

January 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

## Service Projects Quarterly Recap

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### Community Service

- Deliver Food to NECOM Food Pan try
- Deliver Food to Senior Neighbors Food Pantry
- Deliver Food to Community Action Food Pantry
- Deliver Food to needy families for Christmas

### Youth Services

- Deliver food to Kids' First Food Basket
- Visit six schools with Terrific Kids
- Volunteer at St. John's Home

### Human & Spiritual Values

- Deliver Food to Other Way Mission
- Deliver Food to Salvation Army
- Ring Bells for Salvation Army

### Young Children Priority One

- Provide Medical Supplies to Booth Clinic
- Volunteer at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital
- Deliver Food to Women's & Children's Shelter

### Charity Expenditures

Girls Choral Academy	\$ 300
Christmas Food Baskets	\$ 1,500
Michigan Foundation	\$ 1,680
Michigan District	\$ 126
Kiwanis international	\$ 210
Disability advocates	\$ 250
Salvation Army Kettle	\$ 300

## Thank You for Being a Salvation Army Bell Ringer

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Special thank you to the following Kiwanis club member and friends who helped with the Salvation Army bell ringing in December, Saturdays 6th and 13th. Our efforts netted \$ 785.28 for the red kettle.

- Bruce Warber (twice)
- Terry Hurt
- Don Lacy
- Ken Scott (twice)
- Marv Haight (twice)
- Terry Fenech (twice)
- Rex Conely
- Larry Goodlander
- Dan Williams
- Mark Thompson
- Gordy Howe
- Bill Weitzel
- Travis Englehard
- John Bigari (twice)
- Mike Koelzer
- Linda Paige
- Craig Avery
- David Westphal
- John LaPorte
- Jerry Swett
- Bob Mills
- Bruce Jackson & kids
- Ron Karelse
- Roger Williams
- Jennifer Bystry



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## Programs You May Have Missed

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### January 6

Bill Weitzel discussed difficult transitions, partly from the perspective of having changed jobs at this stage in his life.

Society and Economy Shift: from a manufacturing to a technology economy. The technology economy has been displacing people as we have commercialized former specialties at lower pay (such as optical labs and health clinics at pharmacies).

Results: forced retirement and retraining and/or displacement.

### January 13

Dr. Richard Veazey, Professor of Finance GVSU  
"The economy and the future"

Credit Meltdown: seeds laid 50 years ago with

- Access to easy credit (have you been inundated with credit card offers?)
- Buying automobiles on credit
- Housing: mortgages with \$0 down (a Clinton administration initiative?)
- Credit for margin trading (stock market beginners)

Greed and loss of common sense

Low risk assessment abilities

Beginners in the stock market (easy on-line trading)

Fair value accounting

Financial leveraging by large corporations

Technology: Internet access and cell phones

### January 21

Inner Club from the Grand Rapids Golden K

## Coming Programs and Events

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### January 27

Professor Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, "Abraham Lincoln and little known facts about our greatest president"

### February 6

Kids' First Food Basket Super Star Banquet at the JW Marriott downtown. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Contact John Bigari if interested in participating.

### February 10

Kiwanis Board Meeting

### March 14

Walk and Roll benefit for Disability Advocates at West Catholic High School.

### June 6

Mills-Johnson Golf Outing

### Aug 20-23, 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

## Member News and Happy Dollars

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Gordy Howe: 10 days in the woods with nothing to do

Mike Koelzer: flew to Arizona to escort his mother-in-law to Michigan for a visit

Roger Brook: son Dan was home for 10 days

John Bigari: a broken clock is right twice a day

Mike Kwast brought guest Dr. Chris Rice

Wayne Thompson: happy to be alive

Roger Brook: having a personal double header in the 50/50 drawing

Terry Fenech: grandson was on the cover of the CMU magazine (where was Ken scott)

Jerry Swett: 50/50 win

Lisa Bonney: 50/50 win

John Bigari: for Linda Paige's explanation of the airliner down in the Hudson River and the advantages of having experienced pilots.

## 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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## 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

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Doing what you love is the cornerstone to having abundance in you life.

“Staying On The Path”  
Dr. Wayne Dyer

Dare to be what you ought to be; Dare to be what you dream to be; Dare to be the finest you can be.

The more you dare, the surer you will be of gaining just what you dare!

Norman Vincent Peale

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him to find it within himself.

Galileo

If you have no peace, it's because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa

## Seen in America



*Everything you need for  
your wedding!*

## Only in America

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.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

..... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.