



KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

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<http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

LUNCH Chicken, rice, veggies, Caesar salad, and cookies

Hybrid Meeting led by Prez Mary

Invocation: Al M.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS
and OPPORTUNITITES**

Upcoming Interclubs: Zoom with Jan Byrne’s Superstition Kiwanis club in Mesa, Arizona, April 17 at 8 pm.

April 19 meeting will be at Byer’s Brewery (230 E Lincoln Highway).

Mardi Gras Gala: Sign-up sheet of the hours you worked was passed around.

Sign-up table: 2 for 2, Meals on Wheels for April (4 slots left), Mardi Gras volunteer hours, proposed *Kiwanis International amendment* (a \$30 dues increase), *Chamber Expo* on April 27, *DeKalb Public Library book sale* (work days April 19-24).

Gov Elect Tom Willis talked to us about the proposed KI “dues adjustment” which would raise the total dues per person to \$82. According to KI, without the increase, Kiwanis would have only 3 to 5 years left. The pandemic and ensuing stock market decrease has forced KI to dip deep into their reserves (including principal). The print version of the magazine is going away, but it will be available online. Staff is being reduced. Some people are returning on a contract basis, which means the same work, but no benefits. Tom blames KI for not keeping up with dues over the past years, arguing that small incremental increases would have caused less pain.

Community Services has started some work on getting **CPR training** for Kiwanians at Opportunity House. Probably sometime this summer or fall. Details still being worked out on costs, etc.

Chicken Dinner tomorrow!! From 4:30 thru 6 pm. If you want to buy or sell tickets, please see Mary! If you want to volunteer see Mary or Sara.

Only 109 days until **Beanzie**. Mark it (July 16, 2023) in your calendars. Next meeting: **April 16, 5:30 at Rosita’s. April 1 signage meeting 9:30 to 11:30 am, at the storage facility.**

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).

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 ★★★★★

Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (Tagalog instructor at NIU) and four of the program’s Adult Leaders were to have joined us to talk about the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP). Alas, they were a little late, so Prez Mary filled in for a bit. The Program brings Filipinos (4 leaders, about 20 young students) to the US for leadership training. They spend time here at NIU with local families (Mary has been a host family, and will be again), and a week in Washington D.C. In the Philippines, the minority groups have been displaced, leading to various insurgencies. The Philippines has a diverse faith population, creating a lot of potential for conflict, and the hope is that this program provide community building skills for the students to help them help the Philippines navigate such troubles. Our Filipino guests come from Mindanao and comprise a doctor, 2 professors, and a development worker, and were very pleased to see some snow for the first time in their lives. The PYLP is one of hundreds of programs supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US State Department, and has been operating at NIU for the last 20 years. Rhodalyne pointed out that it is cheaper to build diplomatic relationships than confrontational ones (the Department of Defense’s budget is about 10 times that of State’s). The program stresses cultural activities, appreciation of democratic values (especially freedom of speech and religion), and leadership skills. The 24 participants this year were selected from over 200 applicants.

Website: [NIU Philippine Youth Leadership Program](#)

Honorarium: PYLP

Heard around the Tables:

No refund for Shadow.

Quote for the Day:

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader.”

- John Quincy Adams

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

April	5		Board Meeting
April	12	Kim McIver	Habitat for Humanity
April	19	Steve Byers	AT BYER’S BREWING
April	26	Kay Berke	Kids Alive
May	3		Board Meeting

Today’s Attendance:

29	Kish Kiwanians (28 in person, 1 on zoom: Virginia)
3	K-family: Gov-Elect Tom Willis (Addison), Steph Forsberg, Gary Vander Meer
0	Other Guests:
5	Outside Speakers: Rhodalyne, Christine Joy, Jerwin, Al-Jayson, Reen
37	Total

Closing thought for the day:

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.