

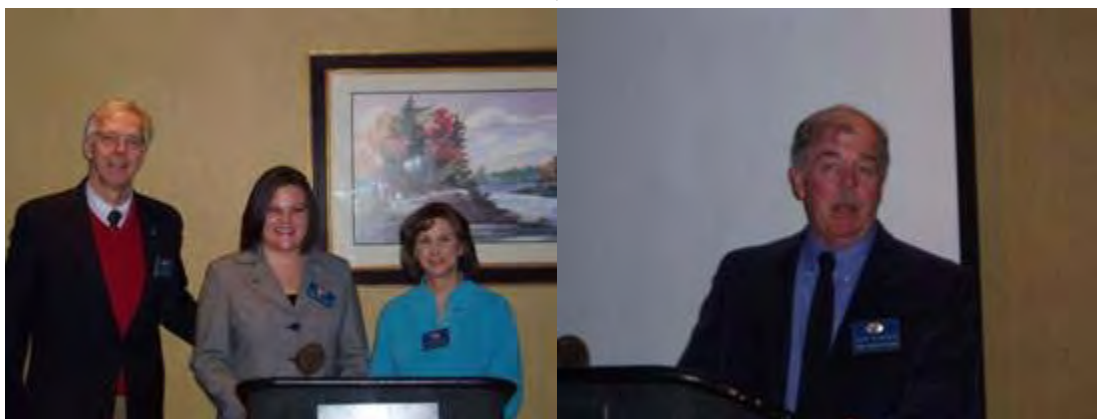
THE NORTH STAR

April 2008

Grand Rapids North Kiwanis
Meets Tuesdays, 12:05 p.m. at the RADISSON
ANN St. and U.S. 131 NW

Find us on the Web at www.kiwanisgrandrapids.org

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein



Our new members pictured on the left are Jennifer Bystry with Bill Weitzel and President Linda, and on the right is Mark Thomson. Jennifer and Mark are both great additions to our club. They are both very dynamic in their respective professions, and will help us achieve our goals in the Grand Rapids community.

Special News:

Norm Ginebaugh is this year's *St. John's Home Volunteer of the Year* and will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday the 23rd at the Dominican Center on E. Fulton. "Grandpa Norm" makes many trips each week to help with distributing food from Gleaners, saving St. John's Home some \$80k per year. He also spends a lot of time at St. John's with the children.

Hi story:

As I was looking through some of our documents, I came across some history. There is no date on the item but it is written on an old typewriter.

Sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis North was chartered on August 5, 1952. Ira Jackson, president of the Downtown club was the presiding officer. North club started with twenty- eight members. The officers were; President- Henry Stone, VP Julian Alman, Treasurer – Frank Dieleman, and Secretary – Frank Koelzer. This group proved to be very capable as the club grew both in membership and work completed.

The year this was written, the main projects were; 4-H Club, Little League, National Kids Day, the Public Library, Lincoln foundation, St. John's Home and Celment Memorial Foundation.

As I look through the boxes of material I will share some of this in each issue.

Club News:

Roger Brook has been working on our website; kiwanisgrandrapids.org. If you have info for the club or the calendar, let Roger or John Bigari know and we will add it to the calendar.

John LaPorte and the Youth Services committee are working with Catherine's Care center to fund a new program "Get Me Back to School". Many low income families do not have the resources to cover even minor illnesses, and the child misses many days of school.

Frank Archer has remarried and moved to Kalkaska. His health is failing and he has resigned his membership. Diana Darling has moved to Holland with her friend George and has also resigned her membership.

BIRTHDAYS:

APRIL

17 Dan Williams
19 Craig DyKgraaf

MAY

04 Mark Thomson
28 Don Swerenga
30 Marv Haight and Don Lacy
9 Norm Ginebaugh

ANNIVERSARIES:

APRIL

04 Carla & John Tamboer
13 Delores & Marv Haight

MAY

07 Maggie & Bob Rosensweig
17 Carol & Terry Fenech
22 Sandi & Jerry Swett

Kicks -N- Grins!!

A 90-year-old man said to his doctor, "I've never felt better. I have a 24-year-old bride who is pregnant with my child. What do you think about that?"

The doctor considered his question for a minute and then said, "I have an elderly friend who is a hunter and never misses a season. One day when he was going out in a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his umbrella instead of his gun. When he got to the Creek, he saw a beaver sitting beside the stream. He raised his umbrella and went, 'bang, bang' and the beaver fell dead. What do you think of that?"

The 90-year-old said, "I'd say somebody else shot that beaver."

The doctor replied, "My point exactly."