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LUNCH: Lunch: Chicken breast in cream sauce, vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, bread, butter, and cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney

Invocation: Shadow Gentry

Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
President Elect	Caroline Collins
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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 – 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:

Jerry Smith noted three of our members today:

1) Bill Cummings will offer a program about Chessie, a popular cat character used as a symbol of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (C&O) at the Glidden Homestead, 921 W. Lincoln Highway, on Sunday, February 23 at noon.

2) Toney Xidis has been posting some lovely photos online of his river cruise down the Rhine.

3) Joe Gastiger has agreed to chair the Lifelong Learning Institute's Steering Committee, and Jerry encouraged us all to check out this next season's classes.

Tim Lynch reported that he's still looking for sponsors to support for our Mardi Gras fundraiser on March 4th. Tickets are still available for \$45 each, but the cost goes up to \$50 tomorrow. We're also eager to accept items for the evening's silent auction.

Sue Doubler announced that NIU's Circle K Club will be meeting tonight in DuSable Hall, Room 256, from 6:30–7:30 PM.

She also let us know that the next Friends of the Library sale will run from Friday, March 21 until Sunday the 23rd. She'd like volunteers to help deliver tables for the sale on March 19th, and load up books that haven't sold on the 24th. If you're able to help, contact Deb Booth at debbooth54@gmail.com.

Jerry Smith reminded us that tonight our local Home Builders Association will host a debate between DeKalb's four mayoral candidates, and two candidates for City Council at Faranda's this evening, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Bill Finucane hopes to recruit more Beanzie volunteers. The annual guidebook listing bike rides across the state won't be printed this year, so we'll have to find other ways to advertise. The next Benazie planning meeting will be at Rosita's on Sunday, March 2, at 6:00 PM.

Program

Today, Bill Finucane introduced Mike Kunigonis, who, after coaching baseball for many years, now serves as Associate Athletic Director for Revenue at NIU. While he’s responsible for raising money, Mike says he’s in “the relationship business” — trying to provide a top-quality experience for season ticket holders and even casual fans.

Mike recounted how college athletics has changed significantly over the last several years. He has high expectations that, by joining the Mountain West Conference, NIU can attract better players, raise the profile of the school, and earn considerable money for our sports programs.

Mike teaches a class on the History of Sports in the US. In the 1980s, the NBA earned just under \$900,000 in TV revenue. Now, he says, that figure tops \$11 billion.

Money is also having a major impact on college sports. Thanks to NIL (Name, Image, & Likeness) agreements, a top freshman quarterback may be offered as much as \$12 million dollars.

Mike noted that, despite lucrative offers, very few of Coach Thomas Hammock’s players have opted to transfer. That’s because, Mike says, of the character and team culture Hammock has created. We should expect to see the Huskies take on more formidable opponents; Mike was especially proud of NIU’s victory over Notre Dame.

Mike went on to praise NIU’s athletes for their academic performance and dedication to community service.

“Some day...or Today—it’s your choice.”
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS: (*Why not invite a guest?* – that could mean a prospective member!)

February 26: Nathan Schwartz, DeKalb County Engineer

March 5: Board Meeting

March 12: Zac Gill DeKalb City Engineer

March 19: Mayor Cohen Barnes

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 27
	Zoom: Max Heide and Virginia Naples
	Outside Speaker:Steve Duchrow
	Total 27