

February 24, 2011



MERRILLVILLE BREAKFAST A distinguished award club

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time"

History of Kiwanis

February Birthdays

Julie Burns	02/04
Norm Garritano	02/05
Dave Kotul	02/26

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members. However the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor. A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business. By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.



- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.

Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women's membership was received overwhelmingly.

Programs

January/February: *MaryJane DeMichele (maryjane@mccolly.com)*, Tracy Anderson, Jim Burns, Jim Coady

March/April: *Darrell Elser (kiwielser@yahoo.com)*, Cheri Elser, Harriet Flynn, Jim Gingerich, Ric Holtz

Feb 24 - Forum

Mar 3 - TBA

Mar 10- Becky Ruiz-Harbinson NWI Community Action

Mar 17-Taghi Arsharmi ARSH group

Mar 24 Forum

Team Captains Only should provide Tracy Anderson with a speaker schedule for publication in the newsletter.

About Kiwanis

Defining statement: Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

- 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 the 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.

Riley Collection

We will continue to pass the can for your pocket change and submit the amounts for Riley when the can gets full.



Meeting Minutes 2/24/2011

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Grant Denormandie
 - Welcome to Petros!
 - Tracy Anderson reviewed minutes from Board Meeting
 - John Owens reminded Soup Kitchen is tomorrow
 - Club Assessment handed out to members for feedback on the club's progress
 - Forum reports
- Public Relations and Club Administration
- Maryjane DeMichele is the Chair of this committee. She has done a great job at getting our name in the paper. We are going to submit Chili Hot dog information by March 9th. We discussed interclubs and how to improve them.
- Fund Raising and Community Service
- March 30th is Chili Hot Dog. We need the tickets by next week. Nicole is going to call Richard Hardaway for printing. Other Fund raiser are being discussed such as Bowling for Dictionaries.
- Membership and Education/Human Values
- Committee will be sending "We Missed You Cards" to members if we don't see them for 2 meetings in a row. Family Picnic and Rail Cats game coming up.
- Young Children and Sponsored Youth
- Cheri spoke with Andrean High School about starting a Key Club. They seemed interested she will contact them to follow up.
- Admin Draw– Nicole Nalepa drew a 10 of Spades.

February Greeters

Feb 3	Snow Day
Feb 10	Dave Kotul
Feb 17	Jill Kotul
Feb 24	George Kuebler



March Greeters

Mar 3	Ted Kennedy
Mar 10	Brenda McCoy
Mar 17	Ron Mesarch
Mar 24	Helen Meyer

Important Dates to Remember

- March 11th– Highland Chili Cook Off
- March 12 - Key Club Chili Cook Off
- March 30 –Chili Hot Dog
- March 25th—Soup Kitchen
- March 25, 26, 27-Key Club Convention in Indy
- April 2-Kiwanis One Day
- April 16th - Cedar Lake Easter Bunny Breakfast
- May 11th– Cedar Lake Spaghetti Dinner

SPONSORED PROGRAMS



AKTION CLUB - Kiwanis service to adult and High School students with developmental disabilities. Provides opportunities to develop initiative and leadership, to serve their communities, with dignity

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p. m. in Room IAW 101 at the Merrillville High School. Barbara Dlouhy is Club Staff Sponsor. She can be reached at bdlouhy@mvsc.k12.in.us.



BUILDERS CLUB - (7th and 8th graders) To develop an interest in organizing to serve their schools and communities.

Meets on select Monday's, at 3:00 in room 133 (Ms. Tubbs' room) at the Clifford Pierce Middle School. Tanya Bush is the Faculty Advisor, tbush@mvsc.k12.in.us



K-KIDS CLUB (5th and 6th grades) To develop leadership and citizenship education

Meets at 3:45 in room 107 at the Merrillville Intermediate School. Michelle Hellwege is Faculty Advisor-mhellwegel@mvsc.k12.in.us



KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL (9th to 12th grades) The oldest Kiwanis sponsored-youth program. It's structure, ideals and functions parallel it's local Kiwanis sponsor.

