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LUNCH: Sandwiches, Soup, Potato Chips, Cookies

Today's Meeting: led by Caroline Collins

**Invocation:** Al Mueller

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## Kishwaukee Kiwanis Meetings

2nd, 3rd, 4th, Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. Faranda's Banquet Center 302 Grove St. DeKalb, IL

### K-Family Events/Meetings

Circle K Every other Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in HSC 506 or via Teams Online.

AKtion Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 3:45 at Opportunity House 357 N. California St Sycamore, IL

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Defining Statement

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

## THERE IS A CLUB MEETING ON JANUARY 29TH!

Jerry Smith asked for a show of hands to see how many are planning to attend the Jazz in Progress show at the Egyptian on January 25th. Plans are in the works to meet for dinner beforehand.

Steve Cichy reported that the club's annual audit has been completed, covering October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The committee is now exploring the idea of web-based membership for those who can't attend our noon meetings in person.

Today, we welcomed a new member, Garrison Eckhart, who has been a full time farmer for four years. Garrison serves on the board of AYSO in Dekalb, and is a mentor for the Robotics Club at DeKalb High School.

Shadow Gentry will interview Mike Mooney at our next meeting.

Toney Xidis reminded us that our Mardi Gras celebration will be held here at Faranda's on Tuesday, March 4th. He encouraged us to recruit business sponsors to help offset the costs.

# Program:

Bill Finnucane introduced today's speaker — NIU's new Women's Softball coach Kathryn Gleason. She comes here from Northern Kentucky University, just outside Cincinnati. She played at the University of Michigan, then on to the University of Massachusetts, Purdue, and Michigan State, before becoming a head coach at Boston. She's excited to be back in Illinois, not far from where she grew up in Country Club Hills.

During her career,, she has seen both the calibre of women athletes and the attention they receive increase remarkably.

Her goal is to help talented, competitive young women become leaders in their communities. Her focus, she says, is on the person, the student, and the athlete — in that order.

The new season begins in three weeks, with the first game set for March 15th. NIU's women will be playing several top-rated teams this coming spring.

# **<u>UPCOMING PROGRAMS:</u>** (*Why not invite a guest?* – that could mean a prospective member!)

Jan 22: Chad Glover

Jan 29: TBD

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 28 1 ON Zoom.
	K-Family: 0
	Outside Speaker: NIU Softball Coach Kathryn Gleason
	Total 30

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

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope"
-Martin Luther King Jr.