

# THE NEWS FROM the

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 **LUNCH:** Cold sandwiches, hot chili, and room temperature home made chips and cookies.

KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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

. **SONG:** *This Train,* led by Roger S.  **Invocation:** Al.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS

**Officers for 2017-2018**

President Bob Higgerson

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Vice President Sue Doubler

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Secretary Ken Doubler

Asst. Secretary Jerry Wahlstrom

Immediate Past President

Joe Gastiger

Lt. Governor Misty Haji-Sheikh

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 Dusable 302. 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 Interclubs:** Dec 11 (DeKalb) – sign up is going around, Jan 17 (Kish), Feb 12 (Circle K) are the next dates. Sign-ups for the Dec 11 meeting (5:30 pm, Elks’ Club)

**Circle K** is selling **T-shirts**. They’re going for $15, and look pretty sharp. See Paul.

Bill F. recapped the weekend’s football championship activities. Jack G. got stuck in the elevator.

**Food drive** at HyVee this weekend.

Kirkland Lions **coat drive** is ongoing. Talk to Amy for details.

Circle K has been very active and is doing **Dear Santa** again this year. It will be Dec 9, 10 am-noon, with Big Brothers/Big Sisters at Family Service Agency. **Holiday Embrace** will follow in January (5th and 6th, at the Westin Chicago Northwest). The dinner and dance ($50) will be Saturday evening, Jan 6th.

Keep an eye out for greeters at upcoming meetings.

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

From Al **– Please pay the new Dues!** (Note the change in dues collector!).

Colleen B (aka “Arms”) is collecting **box tops** and **Coke lids. General Mills products,** helps local schools.

**Annual Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 16, at Schnucks (inside location), 2 hour shifts from 10 to 6, sign-up sheets at the Board Meeting next week, or members should contact Sue if they want a preferred time slot.  Michelle, at the Salvation Army was delighted that we are willing to do this again this year. Any** **questions, contact Sue or Ken Doubler.**

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No news is good news.

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Dan Kenny, from the DeKalb County Community Gardens, presented our program today. Dan is a retired teacher, having taught at Clinton Rosette and Brooks schools here in town. He started gardens at each. He told us of a student who was picking strawberries, but not eating any – because she thought they were tasteless and hard. When finally coaxed into trying a fresh one, her face lit up. Pivoting to food deserts, Dan presented community gardens as an alternative to just throwing at the problem. A food desert is an area with limited access to affordable and nutritious food, and are found mostly in low income areas. 23.5 million Americans live in a food desert, making them “food insecure.” In the DeKalb school district, 1 in 2 children are food insecure. Of the 14,360 DeKalb County residents facing food insecurity, 5,986 make too much to be eligible for public benefits. The community gardens provide a way to make fresh food available in these areas. But in addition to the fruits and vegetables, the DCCG offers education on nutrition and how to prepare the food – since many people haven’t had experience with any thing that doesn’t come out of a can. Gardens have been set up in Genoa, at University Village, and at the DeKalb County Health Department campus. Another program has the DCCG deliver boxes of fresh vegetables, for a fee, to families in need. They take donations from those wishing to help families that can’t afford the fee.

Find out more at <https://www.dekalbgardens.org/>.

**Quote for the Day**

“Quod ali cibus est aliis fuat acre venenum”

―Beaumont and Fletcher, *Lucretius, iv. g37.*

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

 **Dec 6 BOARD MEETING @ the Lincoln Inn**

Dec 13TBA (but maybe Safari through DeKalb with Gene Perry)

 **Dec 20 YuletideSongs Madrigals**

Dec 27 Round tables?

**Today’s Attendance:**

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| 33 | Kish Kiwanians |
|  0 | Guests: |
|  1 | K Family: Shadow |
|  1 | Speakers: Dan |
| **35** | **TOTAL** |

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

 1 Toney Xidis 20 Diana King

 19 Bob Gilmore 30 Chanette Oeser

 19 Mark Sawyer 31 Max Heide

Serving the Children of the World