



KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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<http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

LUNCH Breakfast for lunch – eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, le pain grille´ **Hybrid Meeting** led by Prez Mary
Invocation: Marty R.

Officers for 2022-2023

President	Mary McGinn
President Elect	Bob Hoffman
Vice President	Mike Mooney
Treasurer	Sue Doubler
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Immediate Past President	Colleen Bredeson
Lt. Governor	Sue Doubler
District Governor	Dustin Morrison

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS
and OPPORTUNITITES**

Upcoming Interclubs: TBA

Genoa club is off and running. 21 people have signed up! Their first meeting will be March 2 at 8:30 am at the Genoa Library. Why not check it out?

Mardi Gras Gala: Feb 21 (next Tuesday evening). It's our new fundraiser. So far we have 4 tables committed to. (If you sign up for a full table, hurricanes are included! If you know a place for a flyer or two, Toney still has some. Faranda's has advertised the event in the Midweek. Listen for some radio spots coming up. We're also looking for sponsors. Check out the website. If you can help with set up, let Mary know.

Two on two needs people for Feb and March. The program has netted three new members so far.

We're doing a **bottle cap** drop for some very worth cause. So save your caps.

Only 151 days until **Beanzie**. Mark it (July 16, 2023) in your calendars. Next meeting: **Sunday, Feb 19, 5:30pm at Rosita's**.

2nd Quarter dues are now 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).

Sad News Department

Kim McIver's mother, Maureen Oakley, and Paul Stoddard's mother, Anne, passed away earlier this month. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

PoP BOX

Marty has dropped 15 pounds! Way to go Marty!

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 at 6:00 p.m. in DuSable 461 or via Teams Online.

AKtion Club – Looking to start up again at some point 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.



★ ★ ★ ★ PROGRAM ★ ★ ★ ★

We were joined today by Tom Matya from Opportunity House. Day programs include community day services (education and skills development for about 75 people); OH University, in conjunction with Kish College provides 70 classes and can result in a certificate from Kish. OH currently helps 28 individuals with outside employment. Ideal Industries has been one of the larger employers of OH clients. Getting a paycheck really helps with self-esteem among the clients. Today is a big day for the residential program. Two new homes are coming on line, both located in Sycamore. The Rich Road facility is being closed, as it was not in a great location (busy street, no sidewalks). The total is eight homes in the DeKalb/Sycamore area, with approval for two more. The big issue is finding enough staff. With a budget of about \$8.5 million and over 100 employees, OH is one of the larger non-profits in the county. Due to the employees' dedication, OH was able to stay open throughout the pandemic. In addition to paid staff, OH relies on community volunteers to check in on clients every now and then. Two programs that OH provides (that many other similar agencies don't) are recreation and Special Olympics. Recreation can be going to a movie or Buffalo Wild Wings to watch a ball game or even trips to Chicago. This is Opportunity House's 60th year. Look for a big event in August.

Website: ohinc.org

Honorarium: Opportunity House

Heard around the Tables:

Food for thought – have we pushed too many people to get college degrees?

Quote for the Day:

“Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

- Warren Buffett

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

February	22	Jill Olson	CASA
March	1		Board Meeting
March	8	Amy Doll	Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves
March	15	Bill Braksick and Dustin Davis	WNIU/WNIJ
March	22	Joe Gastiger	Poetry Reading
March	29	Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail	Philippine Youth Leadership Program

Today's Attendance:

34	Kish Kiwanians (31 in person, 3 on zoom – Ken, Sue, Virginia)
1	K-family: Misty
2	Other Guests: Brian Scholle (former member/prez), Ed Valdez
1	Outside Speakers: Tom M.
38	Total

Closing thought for the day:

A smile is the cheapest way to improve your looks. 😊