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LUNCH: Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, soups (vegetable beef, chicken and rice), and cookies Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney **Invocation:** Shadow Gentry

### Officers for 2024-2025

President President Elect Vice President

Mike Mooney Caroline Collins

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Jack Goodrich Al Mueller Ken Doubler Jerry Wahlstrom Jean Erlenborn 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 – 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:**

Sue Doubler has tickets to distribute for our Mardi Gras fundraiser on March 4th. 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. We're also eager to accept items for the evening's silent auction.

Sue also announced that the Opportunity House Art Show will be held at Blumen Gardens on April 30th, 4:30-6:30.

Gary Vander Meer reminded us that they'll be a brief Community Service meeting after today's program. He also reported that an Easter celebration for children — Breakfast with the Bunny — is scheduled for April 12th. Volunteers are welcome.

# **Point of Pride**

Kim McGiver has accepted an award honoring Habitat for Humanity as this year's top not-for-profit organization of the year, presented by the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. Her acceptance speech can be found on the Chamber's webpage.

# **Program**

Today, Steve Duchrow performed for us as Carl Sandburg — recreating for us some excerpts from the speaking tour Sandburg once gave while working on his six-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln.

Steve focused on episodes highlighting Lincoln's compassion before and after the battle of Gettysburg.

Sandburg's masterful account — dismissed by some critics at the time — highlights his skills as a storyteller, newspaper man, and poet.

(offered by Shadow gentry, on behalf of Bob Hoffman): "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

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

February 26: Nathan Schwartz, DeKalb County Engineer

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 17 5 ON Zoom.
	Zoom: Caroline Collins, Virginia Naples, Jerry Smith, Misty Haji-Shiekh, and James Spencer
	Outside Speaker:Steve Duchrow
	Total 23