



## Hillsdale Kiwanis Club

MEETINGS: Tuesday 12:05 p.m.

Except Third Tuesday of the month: 6:05 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 45 N. Manning, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Local: [www.hillsdalekiwanis.org](http://www.hillsdalekiwanis.org) / Facebook: Hillsdale Kiwanis

District: [www.mikiwanis.org](http://www.mikiwanis.org) / International Office (Indianapolis, IN): [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

# APRIL-MAY 2017

## NEWSLETTER

**INTERNATIONAL: Serving the Children of the World**  
**OUR EMPHASIS: Young Children Priority One**



Lisa Roberts, President

### Notes from the President

Spring has sprung! The flowers have begun to bloom and allergy season seems to be upon us. That means that our club's flag planting "season" can't be far off. Thank you to everyone who stayed after last week's meeting to help stuff envelopes to get the renewal bills mailed out. Our club has over 700 subscriptions for this project; our single largest fund raiser. Be sure to look around your neighborhood for those homes without a flag and invite the owners to participate in this fabulous way to show their American spirit! There are nearly 18000 households in Hillsdale County and subscriptions are still only \$30 per year, per flag. Please consider asking a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker if they are interested in a subscription.

Speaking of friends neighbors and co-workers, how long has it been since you invited someone to attend a Kiwanis meeting with you? We are always interested in sharing with others the gift of Kiwanis by including them in our membership.

We have one of the scheduled evening meetings "under our belt" and it was well attended. Please join us as we strive to make meetings more easily available to some of our members.

We continue to have interesting speakers for our meetings but we need your input! If you, or someone you know, would like to speak to our club, contact the person(s) who have volunteered to organize a month's programs. Here are the organizers to date:

- May: Dave Watkins & Rob Miller
- June: Karl Hermann
- July: Don Scoville
- August: Beth Caswell & Sue Caulkins
- September: ?
- October: ?
- November: ?
- December: Ronna Steel

As you can see, there are still a few available one-month slots. Please consider volunteering! I have "program speaker presenter information" as well as details that you can share with prospective speakers. This information makes the task much simpler!

Our club continues to have great press via the Hillsdale Daily News and WCSR Radio. Thanks to everyone who keeps our club "in the news."

We are pleased and excited to be able to send Bill and Joan VanArsdalen to Paris, France in July to attend the Kiwanis International Convention. We will be prepared for a full report, with photos when they return! Vive la France!

Please contact me via cell phone or email regarding club business or issues. My family has (finally) relinquished our landline phone which has certainly made it quieter at our house but may make it a bit more challenging to reach me. Thank you for your continuing support!

<p><b><u>Kiwanis Club Officers</u></b>  President  <i>Lisa Roberts</i>  President-Elect  <i>Jackie Wickham</i>  Vice President  <i>Bob Flynn</i>  Treasurer  <i>Bill VanArsdalen</i>  Secretary  <i>Joan VanArsdalen</i>  Past President  <i>Chuck Bianchi</i></p>	<p><b><u>Board Directors</u></b>  2015-2017  <i>Susan French</i>  <i>Steve Sczytko</i>  <i>Deb McCluer</i>  2016-2018  <i>Kim Watson</i>  <i>Carola Thomas</i>  <i>Tom Osbourne</i></p>	<p><b><u>Board Meetings</u></b>  4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month  7:00 p.m. at Bigby Coffee</p>
	<p><b><u>Lt. Governor District 11</u></b>  <i>Phil Krauss, Brooklyn</i></p>	<p><b><u>Newsletter</u></b>  <i>Sue Caulkins</i></p>



Birthdays for April

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jon Ourensma  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – Kimberly Watson  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – Carola Thomas

Birthdays for May

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Harold Campbell  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Pete Bildner  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – Dave Watkins  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Charles Bianchi



Anniversaries for April

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Dolores Sczytko

Anniversaries for May

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Lisa & Bob Roberts  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Emily & C.W. Amburgey  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Andrea & Larry Bricker

## ***KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW***

### **Meetings & Programs**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Hillsdale Theater for Youth

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Judge Bianchi, Family Court  
& Student of the Month presentation

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – To be determined

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Appreciation meeting, so invite yours to lunch.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – To be determined

### **Membership & Growth**

- Chuck Bianchi & Emily Amburgey remind us: Just Ask! We have stepped up our image in the paper and on the web, so now it is up to us to talk about Kiwanis to our friends, family, and acquaintances. Then, just ask them if they would like to join our fun.

### **Community Service**

- Bob Flynn and the committee are setting up plans for a Kiwanis One Day clean up of the Field of Dreams. Then there will be a Blood Drive in August.

## **Young Children & Youth Services**

- Joan VanArsdalen and the committee have the reading to Bailey School students schedule circulating for sign up. That occurs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. You get to choose the book for the session, but remember the 5 minute attention span.
- They also have the Terrific Kids ceremonies scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. This one is at Gier School at 10:00 a.m.



- **Upcoming Event: June 10<sup>th</sup> – Kid's Fishing Derby. Mark your calendars.**

## **Human & Spiritual**

- The plan for the Clergy Appreciation Day is set for May 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to invite yours and let Joan know so we'll know how many to increase in our lunch count.

## **Fund Raisers**

- The next project will be the flag project, so start talking with neighbors and friends to get them signed up for our services of installing and removing flags for the holidays. Tom Osbourne & Deb Storer can be contacted with questions.

## **Other Projects**

- Cold Springs Park Extension & Improvement (long term project) has been coordinating schedules with members, designers, city officials, etc. See Ted Jansen & Tom Osbourne for more info.