

April 2009



Serving the Children of Grand Rapids and the World
Meeting Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the Radisson at Ann Street and US 131

Kiwanis Grand Rapids North

Palmer School Fun Night May 15

Palmer Elementary School is having its annual Fun Night on **Friday, May 15**, 5 pm-7:30 pm. They are asking our club to help out with games and prizes. Got an hour on Friday you can spend with the kids? Please contact Bill Weitzel at weitzelwj@aol.com if you would like to help. Please try to come by even if only for an hour.

Strawberry Shortcake Festival

When: June 12, 11 am — 2 pm

Where: Rosa Parks Circle

Challenge: A project of this magnitude requires 100% participation from our membership. Besides the health department regulations there are also many other areas that require the assignment of important tasks.

Project Responsibilities

- Prepare budget and coordinate purchasing — Rick Zweering
- Arrange logistics — Lisa Bonery
- Health department — Roger Brook
- Sound system — Gordie Howe
- Public Relations — David Weshphal
- Serving schedule — Mike Koelzer
- Contact and communicate with vendors — Norm Ginebaugh
- Arrange insurance — John Bigari
- Volunteer communication — Travis Englehard
- Coordinate clean-up crew — Gordie Howe
- Print name tags — Travis Englehard

Texas Hold'Em Tournament

Thank you to the following members who worked the Texas Hold'Em event and helped raise \$1852 for the club charity account:

- Marv Haight
- Terry Fenech
- Linda Paige
- Roger Brook
- Dan Williams
- Gordie Howe
- Craig Avery
- Jennifer Bystry
- Mike Koelzer
- John Bigari
- Travis Englehard

Thank you to Jennifer Bystry for organizing the event.

Life's Great Truths

TRUTHS ADULTS SHOULD HAVE LEARNED

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are like fudge ... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Events Calendar

Every Tuesday: Lunch meeting at the Radisson on Ann Street

May 15

Palmer School FunD Raiser, 5 pm — 7:30 pm

June 1

Kid's First golf outing

June 5-6

Nils Jonsson golf outing

June 11

Norm Ginebaugh on WZZM "Take Five" program about the strawberry festival

June 12

Strawberry Festival at Rosa Parks Circle

June 15

Deadline for buying White Caps tickets; see Gordie to get yours

July 15

7:00 pm — White Caps game and 50/50 raffle

Aug 20-23, 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

Programs You May Have Missed

APRIL 21: Widowed Person's Service

Terry Kerwin, Program Coordinator

The purpose of Widowed Persons Service is to help people in the greater Grand Rapids area to survive the death of a spouse. Through support groups, literature, outreach volunteers, and social events, WPS provides the support our greater society can lack.

- Founded in 1978
- Four support groups per month
- Nine social activities per month
- Website: www.wpsgr.org

APRIL 28: Fun and Effective Fitness Training

Joe Stankowski, Personal Trainer

- Eat right and Exercise consistently
- SMART—Stability (eg: yoga), Mobility (eg: weight training) and Agility (eg: aerobic) and Repeat
- Blog: <http://morningcupofjoe.com/>
- This Workout Doesn't Suck: <http://www.meetup.com/weight-loss-and-exercise-support-group/>

MAY 5: Augusta Golf Tournament

John Tamboer related his experiences while attending the recent event in Georgia.

Palmer School Mentoring

The last day of school at Palmer is Thursday, June 4. Check with your teacher on their suggested last day for mentoring for this school year.

Program Volunteers

- June—Travis Englehard
- July—Dave Westphal
- August—Bill Weitzel

BIRTHDAY

MAY

4 Mark Thomson
28 Don Swerenga
30 Marv Haight
30 Don Lacy

JUNE

2 Bob Rosenzweig
22 Bill Weitzel

ANNIVERSARY

MAY

7 Maggie & Bob
Rosenzweig
17 Carol & Terry Fenech
22 Sandi & Jerry Swett

JUNE

2 Joyce & Don Lacy
17 Rose & Craig Avery
20 Lois & Norm Ginebaugh
20 Priscilla & Ron Karlese

Member News and Happy Dollars

- Craig DykGraaf is battling bile duct cancer
- Terry Fenech — Happy \$ for safe return home after spending 4 weeks in Florida
- Jerry Swet — Happy \$ for NOT working on the state Kiwanis convention
- Gordie Howe — Happy \$ for Jennifer's efforts organizing the Texas Hold'Em event
- John LaPorte — Happy \$ for installing 500 sq. ft of nail down wood floor and still being able to walk

KIWANIS GRAND RAPIDS

**Located in Grand Rapids,
Michigan, and dedicated to
Serving the children and
youth of the greater Grand
Rapids Area.**

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kiwanisgrandrapids.org**

KIWANIS—Serving the Children of the World

Purpose: To improve the quality of life for children and families.

Mission: Kiwanis is a global organization of men, women and youth dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of their life.

Objectives:

- To give primacy to human and spiritual rather than to the material values of like.
- To encourage 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.

Quotable Notables

March 31

If you take two sentences out of your life — "I'm tired" and "I don't feel well" — you will have cured about 50% of your fatigue and illness.

Staying on the Path by Wayne Dyer

April 14

No man who is occupied in doing a very difficult thing and doing it very well, ever loses his self respect.

George Bernard Shaw

April 21

Don't be afraid of pressure. Remember that pressure is what turns a lump of coal into a diamond.

God's Little Instruction Book

April 28

If you don't have confidence in yourself, then get off your rear end and do something that will make you feel better about yourself.

Staying on the Path by Wayne Dyer

May 5

You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

Source Unknown

Grand Rapids Pubic Schools Education Award Celebration

Roger and Kay Anderson and Linda Paige attended the Grand Rapids Schools "Education Award Celebration" at DeVos Place on 21 April 2009. It was a two hour dinner, celebration and monetary awards presentation to the best schools in the GR school district. Right is a quick photo that Linda took of Roger.

