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LUNCH: Barbecued pork, buns, French fries, salad, and cookies

Today's Meeting: Led by President Mike Mooney

Invocation: Jerry Smith

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:

Gary Vander Meer thanked this month's Meals on Wheels volunteers, and reminded us of upcoming dates: Dick Down and Jerry Wahlstrom are signed up for May 23; Bob and Joy Hadley for the 26th; Jim Barker and Bill Cummings on May 30th.

Gary also reported on last week's Awards Night at DeKalb High School. He presented two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who'll be starting at Kishwaukee Community College in the fall. He'd also like to hold a brief Community Services Committee meeting after lunch next week.

Sue Doubler asked for volunteers to help decorate the graves of veterans at Fairview Cemetery on Memorial Day. Those who can will meet up at the maintenance shed there at 7:00 AM Monday morning. We hope to have a crew as well to help take down flags at about 5:00 PM, and we'll be helped, as we are every year, by local Boy Scouts.

Tim Dunlop reported that Whiskey Acres has a slew of events this summer: music and food trucks are scheduled at the site nearly every week. He also noted that Music at the Mansion concerts start up again at the Elwood house on June 11. The Social Sports Committee will meet briefly today to decide, perhaps, on some nights for us to gather.

Bill Finucane reminded us that Biking with Beanzie isn't too far off. The Beanzie Committee will be meeting at the Junction on June 2 at 6:00 PM to work out some details.

Jerry Wahlstrom reported that we're slated to help out with this summer's Fun Jam in the Park on two Tuesday evenings this summer, June 17 and July 8. We've been asked to help serve food at these events, interact with kids, and help supervise children's games. Jerry will have a sign-up sheet to pass around next week.

Ken Doubler wants to revive our practice of interviewing one member a week before we introduce the day's featured presenter. Next week, Ken will start us off by (re-)interviewing Jerry Wahlstrom.

PROGRAM

Bob Hoffman gave a presentation today on Samaritan's Purse, a worldwide Christian relief organization, directed by Franklin Graham, that provides food, water, medical supplies and other needed items to the victims of floods, fires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

One project run by Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child — distributes shoeboxes packed with gifts to needy children at Christmas time. This program began some years ago, when 28,000 boxes were distributed to kids in the then-war torn Balkans. Since then, 232 million boxes have been handed out worldwide, with the message that God loves every child.

After Bob spoke, we all paired off to braid jump ropes to pack in boxes, interlacing long strips of cloth from worn-out t-shirts. Some, in fact, worked with remarkable dexterity, while at least one helper (your correspondent) fumbled futilely.



Thought for the day
(offered by Bob Hoffman)

“Don't let old hurts get in the way of a happy new beginning”
- From the movie “Nonna's” on Netflix

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

May 28: Bill Nicklas

June 4: Board Meeting

	Kish Kiwanians (in person) 31
	Zoom: Virginia Naples and Jim spencer
	Guests: Sally Hoffman
	Outside Speaker: N/A
	Total 34