local Kiwanis club. CKI is a self-governing organization and elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings and determines its own service activities. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to meet other students.