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GRAND RAPIDS



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February 2026

ROSE PARADE HAPPY TOGETHER

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

March 3 Steve Marzolf Lt. Gov. Div 14
February 10 Regular Meeting
February 10 Board Meeting
March 14 Kiwaniis ONE West Olive, MI
February 17 Regular Meeting
February 24 Regular Meeting
March 26 & 27 Terrific kids



Kristy Blackmore from [Paws With A Cause[®]](#) brought Chewy to our meeting and talked about the organization and all the people they help. Started in Grand Rapids and are headquartered in Wayland with a network in more than 20 states. They can provide personal dogs for individuals and also facility dogs for schools, hospitals and workplaces.

Sister Adriana Gazzera from the Consolata Missionary Sisters <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564576792996> <https://consolatasisters.org/> spoke



about their mission and specifically their school in Djibouti. The School for All is for physically and mentally disabled children. They have between 25-30 students.

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—
#KidsNeedKiwaniis

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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.

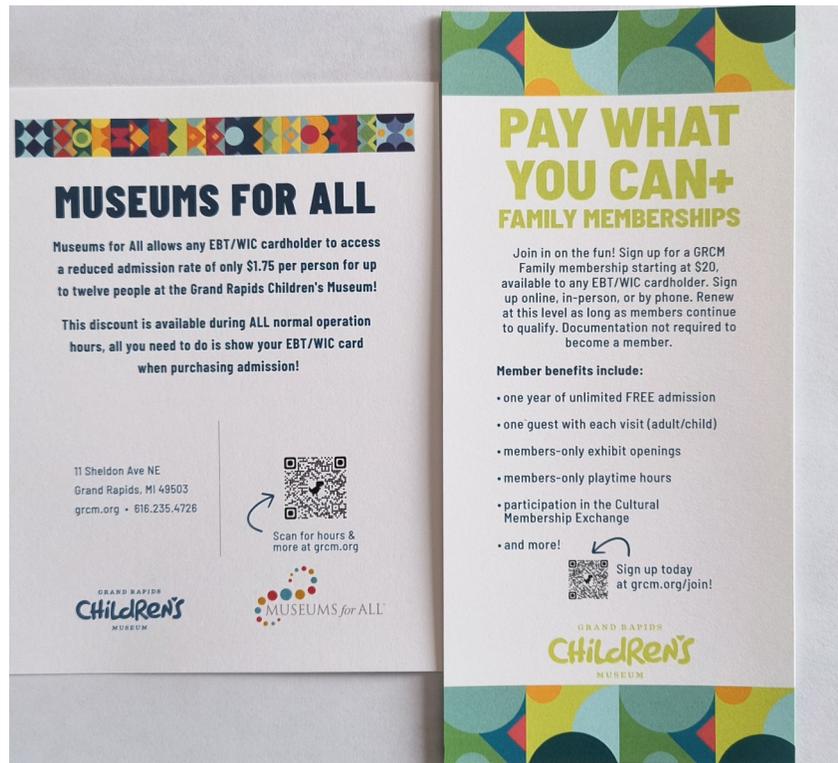
- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, 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.

OTHER PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



Our speakers this week were Maggie Lancaster and Nicolette Chambery from the [Grand Rapids Children's Museum](#). They gave us an overview of the museum with an emphasis on the

Museums for All and Pay What you Can Family Memberships. They partner with other local museums with reduced admission rates to encourage attendance by people of all income levels.



March



17 Pat Newcombe

21 Linda Paige

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

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 5

Children served—50

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“One ought every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.” - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” - Abraham Lincoln

“Politicians are like diapers. They both should be changed often—and for the same reason.”

2026-2027 MICHIGAN DISTRICT GOVERNORS



Congratulations to Maddy Langlois. The Key Club members of the Michigan District voted her to be the next Key Club Governor. The Forest Hills Northern Club is less than 3 years old and they have already produced two Lt. Governors and one Governor!

The 2026-2027 Michigan District Governors!

L to R:

Maddy Langlois - Key Club

Jumana Kamalaldin - Circle K

Eric Stezowski - Kiwanis

Please join us in congratulating these incoming leaders!

KIWANIS DAY OF GIVING

The Fourth Kiwanis Day of Giving was a success. On February 25 the Kiwanis Children’s Fund exceeded their goal and raised almost \$157,000. This is enough to impact the lives of nearly 70,000 children.



Kiwanis Trivia

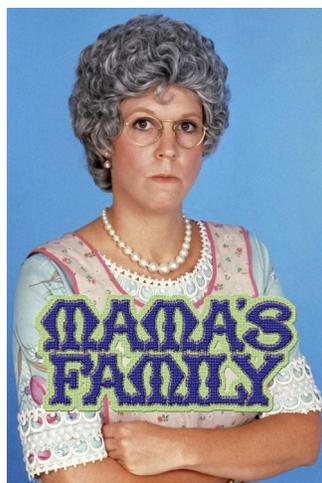
Kiwanis is not a “professional classification” organization. Any number of members from a particular business or profession can belong to a Kiwanis club. Of course, each club should strive to represent a broad spectrum of its community.

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 2025](#) edition of the newsletter. There numerous mentions and more keep popping up. Watch the monthly newsletter for more.

“Mama’s Family” (1983-1990)



The **Kiwanis Club of Raytown Three Trails, Missouri**, U.S., is an active presence in the lives of Thelma “Mama” Harper (Vicki Lawrence) and her family. In the premiere episode of season three, Mama’s Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Don are unable to attend the funeral of her sister, Frannie (Rue McClanahan), because they are attending the **Kiwanis picnic**. In episode 23 of the same season, her son, Vinton (Eric Brown), is invited to join the Mystic Order of the Cobra, which she describes as consisting of “the rejects who couldn’t get into the Kiwanis.” Unlike Kiwanians, the fictional Cobras don’t seem to incorporate a service component. Finally, in season six, episode three, Vinton’s wife, Naomi (Dorothy Lyman), reminisces about her first date with her husband, which took place on a **Kiwanis hayride**.