

# THE NEWS FROM the

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KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

## Veteran’s Day, 2015 Editor: Paul Stoddard <http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

**LUNCH:** BBQ pork sandwiches, pasta salad, green salad,and of course, cookies.

**SONG:** *My Country ‘tis of Thee,* led by Bill C.  **Invocation**:Joe G.

**Officers for 2015-2016**

President Dick Dowen

President Elect Joe Gastiger

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Treasurer Lisa Small

Asst. Treasurer Sue Doubler

Secretary Ken Doubler

Asst. Secretary Jerry Wahlstrom

Immediate Past President

Abby Chemers

Lt. Governor Tarryn Thaden

District Governor Penny Linneweh

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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 Every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. in DuSable 254. Hint: To stay young, attend one of their meetings!**

**AKtion Club –** Second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at Opportunity House (357 N. California 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

**Abby’s first grandchild,** Benjamin, was born on her birthday. Also, Abby’s house has sold. (She’s planning on moving out to Colorado to be with Benjamin and his parents.)

**The next Interclub** will be at Aktion Club. Turns out it’s on the 10th (a.k.a. yesterday) For those of us who signed up for it as if it was supposed to be tomorrow, you’re off the hook.

**December 23 and 30 meetings**: Will be roundtables at the Lincoln Inn (at noon); everyone will be responsible for their own meals off the menu.

Mike Mooney reminded us it’s **Feed My Starving Children** time. Two ways to participate – come to the meal packing at Suter’s on Thursday, November 12 (7-9 pm). See Jerry W about that. 30 spots are ours. 10 or so still need to be filled. Bring a friend. We’re also selling (or buying) raffle tickets (the club gets $8 for each ticket we sell). The grand prize is $10,000.Mike is the raffle man.

**Beanzie meeting**, Saturday November 21 at 8 am at the Lincoln Inn.

United Way’s **Taste of the Vine** is tomorrow night (Thursday) at St Mary’s in Sycamore.

We need more members for the **Membership** committee. Betty Hampa has joined! This is important, so please consider helping out in this area.

**HS Football Championships:** 300 volunteer opportunities exist, Friday November 27th and Saturday November 28th. Talk to Bill Finucane or Deb Armstrong from the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors’ Bureau. Elevator duty (think warm!) signups are happening.

**Bell Ringing** Friday November 13 at Schnuck’s. Signups are happening.

See Jenny for info about **Toys For Tots** and contributing to the **Salvation Army Thanksgiving Baskets.**

**Toiletries**- We’re collecting these for Safe Passage. (See below.)

**Sue – NEW DUES ARE DUE!**(Same as the old dues).

Joan is collecting **box tops** and **Coke lids.**Jennie will take your **soup labels.**AKtion Club is collecting **aluminum cansand other recyclable materials**.

**Archives:** If you find any old stuff related to Kiwanis, please give a copy to Norm!

**PoP Box**

No actual popping today, but we did honor our perfect attendance people.

# PROGRAM

Family Service Agency’s own Dave Miller was our guest today. Dave’s been with FSA for about 5 years. (He’s also a missionary spreading the Packers fandom word.) FSA is the social service agency in DeKalb, with their roots stretching back to the 1940s. They focus on healing, mentoring, and social engagement. Dave suggests we send a squad of grandmothers and retired teachers down to Springfield to give the legislators a tongue lashing, because the budget stalemate is having a discernable negative impact on our community. Both sides are holding the most vulnerable hostage to make their political points, in Dave’s opinion. FSA is relatively good shape, though, as they don’t get a lot of state money. Instead they rely more on local donations (such as baked goods from Schnuck’s), city and county funding, foundations, and some fees. In Illinois, about 10% of the workforce works for a non-profit organization. In DeKalb County, the number is about 7,000 people. Here, non-profits are organizing, to try to put pressure on Springfield to resolve their differences. Back to FSA: They serve people from age 3 or 4 all the way through seniors. 4 programs: 1) Big Brothers/Big Sisters (mentoring of young people, after-school programs for the HS wallflowers to work with elementary students, “lunch buddies” – professionals having lunch with elementary students). 2) Children’s advocacy center (child abuse cases, which are on the increase in the county). 3) Counseling (individual, groups, trauma therapy, seniors). 4) Senior services (5 “drop-in” senior centers in the northern part of the county, to provide activities and social interaction opportunities for seniors).

(Token check to the FSA).

**Heard around the tables:** We’ll see.

**Quote for the day**

“All happy families resemble one another; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”

* Count Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina, part i, chap. i*

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

November 18 Brett Brown Proudly DeKalb

November 25 Beth Campen Beloved Community

**December 2 BOARD MEETING @ the Lincoln Inn**

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 34 | Kish Kiwanians |
| 3 | Circle K: Lica, Adam, Roxana |
| 1 | Guest: Mary Lou |
| 1 | Speakers: Dave |
| **39** | **TOTAL** |

**See more of the newsletter on the following pages:**

**2014/2015 Kishwaukee Kiwanis Perfect Attendance:**

Roger Seymore 1 year

Bill Minor 2 years

Mike Mooney 2 years

Betty Hampa 3 years

Joe Gastiger 5 years

Bob Higgerson 5 years

Dick Dowen 6 years

Abby Chemers 9 years

Paul Stoddard 11 years

Jennie Cummings 15 years

Sue Doubler 15 years

Mark Sawyer 16 years

Amy Polzin 19 years

Bill Cummings 21 years

Al Mueller 21 years

Beryl Smith 21 years (or possibly 63 for Beryl, Beryl, Beryl!)

Janet Byrnes 23 years

Jerry Smith 23 years

Toney Xidis 26 years

Ken Doubler 27 years

Bill Finucane 28 years

Bob Snow 28 years

Jerry Wahlstrom 31 years

Jack Goodrich 33 years

Dean Quarnstrom 36 years

Peter Lawes 37 years

Norm Schaeffer 43 years

Herb Buhr 46 years

Gordon Melms 46 years

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

**5 Abby Chemers (and her new grandson!)**

**7 Tony Chulick**

**7 Beryl Smith**

**11 Dean Quarnstrom**

**20 Tim Duez**

**22 Sue Doubler**

**22 Harry Husa**

**29 Dave Conlin**

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**YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU WISH LIST:**

**TAG (Therapeutic Art-Making Group):**

**Permanent markers, canvases, paint brushes, glue, watercolors, drawing paper, tracing paper, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers….any and all art supplies could help.**

**VolunTEEN:**

**Gardening gloves, small handheld shovels, cleaning supplies.**

 Thank you so much again for the opportunity to share about the Youth Service Bureau, and thank you for your dedication to the community.

Diana L. Hulst, Executive Director of DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau

**The following are items we (Safe Passage) regularly need. If you are looking to donate please consider these items!**

1. Gas station & Wal-Mart gift cards

2. Non-perishable food

3. Linens for twin beds

4. Towels & washcloths

5. Diapers & Pull-ups (especially larger sizes)

6. Baby wipes

7. Paper towels, toilet paper, & tissues

8. Sweatpants & sweatshirts

9. Women’s underwear (bras and panties)

10. Cleaning supplies (dish soap, spray cleaners, laundry detergent, etc.)

11. Harder hair brushes

12. Hair conditioner

13. Olive Oils for hair (not cooking oil)

14. Pantine shampoo/conditioner (Brown Bottle)

15. Motions haircare products

Serving the Children of the World