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LUNCH: Lunch: Scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, and pastrie

Today's Meeting: Tony Chulick opened today's meeting for Mike Mooney

Invocation: Jerry Smith

Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
President Elect	Caroline Collins
Vice President	
Treasurer	Jack Goodrich
Asst. Treasurer	Al Mueller
Secretary	Ken Doubler
Asst. Secretary	Jerry Wahlstrom
Imm Past President	Bob Hoffman
Lt. Governor	Jean Erlenborn
District Governor	Kim Groom

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 – 2nd 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 pointed out that we have newly-printed flyers for our upcoming Mardi Gras banquet at Faranda's to distribute around town. He'd like our help getting them posted around town. 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 now has a Square machine with him, so we'll be able to purchase tickets by credit card. Tickets will be \$45 each until February 18th; thereafter, the price goes up to \$50. We can also reserve a table of eight for \$500. The Mardi Gras gala is on its way to becoming a key fundraiser for our club.

Tim Duez reminded us that there's a Beanie planning meeting coming up: Sunday, February 2 at 6 pm at Rosita's.

Gary Vander Meer would like to hold a Community Service meeting after our Wednesday lunch on February 12.

Club Business

Tony Chulick announced the winner of this year's Distinguished Service and Leadership Award: **Gary Vander Meer**.



Gary Vander Meer joined the DeKalb Kiwanis Club more than 20 years ago, and has a long record of perfect attendance. He's volunteered for many of the club's ongoing service projects, and helped negotiate the merger between DeKalb and Kishwaukee Kiwanis.

Gary is an avid gardener – in spring, his house is surrounded by tulips and daffodils — and a former barbershop quartet singer.

Gary grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan till at 14, his family moved to Wheaton. He attended Circle Campus in Chicago, then finished his bachelor's degree downstate. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served aboard a nuclear submarine. After his service, Gary earned his master's at Western Michigan in library science. He retired from NIU after 33 years as a law librarian.

We took time to recognize past Hickson Award winners: Bob Hickman, Jack Goodrich, Herb Buhr, Don Merwin, and Tony Xidis.

Today, we also formally inducted two new members who've been coming to our meetings for a while.



Kathy Hogshead Davis of Genoa coordinated our local Toys for Tots program for 10 years.

She studied computer science at Northern (learned Cobol from Peter Lawes), and went on to become a professor in that department. Kathy taught at NIU for nearly 40 years.

She is an expert quilter, gardener, and is skilled in all sorts of needlecraft.

Kathy's grandson, **Garrison Eckart**, also joined our club today. He's a mentor for the DeKalb High School Robotics team and is on the Board for DeKalb's American Youth Soccer Organization.

Garrison has known about Kiwanis for quite some time. He once belonged to our Builder's Club at Huntley Middle School.



Thought for the day (offered by Bob Hoffman):

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

February 5: Board Meeting

February 12: NWM Wellness Awareness (tentative)

February 19: Mike Kunigonis, Assistant Athletic Director, Revenue Generation for the Huskies Athletic Fund

February 26: Nathan Schwartz, DeKalb County Engineer

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	K-Family: 0
	Outside Speaker:Club Business meeting
	Total 26