# THE NEWS FROM the

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 **LUNCH:** DIY sandwiches, pasta and fruit salad, chips of potato, and Cookies.

KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

**Officers for 2016-2017**

President Joe Gastiger

President Elect Bob Higgerson

Vice President Roger Seymore

Treasurer Lisa Small

Asst. Treasurer Sue Doubler

Secretary Ken Doubler

Asst. Secretary Jerry Wahlstrom

Immediate Past President

 Dick Dowen

Lt. Governor Juanita Mundy

District Governor Rick Poulton

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**Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings**

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

Faranda’s Banquet Center

302 Grove St.

DeKalb, IL

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**K-Family Events/Meetings**

**Circle K Every Monday night at 8:00 p.m. in Neptune Central 110. Hint: To stay young, attend one of their meetings!**

**AKtion Club –** Second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 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.

#  and OPPORTUNITITES

**COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS.** We still need folks to chair: Risk, Reduction and Avoidance; Social Sports (could also use some members); and Human and Spiritual Values. Please let Amy know if you are willing to step up on any of these.

**Our Next Interclub:** will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 DeKalb will be passing the gavel to Kishwaukee (hey! That’s us!) at 11:45 a.m. at our new usual place: Faranda’s! The Madrigals are the program that day so it should be a full house!

**Volunteer Opportunities and Other Goodies**:

 - December 3, 2016 the **Steel Drum Band** will be playing at NIU at 7:00 p.m. Rumor has it that our own Misty Haji-Sheikh will be performing.

 - **DeKalb County Permanency Action Team** resource event. Tuesday,

 December 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at DeKalb High School. Volunteers needed 3:30-6:30 p.m. to serve a light meal, child care and activities, and/or unloading groceries.

 - **Christmas Purses** – new or gently used purses filled with small gift items if

 you choose (toiletries, gloves, jewelry, hair products, gift cards, etc.) for

Safe Passage clients. Put in a gift bag and drop off at VAC by 12/16/16

 - **Freezing for Food** – December 7-10 at Aldi’s parking lot. Salvation Army

 Food Pantry. You may drop items off at the Doubler abode (238 Lexington, DeKalb) on Thursday, 12/8 for delivery on 12/9 or 10. If you drop off at the Aldi’s parking lot by yourself, please note how many pounds and let Sue

 Doubler know.

 - **YMCA Donor Appreciation Luncheon** – Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Regale Center, 124-1/2 S. California St., Sycamore. RSVP to Debbie Madeley by 12/8 (815-756-9577 x 20).

 - **Senior Citizens Giving Tree** – See Sue or Diana.

 - **Winter Coats** are being collected – see Joe.

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

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

Joan is collecting **box tops** and **Coke lids. General Mills products,** helps local schools. AKtion Club is collecting **aluminum cans and other recyclable materials**.

**P.o.P./Health Box**

Amy got PoPped! For making an error in the Bulletin (she misspelled her name!)

# 🟊🟊🟊🟊 PROGRAM 🟊🟊🟊🟊

Our own Anne Marie Gaura was the program today (introduced by Jerry Smith, so you know what that was like). She filled us in on the latest doings in the city of DeKalb. Leader. Partner. Catalyst. They’re trying to build a health general fund balance (think “reserves”), equivalent to 3 months of their operating costs. Looks like we’re just about there. Crime in the large housing complexes is down 59%. 3M is investing $40 million on a new facility in Park 88, and thus retaining 600 jobs in our area. Another project is a Target Upstream Distribution Center ($50 million, 450 new jobs). We’ve seen the new library, and also the Lucinda Ave extension on NIU’s campus. Brian Bemis is the first business to utilize the new Enterprise Zone. We also are getting a new Christ Community Church and an aviation hanger at the airport. Lots of new businesses moving into the downtown area, Hillside Rd, and Sycamore Rd. (remember the excitement with Popeye’s?). Several businesses have expanded. Two infrastructure improvements are the Nicor and railroad projects. The city collaborates in several projects like Camp Power, and the purchase of a ladder fire truck with NIU. TIF funds are being used for the schools and for the Stagecoach Theater. Plans are being developed for the future of the Egyptian Theater. What’s next?, you may ask. Glad you did. Implementation of the Strategic Plan, developing an Economic Development Plan, improving 5th St from Lincoln Highway to Grove, making it an arts district. Marketing DeKalb to increase the tax base. (As an aside – technology! Ain’t it great?)

**Heard around the tables:**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

**Quote for the Day**

“Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too.
 - Richard Nixon

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

**Dec 7 Board Meeting @ the Lincoln Inn**

**Dec 14 Holiday Songs DeKalb High School Madrigals**

Dec 21 Deanna Cada Mental Health

Dec 28 Ken Doubler Kiwanis Education (members invited to submit questions)

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 38 | Kish Kiwanians  |
|  0 | K family:  |
|  2 | Other Guests: Al’s granddaughter, Annabella; Abby (who’s enjoying being a grandmother) |
|  1 | Speaker: Anna Marie |
| **41** | **TOTAL** |

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