

July-August 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

## Michigan District Kiwanis Convention

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The annual convention of the Michigan district of Kiwanis was held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, August 20-23. The Kiwanis Grand Rapids North club hosted the hospitality room. Thank you to Jerry Swet for organizing our efforts. Thank yous to the following Kiwanians who assisted in the effort:

- Mike Koelzer
- Roger Brook
- Sarah Pastoor
- John LaPorte
- Roger Anderson
- Rick Zweering
- Travis Engelhard
- Linda Paige
- Bill Weitzel

## The KaBoom Playground Project

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The Amway One By One Campaign for Children, the Creston Neighborhood Association and the City of Grand Rapids planning are planning a KaBoom playground project for the Sweet Street Park.

### Build Site:

Sweet Street Park  
1720 Sweet Street N.E.  
Grand Rapids

### Design Day July 31

Input from the community was gathered.

Prior to build day, the site will have been cleared of asphalt and concrete. Old play structures will have been removed. The site will be level and ready for construction to begin.

### Prep Days September 23 — 24

Build captains and registration volunteers will be trained. Supplies will be gathered and organized.

### How can you help?

- Become a build captain — assigned to a crew of volunteers. Lead your group in a given task or series of tasks.

- Become a volunteer. Show up on Friday to become part of a build team.

### Build Day September 25 ( Friday )

- Build Captains arrive: 7:30 am
- Volunteers register: 9:00 am
- Kick-Off ceremony: 9:30 am
- Lunch in shifts: 12:30am – 1:30pm
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony: 4:00 pm

## White Caps 50-50

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Thank you to the following for selling 50-50 raffle tickets at the White Caps game on July 15.

- Dan Williams
- Travis and Mindy Englehard
- Jerry Swet
- Bruce Warber
- John LaPorts
- Bill Weitzel
- Larry Goodlander
- Linda Paige
- Terry Hurt
- Craig Avery
- Noah Williams
- Susan McHugh
- John Wills
- Norm Ginnebaugh

## Events Calendar

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**Sept 15** — Kiwanis lunch at Boulder Creek 11:45am

**Sept 15** — Seventh Annual Don DeYoung Golf Classic. Buffet lunch begins at 11:45 am; tee times begin 12:30 pm. Contact Larry Goodlander if you are planning on participating in the golf scramble.

## Club Charities Review

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### Youth Service

- \$300 Girls Choral Academy
- \$979.20 Dictionary Project
- \$500 State Police Academy
- \$75 State of MI License Fee

### Churchill Fund (Service Leadership)

- \$1,680 Michigan Foundation
- \$126 Michigan District
- \$210 Kiwanis International
- \$250 Disability Advocates
- \$600 Kids Food Basket

### Community Service

- \$1,000 Northoek Academy
- \$2,500 NECOM
- \$75 State of MI License Fee
- \$1,000 KaBoom Playground Project

### Young Children Priority One

- \$250 Irina's Fund
- \$60 Strawberry Festival License
- \$3,000 Helen DeVos Foundation
- \$3,500 Catherine's Care Center

### Fund Raising

- \$1,140 White Caps 50/50
- \$1,820 Strawberry Festival
- \$2,244 Texas Hold'Em

## BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

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### SEPTEMBER

18 Bruce Warber

### OCTOBER

07 Terry Hart  
08 Ed Herremans  
08 Mike Koelzer  
09 John Bigari  
13 Reed McClelland  
13 Roger Williams  
22 Tom Cooper  
28 Jerry Swet  
29 Terry Fenech

### SEPTEMBER

07 Pat & Roger Anderson  
10 Jamie & Dan Williams

### OCTOBER

04 Melba & Bruce Boer  
05 Margaret & Mike Koelzer

## Programs You May Have Missed

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**July 7:** Catherine's Care Center provided primary health care for low-income, medically underserved in north-east Grand Rapids. In 2008, the care center provided 4,800 primary care visits, plus brand name drugs in excess of \$500,000. They are renovating 7,000 sq.ft. of space in the former St. Alphonse school. They will become Catherine's Health Center.

**July 21:** Stephanie Allenger, Kent Co. animal shelter, talked about their new facility built in 2008. Features include a cat adoption mall, a training center and a surgical suite.

**August 4:** Celebrated the 57th anniversary of the Grand Rapids North Kiwanis club.

Vicki Downs, Kids Food Basket, presented an overview of their programs. Stats show that 1 in 4 people is a soup kitchen is a child. Started in 2003, KFB provides a sack supper for needy children every school day for 40 weeks, plus additional meals during the summer months. Cost is \$156/student/year, with 12% overhead.

**August 11:** Curt Kimball, former Grand Rapids city manager, discussed leadership. Leadership is doing the right thing — Management is doing things right. Leadership in an organization is defined by its culture.

**August 18:** Brian Flannigan, Director of the Howenstein Center for Presidential studies, continued the leadership theme. Leaders are defined by the competence, their confidence and their contacts.

## Member News and Happy Dollars

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- Linda Paige is writing an online newsletter centered around the weather in Grand Rapids for examiner.com; to subscribe at examiner.com
- Norm Ginebaugh is rotator cuff surgery, with limited success
- John LaPorte had a good weekend in Traverse City
- Travis Englehardt is planning an anniversary dinner, their first time out in four months

## Printer Cartridge Recycle

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Bring your used laser and ink jet printer cartridges to a club meeting. They will be recycled with proceeds going to the club charity account.

## KIWANIS GRAND RAPIDS

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

Email: [kiwanisgr@yahoo.com](mailto:kiwanisgr@yahoo.com)

**We are on the web  
[kiwanisgrandrapids.org](http://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

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### July 7

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

*“Staying on the Path” by Dr. Wayne Dyer*

### July 14

Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

*God's Little Instruction Book*

### July 21

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow man.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

### August 4

Success and Failure: Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

*George Washington Carver*

### August 11

Survival Tactics: Drag your thoughts away from your troubles ... by the ears ... by the heels ... or any other way you can manage it.

*Mark Twain*

### August 18

The Fine Art of Being Happy: Be content with what you have, rejoice in the way things are. When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.

*Lao-Tzu (604-531 BC)*

## How Many Dogs to Change

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**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

**Old English Sheep Dog:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!

**Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

**Chihuahua :** Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or 'We don't need no stinking light bulb.'

**German Shepherd:** I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.