



Allan Hudson

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Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation
Frank O. Staiger - Distinguished Kiwanian

I am excited to pay tribute to my Kiwanis friend Allan Hudson. I referred to him as Mike Wolfe from the television show American Pickers.

Allan Hudson was our very own Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation American Picker. He gathered ventage Kiwanis gum ball machines, cleaned them up, and auctioned them off. Much like Mike Wolfe of American Pickers, Al turned trash in treasure.

Restoring the ventage gum ball machines was only the first step. Next came his unique auctioneering skill. Al knew what to say, when to say it, and when to pause to let Kiwanians think. Who of us doesn't remember, Al beginning with.....when the grandchildren come over, it is the customary hugs and kisses and off the the gum ball machine.

Due to poor weather, we had a Spring Divisional with only twelve guests this past spring. Much to my surprise, Al got a gum ball machine out of the car and went on to raise \$300⁰⁰ for hospitalized children.

When others encourage Allan Hudson that he had raised enough money for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and that there were others needs in the Kiwanis Family that need his support....Allan remaind steadfast in his support of the mission of the Kiwanian of Michigan Foundation.

As a father and a grandfather, Al knew their is no feeling that can compare to have your own child or grandchild hospitalized and not knowing what the future holds for your child. The Kiwanis of Michigan through our partnerships with the Child and Family Life Departments helps in these dark days for families.

I am delighted with the over \$3,000⁰⁰ Al raised for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. I am excited to have known Allan Hudson, been touched by his generosity, and proud to call him my friend!



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