

# THE NEWS FROM the

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KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

## April 30, 2014 Editor-in-Showers: Paul Stoddard <http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

**LUNCH**: Green salad, pulled pork, cole slaw. And back to cookies!

**SONG:** *My Country ‘tis of Thee,* led by Ralph S.  **INVOCATION**: Joe G.

**Officers for 2013-2014**

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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

**Live Healthy DeKalb County** – As per Christel Springmire, it’s running now through 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. If you’ve got any shoes, turn ‘em in!

See Bill or Jennie if you’d like a **LOBSTER,** the St Paul’s boil is coming up (May 17).

Friday May 9 and Saturday May 10 will see a Mother’s Day **plant sale** at 1st Congregational Church, to benefit Hope Haven and Safe Passage.

Tim invited everyone to an **open house** at Northern Rehab on Thursday, May 8 from 5 until 7 pm. (3266 Resource Parkway in DeKalb)

**Aktion Club dinner:** Shadow tells me it’s May 30. *Mostaccioli* will be served.

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

**Beanzie** fliers are available. Please distribute them at will. Promotional efforts are in full swing! About 10 registrations already. Next meeting tomorrow (May 1) at 5pm at the Doublers’ house.

Next **Interclub** is Tuesday, May 6 at Fargo Coach Room in Sycamore at 6:00 p.m. Belvidere is passing the gavel to Sycamore.

**Prayer Breakfast coming up – see Joe G.**

Julie Eggleston announced the **“Hidden Treasure Sale”** fund raiser for Kish Special Recreation Assoc. coming up on May 10th at the Hopkins Shelter House. They are looking for donated garage sale type items that will fit in a bag for the sale.

Today;s **Eliminate** pot was $44. The bulletin editor won! Woohoo!!

And last, but not least, Greg invited everyone to a **Kentucky Derby Party** at his place in Sugar Grove on May 3rd!

**Dues are now due to Sue.**

# PROGRAM

Local attorney John Corneille spoke about New Advances in Blindness Health. John was last here in January, 2009. John is legally blind due to a retinal disease, which is a degenerative. By this point, John can no longer see his grandchildren. He can see, at most, light from the windows or fixtures. John is now with a\ Foundation Fighting Blindness to assist those suffering from this condition. One new advance is a retinal micro-chip. The chip is surgically implanted and receives images from a tiny camera on one’s glasses. The chip transmits the image to the optic nerve. The images aren’t great, but they’re still a great improvement. Blindness diseases are due to defective or missing genes. Identifying the problem genes is a long process, but hundreds have already been identified. Gene therepy has been shown to be effective in restoring sight. Stem cells are the next line of research. New work involves deprogramming skin cells to create stem cells (I think). John cold-called a researcher in Iowa and manage to become a patient. He’s now got cells sitting in a lab at the University of Iowa waiting to be useful. The thought is that within a few years skin cells can be reprogrammed and re-introduced to the eye to help restore sight. Due to research and efforts by groups like John’s foundation, hope now exists for people with degenerative eye diseases.

<http://www.blindness.org/blog/index.php/author/johnc/>

**Heard around the table:**

Who knew that today is Honesty Day? No, seriously, it is.

**Quote for the day**

Blind and naked Ignorance  
Delivers brawling judgments, unashamed,  
On all things all day long.

* Alfred Lord Tennyson, *Idylls of the King: Merlin and Vivien. Line 662.*

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

**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

**June 4, 2014 BOARD MEETING @ Lincoln Inn**

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 37 | Kish Kiwanians |
| 0 | Guests: |
| 0 | VIPs |
| 2 | Guest Speakers: John Corneille, Emma Harris |
| **39** | **TOTAL** |

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