Meets every Thursday at 3:10 p.m. in room A108 at the Merrillville High School. Carrie Bedwell is the Faculty Advisor, cbedwell@mvsc.k12.in.us

*"Serving the
children of the world"*

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Grant DeNormandie
PRESIDENT ELECT - Jill Kotul
SECRETARY - Tracy Anderson
TREASURER - Nicole Nalepa
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Sherry Williams

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3 years - Lesley Richards, Edward Stark, Helen Myer
2 years - David Kotul , Ted Kennedy, Ron Mesarch , Darrell Elser
1 years - John Owens ,Charman Williamson,, Harriet Flynn

STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Projects: Greeters, Programs, Admin Draw, Happy Bucks, Newsletter, Publicity
Members: Sandy Hahn, George Kuebler, Grant DeNormandie, Ed Stark, Tracy Anderson, Mary Jane DiMichele

FUND RAISING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Projects: Dinners, Peanut Sales, Soup Kitchen
Members: Rick Holtz, John Owens, Ray Howell, Clarice Grillo, Helen Myer, Lance Huish, Nicole Nalepa, Sherry Williams, Richard Hardaway

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH/EDUCATION AND HUMAN/SPIRITUAL VALUES

Projects: Social Activities, Family Support, Birthdays, New Member Orientation, Birthdays
Members: Keith Young, Ron Mesarch, Ted Kennedy, Jill Kotul, Dave Kotul, Darrell Elser

YOUNG CHILDREN/PRIORITY ONE AND SPONSORED YOUTH

Projects: Dictionary Projects, Trauma Dolls, Key Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club
Members: Lesley Richards, Cheri Elser, Brenda McCoy, Charman Williamson, Kimberly Sut

CALUMET CLUBS

Lt Governor—Pat Hawkins-pathawkins20@gmail.com

1ST & 3RD Monday - 6:30 P.M. Cedar Lake - Sunrise

Hanover Township Office 13330 Parrish

Pres. Ryan May - Sec. Mary Dickson - Tres. Dana Griner

TUESDAY - 12:00 NOON Gary

Dusty's Buffet (across from Gary Railcats Steel Yard)

Pres. Edward Chalko - Sec. Garnet Burns - Pres. Elect Louise Lee - Treasurer Mary Chalko

WEDNESDAY - 6:00 P.M. Crown Point

St Anthony's Hospital - Main & Franciscan Dr.,

Pres. No info - Sec. No info - Pres. Elect - Treasurer

Thursday - 12:00 NOON Highland

Langel's Pizzeria - 2833 Highway Ave

Pres. William Leep - Sec. Bruce Hoekema - Pres. Elect Sarah Paun - Treasurer Bruce Hoekema

THURSDAY - 7:30 A.M. Merrillville Breakfast

Sheffield's, 1515 East 82nd Ave.

Pres. Grand DeNormandie- Sec. Tracy Anderson- Pres. Elect Jill Kotul- Treasurer Nicole Nalepa

THURSDAY - NOON Merrillville Noon

Old Country Buffet, 1634 E. 80th Ave.

Pres. Barb Koby - Secretary/Treasurer Bruce L. Woods, Pres. Elect no info

THURSDAY - 7:15 A.M. Munster

Michael's Restaurant - 1040 45th Ave

Pres. Julie Stogsdill - Secretary Cheryl Dornberg - President Elect John George - Treasurer Brian Nisevich

TUESDAY - 7:30 A. M. Woodmar-Hammond

The Wheel Restaurant - 7430 Indianapolis Blvd.

President - Phillip Venecz Secretary - Gary Jones Treasurer - Mary Daly

Indiana District Officers:

Governor:

Elaine Cummings –Bullard

Immediate Past Governor:

Darwin De Laughter

Executive Director:

Susan Walker