



KISHWAUKEE KIWANIS CLUB of DeKalb, Illinois

April 26, 2023

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<http://www.kishkiwanis.org>

LUNCH Chicken marsala, mashed spuds, veggies, salad, cookies
Invocation: Bob H.

Hybrid Meeting led by Prez Mary
Location: Faranda's (where else?)

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

Sign-up table: 2 for 2, proposed *Kiwanis International* amendment (a \$30 dues increase), *Chamber Expo* on April 27.

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

Pathway Cleanup: April 29th, 8 A.M. Herb's handling signups.

May 4 is Give DeKalb day. Keep **Opportunity House** in mind. OH is hosting **Band Together on Friday May 5**, 6:30-9 pm, St Mary's Memorial Hall, Sycamore. Tickets available on line or at the door (\$50).

<https://www.ohinc.org/band-together.html>

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.

Friends of the Library netted about \$7900.

Only 88 days until **Beanzie**. Mark it (July 16, 2023) in your calendars. Next meeting **TBA, 5:30 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).

Kish Kiwanis Officer Nominations

(Moved by Caroline C., seconded by Bill F, approved unanimously):

Prez	Bob Hoffman	Directors:
Prez Elect	Mike Mooney	Class of 2023:
VP	Caroline Collins	Jerry S., Bob H, Marty R., Beryl S.
Treasurer:	Dave Conlin	Class of 2024:
Asst Treasurer	Al Mueller	Roger S., Betty H., Tony C.
Secretary	Ken Doubler	
Asst Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom	
Imm. Past Prez	Mary McGinn	
Lt Gov.:	Sue Doubler	

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 ★ ★ ★ ★

Kay Berke and Mike Busch, of Kids Alive provided our program today. Kids Alive is a 501C3 nonprofit, working with children and families in 7 countries. Kids Alive has 12 schools around the world. Kay and Mike work with Kids Alive in Guatemala. 1/4 of the population face food insecurity, and 50% of the children under 5 are under nourished. Kay has lots of experience in South America, but found Guatemala conditions quite surprising. 8 families control all the wealth. Drugs and gangs are a big problem. Kay showed pictures of Guatemala. Some areas are safe for tourism and look very quaint, while other areas you should probably avoid. Street merchants wear their wares on their heads (well at least the hat and shawl venders).

Kids Alive is working in Guatemala with young girls who have been sexually abused, and has created a Kids Alive Oasis to provide temporary housing for as many as 60 such victims at any given time. In some areas, 1 in 4 children are victims of sexual assault. Most cases go unreported (perhaps 6 of 7) and abusers are rarely prosecuted. Kids Alive provides counselors and attorneys to help victims bring their cases to court, as well as pre-natal and post-natal care for those girls that need it. KA's focus is to give the girls hope and to help them heal. Strengthen families can help prevent further abuse. The long-term goal is to get the girls into a healthy, stable home. Some special needs girls will be with Kids Alive for the rest of their lives.

Website: <https://www.kidsalive.org/>

Honorarium: Kids Alive

Quote for the Day:

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”

- Albert Einstein

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

May	3		Board Meeting
May	10	Sabrina Nicholson	NW Behavioral Health Services
May	17	All of us	Bylaws discussion
May	24		TBA
May	31		TBA
Jun	7		Board Meeting

Today's Attendance:

28	Kish Kiwanians (28 in person, 0 via Zoom – technical difficulties beyond our control)
0	K-family:
1	Other Guests: Kay Wilson
2	Outside Speakers: Kay, Mike
31	Total

Closing thought for the day:

A wish changes nothing. A decision changes everything.