



KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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http://www.kishkiwanis.org

LUNCH: Sausages, Veggie Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Bread, Cake.
Invocation: Joe G.

Hybrid Meeting led by Prez Colleen

Officers for 2021-2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Interclubs: June 13 (Mon): DeKalb Club 6pm, Westminster Church 830 N. Annie Glidden. July 21 (Thur): Tri-county 7pm. Aug 10 – us! Sept 20 6pm – NIU Circle K or Sycamore. Oct 10, 6pm Aktion Club.

Jerry Smith presented our scholarship awards to Khalil Baraoua (NIU) and Hussein Thahab (U of I) last week. Look for a future program from them.

Chamber Expo, 5/20/22 (this Friday!), DeKalb Sports & Rec Ctr, 4-7. Volunteer sign-ups went around. Call Sue if you didn't get a chance to sign. Set up is at 3 pm. Sue would like some help for that.



Rummage sale in May 21 (this Saturday!). Sue's in charge of collecting rummage (but NO large furniture or clothing, so your clothes dresser is right out!). Drop your stuff off at Ken and Sue's. (Call first to be sure they're home.) Volunteer ops on Thursday before, and on the day of.

Ken reported on the Sycamore Interclub last night. Ken, Sue, Bill M., and Mike M. were there. Sue was elected Lt. Gov for 2022-2023! Yay Sue! According to Ken, their Zoom capability doesn't compare to ours. Yay us!

3rd Quarter dues are due! You can mail a check to Al at PO Box 1007, DeKalb, Illinois 60115 or bring a check to a meeting. (\$110/quarter meals; \$75/quarter no meals).

★★★★ PROGRAM ★★★★★

Superintendent of the DeKalb Schools, Minerva Garcia-Sanchez was our program today. Dr. Garcia-Sanchez is the first Latina to hold the position. She holds degrees in bilingual ed and urban ed (and one other degree). Minerva (her preference) was drawn to DeKalb in part because the diversity climate has changed (increased) as more companies move in. She likes both the agricultural nature of the town (and she owns a hen!), and the newer, more tech-oriented aspect. DeKalb is a one-to-one community, meaning every child in the district has access to a computer. The teacher loyalty impresses her. The changes in the town get reflected in the schools – such as the increased emphasis on STEM courses – there will be a whole STEM program this summer, partnering with NIU.

Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings
2nd, 3rd, 4th, (and 5th) Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. Faranda's Banquet Center 302 Grove St. DeKalb, IL

K-Family Events/Meetings
Circle K Every other Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. in DuSable 461 or via Teams Online.

Aktion Club – Looking to start up again in January at Opportunity House (357 N. California St.) in Sycamore.

Defining Statement
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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.



Covid, in addition to the obvious issues, has led to some new challenges – namely getting students re-accustomed to the discipline necessary in a classroom setting. New students have to learn the routines and expectations of this area. A strategic plan for this year was integrated with the diversity plan developed in 2017. 5 Priorities: students achieving at the appropriate level, financial responsibility, family inclusion, and building the professional qualifications of a staff that reflects the local population. On the financial side, Minerva recently requested \$10 million for resources, but not all at once; rather over a 3-year period from both taxpayers and grants. The first money is to help students coming out of the pandemic and special needs students. Next, following a security audit, improve safety in the schools by hiring security staff who will work with students and staff to teach how to be a good citizen, along with dealing with security issues. They are updating the bullying and truancy policies to be more consistent. Part of the \$10 million is to ensure that there are enough nurses, counsellors, etc. to help students deal with the various issues that would otherwise diminish their ability to do well.

The district is in the process of hiring principals at Littlejohn, Tyler, and the high school.

Minerva is 9 months into her appointment here. She’s moved into town, and is learning all the local hotspots (like Bea’s).

Website: dist428.org

Honorarium: Kishwaukee Kiwanis Club

Heard around the internets

Injuries can derail the seasons of even the best of teams.

Quote for the Day

“America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live.”

- Jane Addams

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

May 25	Mike Embrey	Memorial Day Program
June 1	BOARD MEETING	
June 8	Various	4H presentations
June 15	Tiffany Tucker, B. L. A. C.	Empowering Youth in DeKalb
June 22	Ruth Hart	Little Lending Library
June 29	BEANZIE meeting	

Today’s Attendance:

30	Kish Kiwanians (29 in person, 1 via zoom)
0	K-family:
0	Other Guests:
1	Outside Speaker: Minerva
31	Total

Have a **closing thought** for the day? Submit it to Bob Hoffman.

God is not limited by your circumstances.

Approved officers for next year:



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Asst Treas: Al Mueller
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