

# THE NEWS FROM the

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KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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**LUNCH**: Green salad, pot roast, mashed spuds, corn, gravy. And back to cookies!

**SONG:** *America the Beautiful,* led by Ralph S.  **INVOCATION**: Ralph, in song.

**Officers for 2013-2014**

President Greg Spears

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 Melissa Lenczewski

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**Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings**

2nd, 3rd, 4th, (and 5th) Wednesday at 11:45 a.m

Hopkins Park Community Room

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**K-Family Events/Meetings**

**Circle K Tuesday nights at 9:00 p.m. in DuSable 280.**

 **Hint: To stay young, attend one of their meetings!**

**AKtion Club –** Second Tuesday of the month at 2:45 p.m. at Opportunity House (202 Lucas St.) in Sycamore.

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**Defining Statement**

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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**Flag Salute**

As our flag signifies purity, valor, and justice, may we as true Kiwanians exemplify these virtues as we serve the children of the world.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

#  and OPPORTUNITITES

**Snowbird Update:** Gordy’s back! And his front!

**Divas’ Dish** time again! Yippee! Saturday April 26, 5:30-8 pm, at NIU’s Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center. Tix are $30, 2 for $50. See Jenny or Amy.

**Live Healthy DeKalb County** – Christel Springmire From Apr 7 – June 7 they will be collecting gym shoes. June 7 to Aug 1, sizing, cleaning, new laces, then distributed at food pantries. Volunteer opportunity for the sizing, and perhaps buying new laces.

See Bill or Jennie if you’d like a **lobster.**

Next **Interclub:** TBA

**Family Service Pork Chop Dinner** May 8. $12. See Diana.

**YMCA community awards dinner** is Thursday, May 1.

**Eliminate** is continuing the 50/50 raffle. Participation is “voluntary.” Bill Minor won $35.

**Beanzie** fliers are available. Please distribute them at will. Promotional efforts are in full swing! About 10 registrations already. Only 88 days until Beanzie!

**Meals on Wheels** month is NOW! Check the attached schedule to see when your day(s) is(are)(were).

**Pathway clean-up** sign-ups are happening. The big day is this Saturday, April 19. Meet at 8 am behind the movie theater.

**Dues are now due to Sue.**

**PoP Box/New Member Induction**

At random, Amy picked on our OLD friend, **Joe Pasteris**. He’s our poet laureate. He was born. In Joliet, to Italian immigrants. Served in the Korean War. The GI Bill allowed him to attend Northern. He taught for 32 years here in DeKalb. He’s now retired. Former member, may return someday. He’s also a master gardener. His garlic is already up. Boun giorno, Guiseppe! How many of you know he’s a former gang member. (Railroad gang).

# PROGRAM

Have you been wondering about Joe Pasteris recently? Today was Poetry Day for us, when the Kiwanis Poets’ Society, embodied by Joe himself, came for a visit. Joe Gastiger helped out as well. Mark Sawyer started us off with a selection form Shel Silverstein called “Snowman.” Joe G. read one of his own, and another as well, by Ellen Bass about asking for directions in Paris. (Having done this myself, the poem was dead on.) Joe’s own harkened back to his childhood in Westbury, N.Y. on Long Island and the Nassau County’s Farmers’ Market and all the wonders you might have found there. Joe P. gave us some of the history of Aprils past. April was established in 1996 as National Poetry Month. Joe regaled us with “What I Learned from my Mother,” (not to be confused with the recently concluded CBS sitcom, HIMYM). Keeping with the maternal theme, Joe continued with Billy Collins’ “Lanyards,” the universal gift to mothers from campers. Joe G introduced us to a friends’ poem whose name now escapes me. There was some kissing involved. And reminisces of a particularly memorable one. “In Answer to your Query”, by Naomi Lazare dealt with form letters. Giving and taking were reflected upon in “Shame.” Finally, we heard Garrison Keiller’s “Eastern Standard Time“ as read by Joe P.

**Heard around the tables…**

 Still remembering fondly Meg’s visit …

**Quote for the day**

I would define, in brief, the Poetry of words as the Rhythmical Creation of Beauty. Its sole arbiter is Taste.

― Edgar Allen Poe, *The poetic Principle.*

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: (Why not invite a guest? – that could also mean a prospective member!)**

April 23, 2014 Brad Copple Kish Health System Update

April 30, 2014 John Corneille New Advances in Blindness Health

**May 7, 2014 BOARD MEETING @ Lincoln Inn**

May 14, 2014 Kirk Lundbeck DeKalb Municipal Band 160th Anniversary

May 21, 2014 Anne Marie Gaura DeKalb City Manager

May 28, 2014 Bill Lundberg & Brian Reis Ellwood Garden Tour

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 41 | Kish Kiwanians |
|  0 | Guests:  |
|  0 | VIPs  |
|  1 | Guest Speaker: Joe Pasteris |
| **42** | **TOTAL** |

**Meals on Wheels for the remainder of the month:**

April 21 – Blythe and Judy Stason (& Bill Cummings) April 28 – Lisa Small

April 22 – Toney Xidis April 29 – Norm Schaeffer

April 24 – Jack and Marcia Goodrich

April 25 – Debbie Madeley

Serving the Children of the World