

KIWANIS CLUB OF GRAND HAVEN  
JANUARY 21, 2003

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven was officially chartered Tuesday, May 13, 1941, at a Charter Night Program held at the Spring Lake Country Club. The first president was Arthur F. Giesecking and Harvey L. Scholten was the first secretary and the charter membership was 38.

The Club first met at the Keefer's Restaurant which was located in the first block of Washington Avenue, and later torn down to make a parking lot! Then to the Methodist Church at the corner of Washington and Fourth, torn down to build the post office! February 22, 1961 home for the Club was in the Church of the Dunes and in 1995 a move to the First Presbyterian Church at Franklin and Fifth where the service of Kiwanis continued in the Tri Cities.

For more than 62 years Kiwanis has proudly served this community and its children in many progressive, and often innovative ways. The following is just a sampling of community services given by this Club:

- purchase of \$500.00 worth of "E" Bonds for underprivileged children's fund.
- sponsored a hard ball league
- sponsored Big Brother movement in conjunction with Rotary
- sponsored a Sea Scout Ship
- bought eggs for community Easter Egg Hunt
- sent two boys to Boy's State
- manned the Polio Plank for the march of Dimes every January, both in Grand Haven and Spring Lake.
- served dinner to the football team after each home game.
- sponsored two boys to Wolverine Boy's State. sent one or two children to
- a speech clinic for several years.
- in 1958 undertook the project of building a housing unit at the Boy Scout facility at Camp Kirk, and presented it to the Grand Valley Council.
- started a Hearing Aid bank
- provided 80 tickets for the enlisted men of the Mackinaw to attend the water festival (1962)
- built trail marker signs for Duncan's Woods
- entertained the new teachers of the TriCities Area
- assisted with the Boy Scout "Klondike Derby"
- made it possible for Junior High Students to attend Blue Lake Music Camp
- gave an appreciation dinner for the High School Band
- provided dental services to a needy school youngster
- contributed to the High School Choir Robe fund
- Hofma Park bike trails were planned and marked by a committee of the Kiwanis Club
- assisted in the Jobs for Teens program
- contributed to the YMCA building project bought a new movie screen for Grand Haven Senior High School
- assisted a refugee family in the area
- collected more than 700 pairs of glasses
- distributed Hospice information to area churches
- purchased 64 gifts for handicapped children provided Kiwanis Coloring books for hospitalized children
- purchased Dial-A-Ride tickets for the elderly
- contributed monies for healthful snacks for migrant children.
- on going Travelogue programs (those profits were often forwarded to local organizations to help children)
- ringing bells for the Salvation Army, a favorite of Kiwanians for decades
- Headstart play houses, for schools, churches
- Adopt a Highway project
- Shots for Tots involvement
- Iodine Deficiency Disorder world wide campaign
- Heritage Festival Hot Dog Sale
- Carnivals on Harbor Island
- Raised Funds for I.R.I.S. Project
- Provided scholarships for local students
- Contributed to Junior Achievement
- and so many more ways that we were able to work to make a difference in our communities.

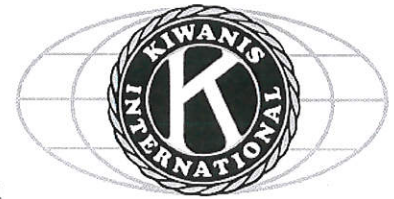
Being part of the international organization of Kiwanis has truly been a privilege and to represent this organization has led us to a growing awareness of need, caring, and giving to those for whom we have been able to make a difference, throughout our club, community, state, country and world wide. As we move on from here, may we always hold onto the pledge of a priority to the young child. Thank you for being here with us today God Bless you and your families and thank you for your ongoing support of Kiwanis and its message.

President David Deal, the Board of Directors and the general membership of Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven.

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## Museum and Library Respond to Gifts

The following letters were received at the end of January:

On behalf of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, I would like to thank the Kiwanis Club members for their generous donation of \$22,350. This money will be used for hands-on exhibits in our new location, the Akeley building.

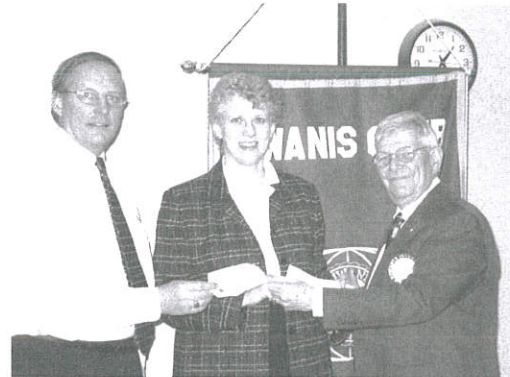
Children learn in a variety of ways. For some, reading is a means of gaining information. For others, listening, touching, smelling, and tasting are more beneficial and help a student better understand the message you are trying to convey. Exhibits that utilize all five senses reach a wider audience and accommodate the wide variety of children's learning styles.

A lack of space in our depot location has inhibited us from incorporating hands-on exhibits except those that are small and encompass little space. Your gift will allow us to bring a wider variety of hands-on exhibits to our new location and help to make history come alive for area children and visitors.

—Nancy L. Buchanan, Curator of Education

On the behalf of Loutit District Library's Youth Services, we would like to thank Kiwanis for your wonderful donation of \$22,350. This generous donation will be used to help create an inviting room that will benefit all children who use the library for years to come.

We plan to use this opportunity to provide a magical library experience that will foster lifelong reading. Items considered for purchase will be, but not limited to, kid-fun furnishings that will create comfortable reading spaces, book display areas, and hands-on activities for

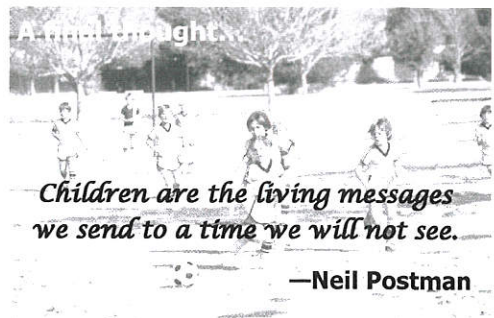


On January 14, 2003, The Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven gifted a total of \$44,700 to local building projects benefiting children. Treasurer Jim Gurd (right) presents checks to Dennis Swartout, Executive Director of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and Sandie Knes, Director of Loutit District Library.

youngsters to investigate. We will also explore the idea of creating a special feature within the Children's Room where the Kiwanis seal can be displayed.

Because of Kiwanis, a children's room will be created that many generations of children will enjoy. It is our hope that with the help of this gift, children will always remember the great learning opportunities their community provides.

—Allison Boyer, Youth Services Librarian



—Neil Postman

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