

# THE NEWS FROM the

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KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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**LUNCH**: Green bean casserole, smashed spuds, Italian beef.. And of course, cookies!

**SONG:** *My Country ‘tis of Thee,* led by Jerry S.  **INVOCATION**: Peter L.

**Officers for 2013-2014**

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Melissa Lenczewski

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District Governor Pattie Heath

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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

The House committee changed everything up. Confusion reigned!

**Kickoff for PSA** – Family Service Agency is welcoming all the new Freshman Football players to our community. June 17 at 6pm. Barsema Alumni & Visitors’ Center, NIU campus.

**Diva’s Dish** thanked us for our donation of five gift baskets.

**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!

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

**Beanzie** fliers are available. Please distribute them at will. Promotional efforts are in full swing! At least 10 registrations already.

Next **Interclub** is Tuesday, June 11 at River Heights. If you would like to join the golf portion of the program, be sure to sign up. And btw, we should be getting a little gift from the Sycamore club.

There’s yet another **Pork Chop dinner** opportunity coming up. This one is to benefit 4H, and will be on June 18th. Tickets are $10, and available from Jennie.

**DCon** is August 8-9. Gov Pattie is looking for ceramic, needlework, and literary contributions to her “Pattie’s Prairie Room” fundraising auction/sale thingy.

June 18 will see a **welcome to summer festival**. Julie E. is looking for volunteers. Lots of fun activities.

Jack G. won $21 in the Eliminate Drawing.

And as ever, **dues are now due to Sue.**

**P.o.P. Box**

The John Roberts Award was announced last weekend – Ging and (our own) Jerry Smith! Jerry accepted the PoPping on behalf of both. Jerry gave a little background about John Roberts (former Kish College bigwig and community guy). Jerry and Ging like the company they’re in as award recipients.

# PROGRAM

Anne Marie Gaura, the new DeKalb City manager, was our program today. She’s been in town for 4 months now, coming to us from Lombard, the city of Montgomery, and Schaumberg. MPA from NIU, and lots of roots in DeKalb. Softball player. And hardball, as it turns out. Former (and future??) Kiwanian. She’s used to dealing with a community our size (44,000+ population). She likes the downtown and gowntown aspects of DeKalb. She wants to make a positive impact. For her 1st week – focus on meeting the employees. Building tours. Project- and subject-oriented meetings. 1st month – meeting with community members. Library was big here. Intro to labor negotiations. Getting to know our finances. One-on-one meetings with Mayor Rey, department heads, aldermen, etc. Strategic plan, Comprehensive plan, housing plan. 1st 4 months – building relationships with labor boards, community members, units of government, downtown merchants and NIU. Specifically the Chamber, DCEDC, DSATS and Metro West. Also a Joint Task Force with the city and school district, and a project management team (city center plan stuff). And it’s not all work – some nice tours of Ellwood House, the Sanitary District, etc. But mostly her first four months have been focused on three things – budget, budget, and budget. Six priorities: infrastructure, financial stability, two I missed, public safety and regional airport. The total budget is $79.2 million, of which $35 million is in the general fund (non-dedicated). Areas for future planning include water infrastructure, a comprehensive street inventory a housing study and a pay compensation and classification study. Several capital projects are planned, including a $400,000 Kishwaukee River Bike Path project.

Check her out at <http://www.cityofdekalb.com/CityManager.htm>

**Heard around the table:**

California Chrome, having won 2/3 of the Triple Crown so far is halfway there. And Don Merwin sure could talk!

**Quotes for the day**

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.

- George Burns

A great city is not to be confounded with a populous one.

* Aristotle

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

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

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

**June 11, 2014 4H, Golf Outing @ River Heights**

June 18, 2014 Ed Mathey Baseball: Our National Pastime?

June 25,2014 Tom Phillips NIU Police Chief

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 28ish | Kish Kiwanians |
| 0 | Guests: |
| 0 | VIP, former Kiwanians, etc: |
| 1 | Guest Speaker: Anne Marie Gaura |
| **29ish** | **TOTAL** |

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