



**KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois**

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<http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

**LUNCH** Roast beef sandwiches, rotini, Caesar salad, cookies

**Invocation:** Joe G.

Meeting led by Prez Mary

Location: Byers Brewery

**Officers for 2022-2023**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS  
and OPPORTUNITITES**

**Upcoming Interclubs:** TBA

**Sign-up table:** 2 for 2, proposed *Kiwanis International* amendment (a \$30 dues increase), *Chamber Expo* on April 27, *DeKalb Public Library book sale (work days April 19-24)*. Monday tear-down can still use people.

**Expo Event** next week (April 27) 3-5:30. Sports & Rec Center.

**Pathway Cleanup:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 A.M. Herb's handling signups.

**Kiwanis Work Day** May 6 at Camp Independence (32405 N. US Highway 12, Ingleside, IL (located in YMCA Camp Duncan). That's about 40 minutes from here. Hosted by Divisions 8 and 9. Governor Dustin will be there. So will steak.

Only 95 days until **Beanzie**. Mark it (July 16, 2023) in your calendars. Next meeting **TBA, 5:30 at Rosita's**. John Pappas gave \$1000 for BwB.

**2nd Quarter dues are now due!** You can mail a check to AI at PO Box 1007, DeKalb, Illinois 60115 or bring a check to a meeting. (\$110/quarter meals; \$75/quarter no meals).

**PoP**

Bob Gilmore had their first great-great grandchild, Anna! Congratulations!

★★★★ **PROGRAM** ★★★★★

There was a change of scenery today as we met at Byer's Brewing on Lincoln Highway (that explains why you couldn't find us at Faranda's). Owner Steve Byers was our host and program. The brewery has been here for about 4 years now, and have already earned a Business of the Year from the Chamber. They have bought the Forge building on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. (If you were a fan of the Forge Root Beer – good news! Byers is now producing it!)

Steve grew up 7 miles west of Shabbona, went to school in Sycamore and college at Kish and ISU, and was a teacher at the DeKalb School District (Huntley Middle School). He and his wife Megan quit their jobs (Megan at NW medicine) to open and run the brewery. They started brewing while in college, with mixed results. Family obligations drove Megan from brewing, but Steve and his friend Todd kept at it. They

**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.



made a lot of beer (and drank a lot of beer). The experience helped them fine tune their techniques to the point where they could brew specific types of beers with a variety of flavors (“notes”). Steve eventually went to a brewing class in Colorado. A wide range of topics were covered, beyond just the actual brewing (how to design a brewery, e.g.). Various commercial brewery owners were there, and were generous with advice, recipes, etc. It’s an “all ships rise” type of industry. At this point the decision to open a brewery was made. Definitely a home-made operation, as Steve designed it, and even made the benches we sat on. Cohen Barnes (current DeKalb mayor and building owner), wanting a cool business for downtown, agreed to a rent structure the Byers could afford for the brewery. Brewing tip – dirty kegs can ruin a beer, so don’t skimp on a keg cleaner. Byers, as the only local brewer, is trying to become THE beer supplier for restaurants in DeKalb County and environs. They have two full-time paid employees and a couple of part-timers. A portion of proceeds from each of their beers go (or will go) to different non-profits in the area. Times have been tough financially for this community-minded business, so they would truly support your patronage!

See photo on Page 3!

**Website:** <https://byersbrewingcompany.com/>

**Honorarium:** DeKalb Community Foundation

**Heard around the Tables:**

The consensus is that the Braves and Mets will run away from the rest of the NL East. (Guess who was at that table!)

**Quote for the Day:**

“He was a wise man who invented beer.”

~ Plato

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

April	26	Kay Berke	Kids Alive
<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Board Meeting</b>
May	10	Sabrina Nicholson	NW Behavioral Health Services
May	17	All of us	Bylaws discussion
May	24		TBA
May	31		TBA
<b>Jun</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Board Meeting</b>

**Today’s Attendance:**

30	Kish Kiwanians (28 in person)
0	K-family:
1	Other Guests: Kay Wilson
1	Outside Speakers: Steve
<b>32</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Closing thought for the day:**

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass – it’s about dancing in the rain.

