

December 2008



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

## Mentoring at Palmer Elementary

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We started the mentoring program at Palmer Elementary school last week. But there are still opportunities for Kiwanian volunteers. John LaPorte is coordinating this effort. Contact John to put your name on the schedule: phone 363-7884 or email john@laporte-architects.us

Note the Grand Rapids School District schedule:

Dec. 20 — last day of school before the holiday break

Jan. 5 — classes resume

Jan 23 — elementary half day at the end of the semester

Feb. 27 — No School (Records and/or Prof. Development Day)

## Quotable Notables

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### November 18:

Time is more valuable than money because time is irreplaceable.

*From God's Little Instruction Book*

### November 25:

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

*From Staying on the Path  
By Dr. Wayne Dyer*

### December 2:

Doing well is the result of doing good.

*By Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Christmas Food Baskets

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From Rick Zweering — We will be delivering food baskets to approx. 24 families on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Please mark your calendars so that you are available. Contact Rick to help fill the schedule: phone 669-5876 or email rzweering@watkinsross.com

## Humor

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Silly Sally is sitting on her grandpa's lap and studying the wrinkles on his old face. She gets up the nerve to rub her fingers over the wrinkles. Then she touches her own face and looks more puzzled. Finally the little girl asks, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "He sure did honey, a long time ago," replies her grandpa. "Well, did God make me?" she asks. "Yes, He did, and that wasn't too long ago," answers her grandpa. "Boy," says Silly Sally, "He's sure doing a lot better job these days isn't He?"

## Seen in America



**Only in Wyoming**

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## Programs You May Have Missed

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**Nov. 18:** State Trooper Anaya, Explorer Post advisor and Andrew Harwood, student we sponsored for the 2007 State Police Academy were our guests.

Explorer Post 2610 runs Oct. thru May with members coming from Grand Rapids and many surrounding communities. They study interview techniques, accident investigation, law review, first aid and defensive tactics. They also spend time the firearms range.

Andrew highlighted the week's events at the State Police Academy, from the 5:00 am wakeup to the 10:00 pm lights out.

**Nov. 25:** Coleen Downey, Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Rotary, reviewed the activities of the club. They are hosting the Broadway Tenors in a New Year's eve concert with the Grand Rapids Symphony.

**Dec. 2:** John Stivers PE, discussed Green Buildings and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

"The LEED Green Building Rating System™ encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria."

*<http://www.usgbc.org>*

Concepts discussed were about market transformation, and included:

- Where to build
- Site design and materials — use materials available locally and utilize construction recycling
- Water conservation
- Energy economics — if I understood, 78% of electricity and 40% of heating energy goes to commercial buildings
- Indoor environment

Is the practice economical? An important part of the cost recovery comes from savings in energy and improvements in employee health.

## Coming Programs

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**Dec 16**

Grand Rapids Girls Chorus - Christmas Performance, Monique Salinas-Stauffer, PhD

**Dec 23**

Food Basket Delivery

**Jan 13, 2009**

1:00 pm Board Meeting

**Aug 20-23, 2009**

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

## Member News

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- Frank Archer, aged 83, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grand-father, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2008. His first wife, Edith Archer, preceded Frank in death in 2005. He will be sadly missed by his wife, his children, his family and his friends. Frank was a wonderful volunteer. He gave his time to Grand Rapids North Kiwanis, Northview Schools and Ronald McDonald House. He held a board position and was very active, for 25 years, in the organization "We Do Care", helping kids with cancer.

*Adapted from Grand Rapids Press*

- John Bigari said "Thank You" to past president Linda Paige saying "You drove us to be better."
- John LaPorte was successful on the first day of deer season this year.
- Ken Scott — apparently he is not so happy about CMU football ...
- Linda Paige celebrated Penn State football over Michigan State.
- Dave Westphal celebrated his wife's successful 10-year review at Grand Valley State Univ.
- Bob Mills and Dan Williams celebrated Rockford High School football success in the state finals.
- Rex celebrated East Grand Rapids high school football success in the state finals.

## KIWANIS GRAND RAPIDS

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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.

## Saturday Fun at the old Kmart

