



Kiwanis®

GRAND RAPIDS



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Future Programs/Events

September 8

Bruce Oosterhouse
Flight 93 National Memorial

September 8

Board Meeting

September 15

Jerry Hough
ATC and Oshkosh AirVenture

September 22

Lt. Gov Steve Marzolf
Installation of Officers
Brenda GLC Recap

September 24 & 25

Terrific Kids

September 26

Noorthoek Academy
Big Step Walk

September 29

Claire Fisher
Alzheimer's Association

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**

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



At the Kiwanis meeting we listened to Phil Sweeney and Rick Stubblefield from We Do Care. We gave them our annual \$3,000 check to support the work the foundation does. It was founded by Kiwanians Bob Olson and Frank Archer in 1986. Their goal is

to make children with cancer smile.

MILL CREEK DAYS

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids had so much fun at the Mill Creek Days in Comstock Park. We had a blast playing games with the kids. All the kids who stopped by received a Terrific Kids sticker and a cookie.

We also talked to the adults about how important Kiwanis is for kids in the community.



Kids Need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Needs You



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.

LEGION OF HONOR AND HIXSON FELLOWSHIPS



The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids had a special evening event to celebrate two of our members. The evening started enjoying live music on the deck at Shots on the River followed by dinner.

This first honoree was Craig Avery who has a long history with the Kiwanis organization dating back to his high school days as a Key Clubber. We celebrated his 50 years as member of Kiwanis by presenting him with the Legion of Honor award.



Next we provided Dan Williams with a Hixson Fellowship. The club donated \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund in his honor. Dan served as president of the club three times. He, along with our treasurer Sarah Pastoor, volunteered to lead the fundraising efforts for Kids' Food Basket with several very successful golf outings.



At the Kiwanis meeting we provided Bruce Oosterhouse with a Hixson Fellowship. The club donated \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund in his honor. Bruce was a high school sports coach for many years and served with Fellowship of Christian Athletes since 1964.



Dan and Bruce are now one of 27 members dating back to 1994 to receive this honor. To date, Kiwanis has a total of 45,250 Hixson fellowships worldwide.

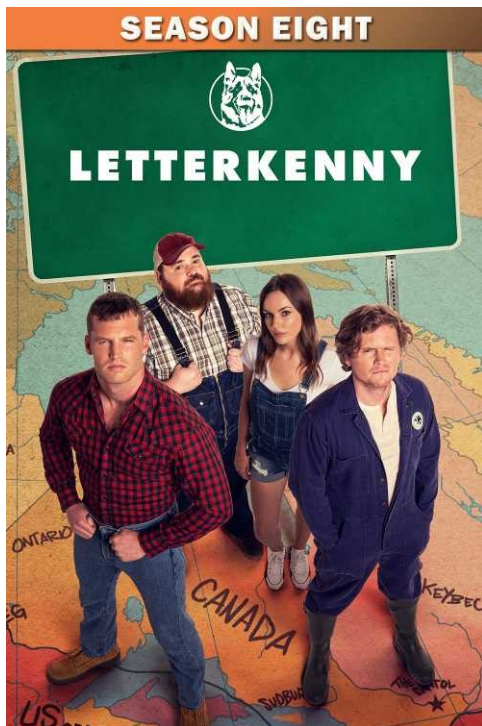
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Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Grand-Rapids-North)
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/kiwanisgr)

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 2025](#) edition of the newsletter.

“Letterkenny” (2016-2023)



The 5,000 people in the fictional town of Letterkenny, Ontario, Canada, have a lot of problems — but at least they have a Kiwanis club to help solve them. When the hockey players (Dylan Playfair and Andrew Herr) attempt to recruit farmer McMurray (Dan Petronijevic) to their new BROdude energy drink club in season eight, episode four, McMurray reveals he is already a member of several clubs, including Kiwanis and Canadian service organization [Kin Canada](#).

That’s all, folks! Or...is it?

We doubt this is the last we’ll see of Kiwanis in popular media. So if you want Kiwanis in Fiction to become a series, let us know the next time you hear the Kiwanis name or see the Kiwanis logo onscreen. Email shareyourstory@kiwanis.org or post on the [Kiwanis International group Facebook page](#).

CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Mill Creek Days

Hours Total — 45
Members Involved — 7
Nonmembers — 3

North End Community Ministry Supper House

Hours Total — 16
Members Involved — 6
Nonmembers — 2

Lifting Individuals for Today

Hours Total — 3.5
Members Involved — 1

Young At Heart

Hours Total — 8
Members Involved — 1

CNA Gardens

Hours Total — 2
Members Involved — 1

Money Donated

Hixson Awards Kiwanis Children's Fund

\$2,000

We Do Care

\$3,000

Noorthoek Big Step Walk

\$1,000

"QUOTABLE NOTABLES"

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY - SUPPER HOUSE



Another successful night serving food at the [North End Community Ministry](#) Supper House. The Kiwanians and their family members all pitched in to help, this is a very worthy place to spend our time. Everyone was so grateful to see us and we made a difference in the community.

September



6 Emily Clutter
16 Bruce Warber
18 Tim Breadon
18 Marilyn Perski

Kiwanis Trivia

Aktion Club is a community-service club for adults living with disabilities. Aktion Club allows members to develop initiative and leadership skills in serving their communities while enabling their integration into society. Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 7,200 members in over 400 clubs worldwide. George D. Swartout, Governor of Kiwanis International's Florida District, organized the first Aktion Club in 1987 in Putnam, Florida. The club idea then spread throughout the nation and on October 1, 2000, it became an official Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International.