

# THE NEWS FROM the

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**LUNCH:** Beef Brisket, chicken, potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit salad, and cookies.

KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

## January 11, 2017 Editor: Paul Stoddard <http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

. **SONG:** *God Bless America* 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.

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# and OPPORTUNITITES

**Our Next Interclub:** will be on January 19 at 6:00 pm. We’re passing the gavel to Tri-County at the South Moon BBQ. Also – the DeKalb evening club is having a mayoral forum on Feb 6 6pm at the Elks Club (would qualify as an interclub). At least 2 of our members are pretty sure to be there.

**Kiwanis Show:** Gold Circle dinner will be before the show, here at Faranda’s. Who could we invite that might be willing to pay $75 for dinner and the show?

**Volunteer Opportunities and Other Goodies**:

If you haven’t filled out a survey, Ken would like to invite to do so by next week.

**Toiletries**- We’re collecting these for Safe Passage.

**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**

We’re still all good!

# 🟊🟊🟊🟊 PROGRAM 🟊🟊🟊🟊

Jamie Walter, president of Whiskey Acres was our guest today. (As you may recall, Whiskey Acres was a rest stop last Beanzie, and Jamie invited everyone inside and entertained them during the big rain storm. – this note provided by Beanzie himself.) Jamie, some of us may recall, was a Kish Kiwanis member a while back (during the Dave Emmanuel reign). Whiskey Acres is a family business that goes back to Jamie’s great great grandparents (on maternal and paternal sides). They grow the corn and produce bourbon, rye whiskey, vodka and their weird stuff “artisan series.” Bourbon, a type of whiskey, has to have at least 51% feed grain corn, aged in a new barrel each time, and must be distilled in the US (by international treaty). Used barrels go primarily to home brewers. Some are used to age Scotch whisky. For the rye whiskey, they raise their own rye (from Canadian seeds). Different varieties of corn make different flavors of whiskey. Whiskey Acres is one of only two distilleries that make “varietal” whiskeys. This is their artisan series. There are now over 1300 craft distilleries in the US (who combined don’t produce as much as Jim Beam). Jamie and his dad farm over 2000 acres. They grow corn, wheat, and rye for their spirits. Nick Nagole is the third partner for the company. To make whiskey, you start by making beer, then distilling the beer to make whiskey. (Don’t try this at home – it’ll cost you 15 years if you don’t have a license.) Dave Pickerell, former master distiller at Maker’s Mark, came out to DeKalb to help Whiskey Acres get started. The water comes from the limestone aquifer beneath our feet. Distilleries require a large investment up front, but have to wait years before they can sell their product and hence start making a profit. Whiskey Acres anticipates their first profitable year will be this year. Whiskey Acres has just signed to be the “Spirit of the Illini” at U of I. They’re working on a similar agreement with NIU. Aging times vary with the size of the barrel. 15-18 months for a small barrel; 3-5 years for a large barrel.

You can buy their products at the bar here at Faranda’s, at the HyVee in Sycamore, as well as other locations throughout Illinois. For more info you can contact them at [info@whiskeyacres.com](mailto:info@whiskeyacres.com). Visit them Fri/Sat 1:30-8:30, Sun 1:30-5:30 at 11504 Kesslinger Rd. (but wait until April, since they’re closed December through March).

**Heard around the tables:**

Watch out for ice on the roads!

**Quote for the Day**

Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough.

- *Mark Twain*

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

January 18   Chronicle Editor Eric Olson 2016 Year in Review

January 25   Paul Kassel, Dean NIU College of Visual & Performing Arts

**February 1 BOARD MEETING @ the Lincoln Inn**

February 8   Patty Poorten “My Mission Trip to Bulgaria”

February 15 Ralph Sherman Kish Kiwanis Show

February 22 DeKalb Public Works Tim Holderman Director

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 36 | Kish Kiwanians |
| 0 | K family: |
| 0 | Other Guests: |
| 1 | Speaker: Jamie |
| **37** | **TOTAL** |

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