



Kiwanis®

GRAND RAPIDS



<http://www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org>

September 2026

Brenda Eller, President
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Future Programs/Events

October 6

Lori's Voice
Rebecca Visser

October 13

Rebecca Taylor
SERVE GR

October 13

Board Meeting

October 20

David Burdo—West Michigan
Director for Chance Sports

October 27

Toni Kennedy Veteran 1st

September 29 & 30
Terrific Kids

November 3

Deputy Ryan Ykimoff
New bike path rules and
changes to the laws

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



Brian Elve from [Guiding Light Works](#) talked about the organization serving men struggling with addiction since 1929. A facility for women opened in 2024. They take no federal funding and do not duplicate the services offered by other organizations in the city. This long-term rehab provides a structured environment for recovery.

Kiwanis member Bruce Oosterhouse visited the [Flight 93 National Memorial](#) in Shanksville, PA. He discussed the event, and listed the names of those killed. He also shared stories of the last moments of the passengers as they called their family members before the crash.



Bruce also presented Linda with a 25th observance lapel pin.



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 PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



The speaker for our meeting was Jerry Hough, a retired Air Traffic Controller. He talked about Air Venture at Oshkosh and the flight operations. For one week every year Oshkosh is the busiest airport in the world. Jerry spoke about the 64 controllers that are

brought in to control the more than 300 planes per hour. For the week, more than 700,000 people and more than 10,000 planes attend, bringing in over 237 million to the local economy.

Nancy Hicks with the [Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter](https://www.alz.org/gmc) <https://www.alz.org/gmc>

spoke to our club about the disease. She discussed the warning signs and treatments that can slow the disease progression. She also provided resources for patients and family members.



Lt. Governor Steve Marzolf visited to install the officers, which are the same as last year. Most importantly he helped us welcome Emily Clutter to the club as our newest member. Emily already has a history with the Kiwanis family. She was the Michigan Circle K Governor and the president of her Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri.

WELCOME EMILY!



We are on the web: kiwanisgrandrapids.org
Facebook:: [Kiwanis Grand Rapids North](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisGrandRapidsNorth)
Twitter: [kiwanisgr](https://twitter.com/kiwanisgr)

Noorthoek Big Stop Walk

Pat Newcombe participated in the [Noorthoek Academy](#) Big Step Walk. The Kiwanis Aktion Club members are part of the Noorthoek Academy.



The Big Step Walk fundraiser brings in money to support the academy, which provides an affordable college experience, offering continuing education in the arts and sciences for adults with learning challenges and other intellectual disabilities in partnership with Grand Rapids Community College. They raised over **\$65,000** and had a magnificent day celebrating their favorite Champions .



CLUB SERVICE RECAP

Terrific Kids Awards

Hours Total — 10

Members Involved — 10

Noorthoek Academy Big Step Walk

Hours Total — 33

Members Involved — 1

SLP Members—9

“QUOTABLE NOTABLES”

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

“The measure of a man is shown by how well he builds up others in the community.” - Unknown

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” - Mahatma Gandhi

“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.” - Marian Wright Edelman

“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.” - Steve Jobs



October

Money Donated

NECM Super House
\$400



22 Ormal Saathoff

28 Jerry Swett

Kiwanis Trivia

Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. That's why Kiwanis International dedicates a week each year to youth protection. During this time, Kiwanis clubs should take the opportunity to conduct important youth protection training and evaluate the club's compliance.