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LUNCH: Various quiches, roasted potatoes, fruit salad, and various cakes .
Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney **Invocation:** Al Mueller

Officers for 2024-2025

President	Mike Mooney
President Elect	Caroline Collins
Vice President	Sue Doubler
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:

Chad Glover, along with Chris Sullivan, let us know that the summer program for children, Fun Jam in the Park, will begin again on June 3rd at Welsh Park. This is a series of outdoor get-togethers at Welsh Park with supervised games and meals provided. Since the Hopkins Park pool will be closed all season, we can expect more kids will turn up, and so they're hoping to recruit more club members as volunteers. [EVENTS | Opportunity DeKalb](#)

Jerry Smith reminded us that today Texas Roadhouse has pledged to donate 10% of its receipts to programs that provide help for DeKalb County veterans. Coupons are available to all who ask. Jerry also thanked Tim Dunlop and the Social Sports Committee for hosting a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvre reception at HY-Vee Community Room on May 5th. He also awarded a rare bottle of (aged) Mad Dog 20/20 to a very lucky winner: Herb Buhr. Helpful instructions are printed on the label.

Tim Dunlop followed up by awarding a mint-condition, first edition of "When Kiwanis Cooks" to Tony Chulick. This culinary masterwork includes a handy recipe for elephant stew on page 11.

Gary Vander Meer thanked Meals on Wheels volunteers, and reminded those who've signed up to deliver meals this week and next. He'd like to hold a Community Service meeting in two weeks, after our May 28th lunch session. Tonight, Gary will present our club's Barry Haber Scholarship during an awards ceremony at DeKalb High School.

Ken Doubler asked for a motion to formally approve of our slate of officers and board members for the coming year. Motion was made by Shadow Gentry, seconded by Bob Hadley, and approved by acclamation.

Jim Barker asked to hold a Program Committee meeting BEFORE next Wednesday's noon gathering AT 11:30, on May 21. This is a change from what was originally announced.

PROGRAM

Sean Frazier, NIU's longtime athletic director, was our guest speaker. He began by thanking the wider community for all of the warmth they've shown him and his family over the last 12 years.

Director Frazier outlined how the landscape has changed for college sports, now that student athletes are able to monetize their name, image, and likeness as never before. More and more star players are utilizing the transfer portal, in search of better offers and more media coverage.

Colleges are learning to cope with these new challenges. NIU’s decision to move its football program from the MAC Conference to the Mountain West — which takes effect in 2026 — is one way to capture more revenue. Other schools (both the Army and Navy academies, for instance) have had success playing football against top-tier teams, while their other sports teams compete in more regional conferences.

Thanks to the rising costs of college athletics nationwide, team rosters will have to be pared. Football, for one, will be reduced from 120 team members to 105 next season. Each sport will have its own limit.

Director Frazier fielded questions about the very real risks of sports gambling by players, and possible upgrades for Huskie Stadium. In the future, he hopes that teams fly in and out of DeKalb’s airport rather than book flights through Rockford.

Thought for the day
(not offered by Bob Hoffman)

“Don’t add too many rabbits to your elephant stew”
-*“When Kiwanis Cooks”*

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

May 21: Jump ropes (Bob Hoffman)
May 28: Bill Nicklas
June 4: Board Meeting

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 30
	Zoom: Misti Haji-Sheikh and Virginia Naples
	Guests: Chad Glover, Executive Director, Opportunity DeKalb, Chris Sullivan, DeKalb police officer, Mark Sawyer (on loan from Florida)
	Outside Speaker: Sean Frazier, NIU Athletic Director
	Total 35