

March 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

## Palmer School Fun Night May 15

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Palmer Elementary School is having its annual Fun Night on **Friday, May 15**, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. They are asking our club to help out with games and prizes. Please contact Bill Weitzel at [weitzelwj@aol.com](mailto:weitzelwj@aol.com) if you would like to help. Last year we had six members helping. Please try to come by even if only for an hour.

### Texas Hold'Em Tournament

**When:** April 23 4 pm – 9 pm or  
9 pm – 2 am  
24 4 pm – 9 pm or  
9 pm – 2 am  
25 2 pm – 6 pm or  
6 pm – 10 pm or  
10 pm – 2 am

**Where:** TJ's Charity Card Room  
6211 S Division

We will only need a handful of volunteers who are willing to work in shifts to run the register and distribute chips. TJ's Charity Card Room provides the rest. We can name more than one chairperson for this event so the same person does not have to cover all of the hours.

Contact Jennifer Bystry to volunteer for a time slot. If you miss her at a meeting, email her at:  
[jenbystry@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbystry@yahoo.com)

### Strawberry Shortcake Festival

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**When:** June 12, 11 am—2 pm

**Where:** Rosa Parks Circle

The Kiwanis board of directors has approved having a strawberry festival as a fundraising project in downtown Grand Rapids. The primary target audience is the large group of downtown office workers who would be attracted to the event through television, radio and print media promotion. The mayor has already expressed support for the project. The festival would occur near the beginning of summer when many workers walk to various local restaurants for lunch. The use of posters and other promotions could help attract a sizable group of customers.

**Challenge:** A project of this magnitude would require 100% participation from our membership. Besides the health department regulations there are also many other areas that require the assignment of important tasks, i.e. obtaining city permits, promotional aprons, tent, food supplies, paper products, clean-up and finances.

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Email membership news items to Roger Brook at [kiwanisgr@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisgr@gmail.com)

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contact Roger Brook at [kiwanisgr@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisgr@gmail.com)

## Events Calendar

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**Every Tuesday:** Lunch meeting at the Radisson on Ann Street

### April 14

Kiwanis Board meeting

### April 17

Aktion Club "Artists with Abilities" Fund Raiser and Art Exhibit — 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm at the Radisson Hotel, Ann Street

### April 21

Roger Anderson and Linda Paige will attend the Meijer Good Schools Award program at DeVos Place

### April 21

Kids Food Basket Benefit at Notto's, \$65 per person, RSVP by April 10 (see Norm G.)

### April 23-25

Texas Hold'Em Tournament — contact Jennifer Bystry to volunteer for a time slot

### May 15

Palmer School FunD Raiser, 5 pm — 7:30 pm

### June 6

Nils Jonsson Golf Outing

### June 12

Strawberry Festival at Rosa Parks Circle

### Aug 20-23, 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

## Programs You May Have Missed

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**March 3:** Dr. Bernard Taylor, Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent, reviewed the districts strategic plan:

- Creating a student-centric organization
- Educating our teachers and administrators
- Creating a better learning experience
- Supporting academics with athletics & after school activities
- Ensuring students are safe, healthy and ready to learn
- Maximizing operational and facility efficiency
- Engaging parents and the community

More information online: [grpublicschools.org](http://grpublicschools.org)

**March 24:** Lee Ann Arkema presented Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids, a free cancer support community for children and adults. Gilda's Club is where you can learn about cancer treatment options and their side effects or learn how to talk to your family and friends about your diagnosis. It is not a house where people live, but is a club where everyone understands the cancer journey, supporting each other. Visit them online:

<http://gildasclubgr.org/>

## Member News and Happy Dollars

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- Marv Haight, H\$ 50/50 winner
- Roger Anderson, H\$ 50/50 winner
- Bob Mills, H\$ for extra cash from Norm
- Roger Brook, Successful knee operation and back to Kiwanis meetings; also for grand-daughter Chloe's second birthday
- Jennifer Bystry, announced she has started a new job at Chase Bank
- Larry Goodlander, H\$ for MSU Spartan basketball
- John LaPorte, H\$ 50/50 winner
- Lisa Bonney, H\$ for son's 15th birthday
- Dan Williams, H\$ for being at a meeting (finally!)
- John LaPorte announced that he heard the weather forecast at Palmer School using the new weather station.
- Bill Weitzel, H\$ to be headed to see the kids in Texas
- John Bigari, H\$ for MSU Spartan basketball

## BIRTHDAY

## ANNIVERSARY

### APRIL

4 Sarah Pastoor  
10 John Molhoek  
17 Dan Williams  
19 Craig DyKgraaf  
23 Lisa Bonney

### MAY

4 Mark Thomson  
28 Don Swerenga  
30 Marv Haight  
30 Don Lacy

### APRIL

4 Carla & John Tamboer  
13 Delores & Marv Haight

### MAY

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

## KIWANIS GRAND RAPIDS

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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**  
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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

I have lived long enough to learn how much there is I can really do without ... He is nearest to God who needs the fewest things  
*Socrates*

God has two dwellings — One in heaven and the other in a meek and thankful heart.

*Isaak Walton*

He who builds to every man's advice will have a crooked house.  
*Old Danish Proverb*

Instead of getting mad at the work for the way that it is, let's accept it and do what we can to improve it  
*Staying on the Path by Wayne Dyer*

Humor in life is the same as what shock absorbers are to automobiles.

*God's Little Instruction Book*

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