

# THE NEWS FROM the

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 **LUNCH:** Lasagna!!, veggies, salads, and cookies.

KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

## March 29, 2017 Editor: Paul Stoddard <http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

. **SONG:** *America the Beautiful,* led by Bill C.  **Invocation**: Joe G

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

**Officers for 2016-2017**

President Joe Gastiger

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Vice President Roger Seymore

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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.

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

April will be **Meals on Wheels** month for us**.** Sign-ups have happened.

**Beanzie** is only 4 months away!

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

**Kiwanis Show:** Ralph said that we have enough talent signed up to fill the show! Over 250 tix sold! Let’s sell another 300 or 400.

**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**

Jerry S PoPped Bob S (and Bill F and Misty HS and himself) for being candidates in front of an audience of 3. It eventually grew to about 15.

Amy has been diagnosed with stage IV cancer. She had surgery last week, and will be undergoing chemo and radiation theory in the weeks to come. She’s about as upbeat as can be expected under the circumstances.

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Steve Kuhn came by to talk about the Health Department referendum. Steve was introduced by Mike Mooney who, along with Jane Lux, is co-chair of *Citizens for Public Health* - the effort to pass the referendum. Steve is a Rotarian, but for this occasion we won’t hold that him against him. Steve has local roots, and has been familiar with DeKalb since the time when Annie Glidden was a 2-lane, tree-lined roadway. The health department gets 17000 visits annually, for such things as child immunizations, adult travel immunizations, TB skin tests and follow-up services. The health department helps administer the WIC program locally. They also perform the restaurant health inspections, infections disease investigations, over 450 school health education programs, and on-site vision and hearing screening for 7000 children. The money for all this comes from county taxes (23%), fees (36%), and state and federal grants (40%) – but that last category has been decreasing (18% over the last several years). The department has been cutting costs (a 25% reduction in staff, for example) but programs are still at risk. The cost to homeowners would be less than $2/month for a house worth $200,000; or less than $0.12/acre for farmers. Combined with the retirement of the nursing home bonds last year, the net effect would be a small reduction in your tax bill. At risk are programs delivering health and safety services during natural emergencies and infectious disease prevention (remember the H1N1 flu scare?) among others. Every $1 spent on public health saves over $5 in healthcare costs.

To see all the health department does, check out <http://dekalbcounty.org/health/> **Remember to VOTE April 4!.**

**Heard around the tables:**

Beryl was waxing hyperbolic today.

**Quote for the Day**

“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.”

 *- Buddha*

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

 **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: Chronicle Publisher Karen Pletsch; Cindy Graves; Capt Graham.  |
|  1 | Speaker: Steve Kuhn |
| **39** | **TOTAL** |

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