

# THE NEWS FROM the

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 **LUNCH:** Corned beef, veggies, mashed spuds, and cookies. **Musical Numbers:** Riley

KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

## March Ides, 2017 Editor: Paul Stoddard <http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

. **SONG:** *America the Beautiful,* led by Chanette.  **Invocation:**: Dick D

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

**Officers for 2016-2017**

President Joe Gastiger

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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:** April 4: Aktion Club to Sycamore. 6 pm at Sorrento’s.

Diana has 4 tickets for **Gaelic Storm.** They’re $25 each.

**Yearbooks:** Paper copies are in. See the folks at the front table.

April will be **Meals on Wheels** month for us**.** Sign-ups are happening.

**Beanzie** is only 4 months away!

**April 22: Pathway cleanup on Earth Day!** Sign-ups for meeting behind the theater.

**Bill Cummings** is looking for about 6 people to sign up for the Kazoo band! He has some already but needs more!

**Kiwanis Show:** Ralph said that we have enough talent signed up to fill the show! 100 tix sold! Let’s sell another 400 or 500.

**Survey Results:** Ken handed them out. Pretty good, but a couple areas could use some work.

**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. / H e a l t h B o x**

Misty PoPped her marriage, which will be 33 years old Friday.

🟊🟊🟊🟊 PROGRAM 🟊🟊🟊🟊

Terry Hannan, Superintendent of the DeKalb County Forest Preserve was our guest today. The forest preserve was established by the voters in 1940. The help preserve wildlife habitats, soil conservation, and air and water quality. Wetlands, prairies, and woodlands all fall under their metaphorical umbrella. They help maintain the bike trails (with our help! – see note above). Chicago-area astronomy clubs use our forest preserves for star-gazing, since we still have (relatively) dark skies. They run various educational programs, covering wildlife and conservation topics at Russell Woods. Kish College and NIU have field trips to the preserves. Terry highlighted some of the older trees in the county, which were pretty impressive. The preserve has controlled burns to get rid of invasive species. (Little known fact – the 3rd largest cause of forest fires are irons left on in nests.) Afton Preserve is a national birding hotspot, hosting over 200 species of birds, woodpeckers, osprey, snowy owls, and bald eagles among them. DeKalb county was originally about 80% prairie. Back in 1986 NIU prof Paul Sorensen and students planted the Afton Prairie, which reached full bloom about 3 years later. Prairie plants’ root systems extend deep into the ground, allowing them to survive droughts and other harsh conditions. In an attempt to save taxpayers money, the forest preserve has initiated a picnic-table breeding program. The newest preserve is on the site of the old, notoriously flood-prone Evergreen Village trailer park. The plan is for it to open in May.

Their web page can be found at <http://dekalbcounty.org/ForestPreserve/index.html>

**Quote for the Day**

“Trees are poems the earth writes upon the sky

We fell them down and turn them into paper

That we may record our emptiness.”

* *Kahlil Gibran*

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

 March 22 Roberta and Dave Barn on Baseline Animal Shelter

 March 29 Steve Kuhn DeKalb Co. Health Department Referendum

 **April 5 BOARD MEETING @ the Lincoln Inn**

 April 12 Stewart Henn 2017 Exhibits at the NIU Art Museum

 April 19 Michelle Donahoe Sycamore History Museum

 April 26 Deanna Cada Mental Health

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 31 | Kish Kiwanians  |
|  0 | K family:  |
|  3 | Other Guests: Tammy and Riley, Norm’s wife Mary Lou |
|  1 | Speaker: Terry |
| **39** | **TOTAL** |

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