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LUNCH: Lunch: Mostaccioli, Meatballs, salad and cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney

Invocation: Joe Gastiger

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:

Jerry Smith let us know that on Friday, March 28th, from 1:00 until 3:00 pm, a DeKalb-Sycamore Chevrolet over on Mercantile Drive will be hosting a retirement party for our own Mike Mooney.

Susan Doubler asked for volunteers today to help load and deliver tables to the Dekalb Public Library for the weekend book sale. She like to gather another crew on Monday morning to put those tables away again.

Sue also informed us that NIU's Circle K will induct their new officers tonight at their meeting in DuSable Hall 256. This is an Interclub; they'll be passing the gavel to us.

John Rey announced that he'll be collecting children's books at our meeting next Wednesday, in preparation for donating new stocked bookshelves to 50 more children in our community.

Gary Vander Meer is hoping to recruit one more volunteer to help at Breakfast with a Bunny at Hopkins Park on Sunday, April 12, from 9:00 until noon.

Lieutenant Governor Jean Erlenhorn shared news about our Sycamore club's recent donation to the Sycamore Fire Department.

The "Ben's Blue Bags" program was established by Captain/Paramedic Matt Kodicek of the Crown Point Fire Department in Crown Point, Indiana, whose son Ben is on the autism spectrum. These bags contain sensory stimulation items that help First Responders calm patients with autism and special needs during over-stimulating emergency situations. Each bag includes a dry-erase board, pictogram, markers, squeeze balls, rubber worms, a marble mesh, Rubik's Cube, bendy bracelet, and ear muffs (to help deaden sounds). These items help with communication and help soothe patients during a crisis. The Sycamore Club raised money to supply 8 new bags.

Toney Xidis reminded us that he'd like to hold a Mardi Gras brainstorming session next Thursday, March 27. This year's celebration at Faranda's netted \$2100.

Program

DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes visited the club today and updated us on a number of projects including an update on the Kraft/Heinz building which suffered foundation faults that needed to be replaced and the addition of a rail spur line onto the property. The building is now expected to open in 2027.

The Amazon building has been completed but it has been mothballed until the company needs to put it into operation.

The roundabout near the Ellwood House and Clinton Rosette Middle School was again addressed with Mayor Barnes stressing that safety is a prime concern and that a dedicated crossing will be installed just North of the roundabout.

DeKalb now has its largest police force in history, and the new fire station near Schnucks will allow equal response times all over town.

Thanks to the tremendous growth in industrial parks, the tax rate for city residents has been reduced from 11.5% to just 8.1%.

Thought for the day (offered by Bob Hoffman)

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

-Thomas Edison

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

March 26: Anna Wilson, DeKalb Chamber

April 2: Board Meeting

April 9: DeKalb County Farm Bureau- Berk Boehne

April 16: Steve Bigolin-Barb City Manor

April 23: Club Business

April 30: No Meeting (5th Wednesday)

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 27
	Zoom: No Zoom today
	Guests: Lt. Gov. Jean Erlenborn
	Outside Speaker: DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes
	Total 29