

May-June 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

50/50 Raffle at 5/3

Dan Williams has arranged for us to do a 50/50 raffle at the 5/3 ball park during the Whitecaps game on **JULY 15**. You are asked to arrive at 6:00 pm and can enter through the volunteer gate without a ticket (but you will have to pay for parking). We will sell 50/50 tickets through the 7th inning. Everyone's support is needed to help make this a successful event.

Strawberry Festival for Kids

Special thanks to Bill Weitzel for organizing this successful event, to Norm Ginebaugh and Dave Westphal for arranging the donations, to Dan Williams for the strawberries, to Rick Zweering and Dave Westphal for distributing posters downtown, to Lisa Bonney for the local arrangements and to all members who participated. The event raised \$2000. See pictures on the website:

<http://kiwanisgrandrapids.org/festival2009.php>

Palmer School Mentoring Recap

Palmer School tutoring finished the year as a great success and was appreciated by all of the teachers and students. I believe that all of the Kiwanis's involved enjoyed it as much as the students.

Next year we are expecting to begin tutoring with the Fall semester, to provide an even greater chance to assist the efforts of the Palmer School staff and provide assistance and enrichment to the student population.

The Kiwanis funded Weather Station was incorporated into the science curriculum this winter term with students learning how to record, track, and predict weather patterns. Weather reports are recorded and reported by the science students, along with the schools' daily general announcements, over the public address system.

Over the course of four months, Kiwanian Volunteers logged a total of 161 hours tutoring elementary grade students in reading and math.

Thank you to the following Kiwanians who served as mentors this year:

- Lisa Bonney
- Larry Goodlander
- Norm Ginebaugh
- Roger Brook
- Bruce Warber
- Ron Karlese
- Rick Zweerring
- Dave Westphal
- Terry Fenech
- Bill Weitzel
- Roger Williams
- Linda Paige
- Mike Koelzer
- John LaPorte.

Submitted by John LaPorte

Events Calendar

July 15

6:00 pm — White Caps game and 50/50 raffle

July 29

Golden K golf outing at Scott Lake Country Club benefiting Kid's Food Bank

Aug 20-23, 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

Club Service Review

Community Service

- Deliver food to Community Action Food Pantry
- Strawberry Fest for Kids planning and setup.
- Deliver Food to Senior Neighbors Food Pantry.

Youth Services

- Deliver Food to Kids' First Food Basket.
- Visit six schools with Terrific Kids.
- Mentoring at Palmer Elementary School

Human & Spiritual Values

- Volunteer at St. John's Home.
- Deliver Food to Salvation Army.

Young Children Priority One

- Deliver Food to Women's & Children's Shelter.
- Deliver Food to NECOM Food Pantry.

Fundraising efforts this month

- Texas Hold'Em card game nights
- Strawberry Shortcake Fest for Kids
- DAKC Aktion club fundraiser

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

JULY

17 John Laporte
28 Bruce Boer

JULY

25 Kathy and Bob Branch

AUGUST

03 Gordie Howe
08 Bruce Jackson

AUGUST

08 Julia and John LaPorte
09 Terry & Rick Zweering
14 Sandy & Larry Goodlander
30 Joan & Terry Hurt

SEPTEMBER

18 Bruce Warber

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07 Pat & Roger Anderson
10 Jamie & Dan Williams

Programs You May Have Missed

May 5

John Tamboer discussed his trip to the Augusta Master's tournament.

June 30

Ron Alvesteffer, Service Express Inc.

- Service Express is a leader in delivering customized service solutions for on-site hardware maintenance.
- Ron discussed the **SEI Way**: Work with employees to ehlp them achieve their personal, professional and financial goals.
- Goals are reviewed with management quarterly.
- More details at the SEI e-book online at:
<http://seiservice.com/>
- Thought for the day:
Get everything you want out of life by helping others.
Zig Ziglar

Printer Cartridge Recycle

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.

Program Volunteers

- July—Dave Westphal (resigned)
- August—Bill Weitzel

Member News and Happy Dollars

- Linda Paige has left TV13 (not voluntarily) and has started her own consulting firm Paige Weather Consulting (weatherPaige.com)
- Roger Brook celebrated the graduation of son Dan from Boston University with an M.Div. Degree. He will spend the next year working with the American Red Cross in Lansing.
- Dan Williams had successful arthroscopic knee surgery
- Craig Dykgraaf is at Mayo Hospital in MN for testing, and a possible liver transplant
- Tom Cooper has died; member since 1967
- David Westphal has resigned, citing family and job conflicts; member since 2008
- Jennifer Bystry has resigned, citing job conflicts

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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**We are on the web
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

May 5

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

May 12

If you want to find a deeper meaning in your life, you can't find it in the opinions or the beliefs that have been handed to you. You have to go to that place within yourself.

"Staying on the Path" by Dr. Wayne Dyer

May 19

In western civilization, we're accustomed to believing that what we produce and what we get for ourselves is a measure of who we are, when, in fact, that's a spiritual dead end.

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May 26

Time is more valuable than money because time is irreplaceable.

"God's Little Instruction Book"

June 2

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June 9

Your ability to be a winner 100 percent of the time is based upon giving up the notion that losing at anything is equivalent to being a loser.

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June 16

The poorest of all men is not the man without a cent but the man without a dream.

"God's Little Instruction Book"

June 23

When you think positive, happy, loving thoughts, there's a different chemistry that goes into your body than when you think depressing, negative, anguished thoughts. The way you decide to think has a dramatic effect on your chemistry and on your physiology.

"Staying on the Path" by Dr. Wayne Dyer

June 30

The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching.

"God's Little Instruction Book"

Are You a True MICHIGANIAN/MICHIGANDER?

- You consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 18 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by.
- You're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights each year because Pellston is the coldest spot in the nation.
- Your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March.
- You instinctively walk like a penguin for five months out of the year.
- Someone in a store offers you assistance and they don't work there.
- Your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead.
- You have worn shorts and a coat at the same time.
- Your town has an equal number of bars and churches.
- You have had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number.
- "Vacation" means going up north on I-75
- You measure distance in hours.
- You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.
- You often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
- You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.
- You see people wearing camouflage at social events (including weddings).
- You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
- You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend knows how to use them.
- You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
- You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.
- You can identify a southern or eastern accent.
- Your idea of creative landscaping is a statue of a deer next to your blue spruce.
- You are unaware that there is a legal drinking age.
- Down South to you means Ohio .
- A brat is something you eat.
- Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his new pole barn.
- You go out to fish fry every Friday.
- Your 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.
- You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
- You find 0 degrees "a little chilly".
- You drink pop and bake with soda.
- Your doctor tells you to drink Vernors and you know it's not medicine.
- You can actually drink Vernors without coughing.
- You know what a Yooper is.
- You think owning a Honda is Un-American.
- You know that UP is a place, not a direction.
- You know it's possible to live in a thumb.
- You understand that when visiting Detroit , the best thing to wear is a Kevlar vest.
- You actually understand these jokes, and you forward them to all your Michigan friends!