

October 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

Fund Raising

One issue that has been under discussion at recent board meeting is that of fund-raising.

The central issue appears to be that this club has been surviving (relative to charitable expenditures) on a foundation inherited from the old downtown club. Primarily as a result of the market downturn, the draw from the foundation will be well below what we have become accustomed to spending.

The board has discussed raising up to \$10,000 annually to supplement our annual draw from the foundation.

Activities being discussed include:

- Texas Hold'Em
- White Caps 50/50
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Carnival
- Peanut Sales
- Duck Race
- Auction of donated items and services

Consider how you can best contribute to club fund-raising activities. Please share your ideas with any board member.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

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. More details will be announced at future meetings.

Quotable Notables

Oct. 21 — Falling down doesn't make you a failure, but staying down does.
- *God's Little Instruction Book*

Oct. 28 — Men are disturbed not by things that happen, but by their opinions of the things that happen.
- *Epictetus (55-135 A.D.)*

(He was an emancipated slave who became a Greek stoic philosopher.)

Nov. 4—The entire gamut of human experience is yours to enjoy once you decide to venture into territory where you don't have guarantees.
- *Staying on the Path*
by Dr. Wayne Dyer

Seen Across America



If you ever see a two-story out-house, use the upper one.

Programs You May Have Missed

Oct. 21 — What Does it Take to Be Successful

Cliff Charles, Dir. Human Resources, Gordan Food Services — Leadership is continuously earned; requires more listening and less talking.

The Road to Success

The road to success is NOT straight
There is a curve called Failure
A loop called Confusion,
Speed bumps called Friends,
Red lights called Enemies,
Caution lights called Family.
You will have flats called Jobs
BUT if you have a spare called Determination,
An engine called Perseverance, and
Insurance called Faith ...
You will make it to the place called Success.

- author unknown

Oct. 28

Disability Advocates reported on the Aktion Club that we sponsor. They will be hosting a mid-Michigan retreat for Aktion Clubs. They are currently conducting a school supply drive in cooperation with Central High School. Coming in Feb. is an art-based fund raiser.

State Rep. Tom Pearce discussed issues important to Grand Rapids as we approach the general election in November. Problems in Lansing:

- Term limits
- Bureaucracy overload
- Short term viewpoint on power games
- Too little time spent legislating

Nov 4

Elissa Hilary, Local First, discussed their non-profit network of locally owned businesses (one that is based here and the owner lives here). Local First is a collective effort between local business owners, non-profit organizations and individuals in West Michigan who are interested in growing and sustaining vibrant local economies that promote financial, social and environmental well-being.

“When you shop at locally owned businesses, more money stays in West Michigan.”

More info at: <http://www.localfirst.com/>

Coming Programs

Nov 18

Trooper Anaya, Explorer program with the Police Department and special guest Andrew Harwood (student we sponsored for the 2007 Police Academy).

Nov 25

Jacqueline D. Taylor Ph. D, President of the Downtown Grand Rapids Rotary

Dec 2

Green Buildings and LEEDs, John Stivers PE, LEEDs AP Instructor

Dec 9

Board Meeting

Dec 16

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

Dec 23

Food Basket Delivery

Aug 9, 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

Member News

- Ken Scott—happy dollars for Central Michigan football (now 8-2, beating Western Michigan, and Indiana)
- Travis Englehard—celebrating the fact that his wife is 16 weeks pregnant (Oct. 14)
- Mark Thompson—celebrating the birth of his second grand-daughter
- Linda Paige for Penn State’s victory over Michigan (what happened with Ohio State?)
- John Bigari will be a grandpa again (for the second time).

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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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.

Humor

A Computer Poem for Those Over 40

A computer was something on TV
From a Science Fiction show of note
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the father of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And gig was a job for the nights
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bytes.

An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A cursor used profanity
A keyboard was a piano.

A Memory was something that you lost with age
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3-in. floppy
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire
Hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife
Paste you did with glue
A web was a spider's home
And a virus was the flu.

Guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head.
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens they wish they were dead

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