



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

March 2026

### PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

**Brenda Eller**, President  
**Linda Paige**, Secretary  
**Sarah Pastoor**, Treasurer  
**Linda Paige**, Editor

#### Future Programs/Events

<b>April 14</b> Steve Ozinga Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids
<b>April 21</b> Regular Meeting
<b>April 23 &amp; 24</b> Terrific kids
<b>April 25</b> Bikes For the Rest of Us Mary Free Bed Hospital
<b>April 28</b> Regular Meeting

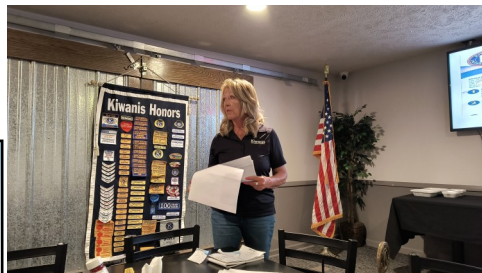


Lt. Gov. Steve Marzolf attended and gave us an update on some of the latest items in the Michigan District.

Dave Kelly was a featured speaker at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention talking about Pivotal Moments in Mentorship



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**



Brenda Eller gave two talks on the Kiwanis ONE (Ovation Networking Education) event that she attended.

**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.

## 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.

### “The Simpsons” (1989-present)



In season 29, episode 20 of “The Simpsons,” the Simpson family takes a trip to Denmark. Near the end of the episode, a woman who had previously been attracted to Homer Simpson (Dan

Castellaneta) forgets all about him to swoon over another set of tourists: members of the fictional **Kiwanis Club of Cheeseburg, Ohio, U.S.**



### April



4 Sarah Pastoor  
17 Dan Williams

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Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](#)  
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](#)

# March is Reading Month

For March is Reading Month, the Kiwanis club donated 12 bikes to 6 schools. They were used to encourage students to read. The schools displayed the bikes so the students would see them every day and remember to keep reading. The project was a huge success. At the conclusion the schools drew names to determine the winner of the bikes. The program benefited more than just the 12 winners of the bikes, all of the students in the quest for the prize became better readers. We were able to attend some of the celebrations and see the excitement on the faces of the students.



Cummings Elementary

Coit Creative Arts Academy



## CLUB SERVICE RECAP

### **Terrific Kids Awards**

Hours Total — 5

Members Involved — 5

### **March is Reading Month Bike Awards**

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 5

### **Key Club Mentoring**

Hours Total — 3

Members Involved — 3

### **Key Club Thirst Project**

Hours Total — 1

Members Involved — 1

## **“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”**

*“There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.” — Bernard Meltzer*

*“Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.” — Ronald Reagan*

*“I guess love distorts our perception of reality, and it's even harder to recognize the truth when it's buried underneath layers of what we imagine relationships should be like.” — Shannon M Mullen*

## **Money Donated**

### **GR Children's Museum**

\$1,000

### **March is Reading Month Bikes**

\$1,256

### **Mary Free Bed Bikes For the Rest of Us Helmets**

\$917.35



## **Kiwanis Trivia**

Every child should experience the joy of reading. Kiwanis members believe this and have long been dedicated to Kiwanis' Read Around the World program. What began as a month-long focus on reading to children has extended to year-round projects that encourage reading and get books into the hands of children everywhere.