



Hillsdale Kiwanis Club

MEETINGS: Tuesday 12:05 p.m.

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

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NEWSLETTER



Lisa Roberts, President

Notes from the President

The Summer is off to a busy start as our club seems to be everywhere! The flag program requires a lot of volunteers, both behind the scenes and directly involved in the “planting” and “reaping” of the flags. My sincere appreciation for the many hours members give for this visually impressive and patriotic program.

Our club has been busy with the food trailer too. In June, we co-sponsored the ever-popular fishing derby, and in July our team was on hand to sell goods for the “All American Celebration” at the fairgrounds and will again be at the fairgrounds on July 15th for the Chamber of Commerce’s “Summerfest.” Please remember that these are also volunteer opportunities and we need your help. These events help to keep our club front and center in the community.

Our club is once again collecting shoes. Please tie or rubber band your pair together and donate them for the cause. So, clean out your shoe tree and donate those uncomfortable and slightly worn shoes.

Speaking of shoes; we are also collecting shoe boxes. The Aktion Club is holding their convention at Hillsdale's Camp Michindoh in September. Our club has been making arrangements to have some local dignitaries there and we are expecting to need approximately one hundred "goody" bags to share with the attendees. Please bring empty shoe boxes to our meeting for collection.

Brush off that volleyball and practice that spiking! The Hillsdale Rotary and Exchange clubs are arranging an inter-club of another sort. They are challenging us to a volleyball game. Many of you remember the fun we had a few years ago at the blooperball game, and even though we lost, it was great fun. Details will be coming as soon as available.

One of our last summer activities will be the annual Ice Cream Social. This year's event will be on Friday, August 11th. Pies are a huge success, with cake running second. Please consider helping with this popular event.

Remember, this is your Kiwanis Club. The input, participation and sharing by everyone makes our club what it is today. Help us to remain a strong and vital part of this community; share the message of Kiwanis.



Birthdays for July

July 8th – Ronna Steel
July 21st – Lisa Roberts
July 25th – Ted Jensen
July 26th – Shawn Vondra



Anniversaries for July

July 4th – Janet & Bill Lee
July 8th – Bill & Joan VanArsdalen
July 10th – Brett & Brandy Boyd
July 17th – Kevin & Barb Walton

Keeping You in the Know

Meetings & Programs

July 3rd – **EVENT:** Great American Celebration (our Food Truck at fairgrounds)
July 15th – **EVENT:** Chamber of Commerce Summerfest (our Food Truck at fairgr)
July 29th – **EVENT:** Leadership Education, Kalamazoo, MI

Aug 10th – **EVENT:** Red Cross Blood Drive
Aug 11th & 12th – **EVENT:** Ice Cream Social at Hillsdale Sidewalk Sales

Sept 7th - 10th – **EVENT:** Mich Diistrict Convention, Crystal Mtn, MI
Sept 15th - 17th – **EVENT:** Aktion Club Regional Meeting at Camp Michindoh



MONDAYS

July 3rd – Lee Cook
July 10th – Jackie Wickham
July 17th – Alex Beck
July 24th – Steve Sczytko
July 31st – Beth Caswell
Aug 7th – Alex Beck
Aug 14th – Steve Sczytko
Aug 21st – Dave Watkins
Aug 28th – Beth Caswell

FRIDAYS

July 7th – Jon Ourensma
July 14th – Scott Scholl
July 21st – Jon Ourensma
July 28th – Don Scoville
Aug 4th – Tom Osbourne
Aug 11th – Jackie Wickham
Aug 18th – Jon Ourensma
Aug 25th – Don Scoville

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.
- See the article below for ideas on where to find new members.
- Elections have been completed as follows: 2017-2018 Vice President – Beth Caswell; 2017-2019 Board Members – Deb McCluer, Steve Sczytko, Scott Scholl.

Community Service

- Bob Flynn and the committee have set up a Blood Drive on August 10th.

Young Children & Youth Services

- Joan VanArsdalen and the committee have completed the reading to Bailey School students.
- They also have the Terrific Kids ceremonies completed.

Fund Raisers

- The flag project is underway so we'll be 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.

NEW MEMBERS, WHERE Can I find them?

We have all heard the statement "New Members, Where Can I find them? I believe we have two categories to which we can look. People we know and others we don't know. However, before we can begin we must have a plan which recognizes a need and then implement that plan.

The plan begins with a membership committee. That committee needs to meet regularly and report to the board of directors. When choosing members of this committee it is important to consider the leadership ability of the selected Kiwanians. You can have brochures that tell about your club, but your membership chairs must lead by example. A membership reminder should be on the agenda weekly in some form or another. This reminder is important to keep the club thinking about whom they could invite to visit the regular meeting or help with an upcoming project or fundraiser.

Who should be the membership Committee? **EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLUB**

Our club does not have a specific Guest Day at this time. We welcome guests at any meeting. This helps us to always have an interesting program and not just a good one once in a while. We try to always HAVE FUN!

When the club gets an application for membership, be sure you have a through orientation. This should be done by experienced members. By that we mean members who have several years of membership in the club who know the history of Kiwanis International, the local club and the significant changes that have occurred. One Example: Motto used to be "We Build", however, several years ago, at the International Convention it was voted by the delegates to change it to "Serving The Children Of The World".

Whom Should I Ask? Ask former members to join again. Maybe their circumstances have changed since their departure.

When reading the local paper and you see a new or old business person, minister, teacher, doctor etc. ask if they would like to join a service club and don't forget the program presenter. Take the time to welcome and invite them to one of our meetings. Let them see what fun our club enjoys while providing service to the children and this community.

When someone asks you "What is Kiwanis?" Please respond:

**"WE ARE A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING
TH WORLD ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME!"**