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GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

June 2026

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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

Future Programs/Events

July 7 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
July 14 Weekly Meeting
July 14 Board Meeting
July 21 Ian MacNeil, Director of OLLI at Aquinas College
July 28 Weekly Meeting
August 5 Discussion and prep for Mill Creek Days
August 8 Mill Creek Days Kids Games
August 11 Weekly 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



At the meeting today we watched a Kiwanis video

<https://www.kiwanis.org/reaching-out-for-recruits/>.

Jan Maxwell, a district membership coordinator and former Kansas Governor, discusses a club-saving request for help with growth with Paul Palazzolo.

Mike Martin and his assistant Blair joined the club. Mike gave part one of a talk titled "Why the Beatles are worth remembering". They performed songs in popular culture that have staying power long after they are gone. These are centered on the themes of love, loss, hope and the meaning of life.



Jennifer Coffey is the Associate Director of Development for the Kiwanis Children's Fund. She spoke about how clubs can make grand requests for specific projects. The Possibility Project is a newer initiative to raise \$25 million over five years to have a positive impact on the lives of more than 10 million children.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/.../kiwanis.../possibility-project/>

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 MONTHLY PROGRAMS



Andrew Lamppa owns Built to Benefit. He works with companies across the country and helps them to stop simply managing and start leading by design. He talked about why we need to go beyond the simple "thank you" and make people feel truly appreciated and valued.

ELECTION RESULTS FROM ICON



Hope Markes of Hanover, Jamaica
Kiwanis International president

Cathy Szymanski of Wattsburg, Pennsylvania
Kiwanis International president-elect



Toto Gonzales of Pampanga, Philippines
Kiwanis International vice president

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Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisGrandRapidsNorth)
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 2025](#) edition of the newsletter. **There are a total of 16 in the series.** Look for more in the coming months.

“The Sopranos” (1999-2007)

In season six, episode six of “The Sopranos,” mobster Vito Spatafore (Joseph R. Gannascoli) flees his home in New Jersey, in fear of retaliation after he is seen in a gay bar. He takes refuge in the fictional town of Dartford, New Hampshire — a place that radiates safety, care and community, thanks in part to the Kiwanis logo attached to its welcome sign.

**THE
Sopranos**



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Hours Total — 20

Members Involved — 1

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill

“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.” Annie Dillard, *The Writing Life*

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” Aesop

“No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.” Alfred North Whitehead, English mathematician and philosopher



July



2 John LaPorte

26 Mary and Bruce Oosterhouse

31 Stacey & Tim Breadon



Kiwanis Trivia

In honor of our new president from Jamaica ...

The first Kiwanis Club in Jamaica, formed in March 1964.

As of 2026 there are 90 clubs on the island nation.