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**LUNCH:** Salad, garlic bread, meatballs and marinara, chicken alfredo **Today's Meeting:** led by Mike Mooney  
**Invocation:** Joe Gastiger

### Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
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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:

Toney Xidis reminded us of our upcoming Mardi Gras celebration, and asked that we help distribute flyers around town to publicize this event. He also encouraged us to speak to local businesses who might be willing to subsidize this event, either with a cash donation or some contributions for our silent auction. Sue Doubler has tickets to distribute. Al Mueller will be back next week with a Square machine, so that we'll be able to purchase tickets by credit card. Tickets will be \$40 each until February 18th; thereafter, the price goes up to \$50. We can also reserve a table of eight for \$400. The Mardi Gras gala at Faranda's is on its way to becoming a key fundraiser for our club.

There's a Beanzie planning meeting set for Sunday, February 2 at 6 pm at Rosita's.

Shadow Gentry interviewed Mike Mooney today, who first became aware of Kiwanis when he established an auto dealership down in Paris, Illinois. Mike is very proud of his daughter Katie, who graduated from Notre Dame, then came back to NIU to earn a Master's in public health.

Katie went on to medical school at the University of Wisconsin/Madison. Now, she's an internal medicine specialist at two hospitals in Madison.

Mike brought along a placard from his alma mater, Notre Dame: "Play like a champion today." He slaps the placard as he comes upstairs every morning on his way to work.

Jerry Wallstrom reminded us that our club will be hosting a pizza party this coming Saturday at 5:30 pm, in the second-floor lobby at the Egyptian Theatre. They'll be a performance starting at 7:00 by the Jazz-in-Progress band from NIU, and the DeKalb and Sycamore High School jazz ensembles. Those who contact Jerry beforehand will be able to attend the dinner upstairs.

## Program: Chad Glover, Executive Director of Opportunity DeKalb

Chad earned his bachelor's and master's at NIU, and stayed in town to work at the university in various roles for 16 years. While mayor, Jerry Smith created the Annie Glidden Task Force to address grievances in that neighborhood and recruited Chad as a member of that planning project. Eventually, the working group came up with 90+ pages of recommendations.

Chad has helped develop a nonprofit corporation to implement the Annie Glidden North Revitalization Plan. Under his leadership, that organization has decided to focus on four key challenges:

- Advocating for Inclusive Action  
(Creating community events that will bring neighbors together and draw visitors from across town to the area.)
- Asset-Based Community Development (Partnership Development)  
(Recruiting local groups like YEP, the STEAM program at NIU, and Girls on the Run to provide after school programs for youth.)
- Communicating Progress  
(Getting the word out about positive changes and upcoming festivities in the neighborhood.)
- Developing the Future (Breakthrough Business)  
(Sponsoring events that feature live music, food, and fun events for kids.)  
(Attracting new businesses to the area.)

Chad praised the work of police chief David Byrd, who helped organize the summer Fun Jam in the Park, and thanked Kiwanians for volunteering to run games with kids. About a third of DeKalb's children live within walking distance of Welsh Park.

Chad's non-profit community organization has partnered with the Rising Tide Network from New Jersey to encourage entrepreneurship in the uptown area. He's proud of the first graduating class of the new Community Business Academy—a 12-week program for people who are trying to start new businesses.

Thought for the day (offered by Jerry Wallstrom):

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Jan 22: Chad Glover

Jan 29: No program, club business

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 30 1 ON Zoom.
	K-Family: 0
	Outside Speaker: Chad Glover
	<b>Total 32</b>

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.