



The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

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November 3, 2024

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH DEARBORN KIWANIANS!!!

Elderfest – Nov. 13 at the Civic Center. The City's annual Elderfest starts at 10:00 with free breakfast, followed by **DEARBORN KIWANIS CLUB** presenting **BINGO** at 11:00-12:00. That's right, our club has been doing **BINGO** for Elderfest for years and they have asked us to come back this year. Come for breakfast then plan on having some fun with some serious (and not so serious) **BINGO** players. Lunch is on the schedule, also. SignUp on the way for Kiwanis members to help with **BINGO**. Step up!

OCT. 15 – The waiting is over! **Rob Meschke** finally uncovered the Elusive ACE which has been hiding for 22 (or more) weeks. Congratulations Rob!



MIXED NUTS
and
Delicious Delights
\$30 EACH
See Jim or Al



10-15-24 Ray Scoboria brought in a beautiful fully restored cane chair that **Richard Nettlow** gave him a few weeks ago. He stated *if you can restore it, it can be an auction item at our mtg.* Ray was up for the challenge and **WHAT A CHALLENGE IT WAS.** He said it took him nearly 20 hrs. He's never done one and wanted to try it. (he hopes another one doesn't show up) ☺ Our ACE winner Rob scooped it up



10-20-24 - EFHS Key Club hosted a successful Trunk or Treat in their parking lot. **Luis** volunteered his Trunk and his time to have some Halloween fun.



10-15-24 - 8 p.m. BINGO with “awesome” Hubbard and Sisson Manor residents. Bartz Bakery Cider Donuts with tea or coffee. So Good!



Brad

10-20-24 - Speaker **Barry Burnham**, a corporate member in two clubs: Clinton Valley and the new Wayne Westland Club. Barry spoke with us about the need to start conversations, especially in our high schools regarding mental health and Suicide Prevention. Our young people need to know if they are struggling, we will Listen without judging. Materials available! **CALL 988** for “Suicide and Crisis Lifeline” Let’s use the power of Kiwanis.



10-15-24 Speaker **Denise Browning** is a cyber security expert as well as Division 5 Lt. Governor and member of the Gibraltar Kiwanis Club. *Multi-factor authentication* is like having two locks on your door – much more secure. *Password managers* are apps that can generate and store all your passwords and is considered a safe and convenient option for staying secure online. Backup, backup, *backup your pictures, docs*, but not your taxes. Antivirus software can protect your computer. Do Not open any e-mail you do not recognize or appears phony or even too good to be true. Use strong passwords. Never stop learning. Tonight was a lot of information. I don’t think I have anything on my computer that would warrant “ransom ware”, but it was fun learning about all of it. Thank you, Denise!





10-15-24 Yes, she said she was bringing back chocolate, and she did. Immediate Past President Sue Cleereman returns from Hershey, PA with the promised Hershey bars. She **never forgets us!** *It's her Military background to not forget us.*

I HAVEN'T TRIED YOGA, BUT I HAVE TRIED BENDING OVER TO PICK UP MY KEYS, SO I'M PRETTY SURE I'D HATE YOGA.
More Crazy Stuff



Happy 85th Anniversary to Allen Park Kiwanis Club
Congratulations Allen Park on achieving 85 years of benevolent service to the City of Allen Park and to the Michigan District of Kiwanis.

Lt. Governor Denise Browning presents the Certificate of Appreciation to President Frank Liberati. Immediate Past Governor Renea Callery was the emcee for the evening. The welcoming club members were very gracious. But the star of this show were the hundreds of Awards, articles, programs, banners, certificates, proclamations, photos and other fun memories stretched across multiple table tops. Wow! And the cannoli from Frank's bakery – amazing!

Allen Park Club Tri-Fold

(All our Clubs Need Tri-folds)



We are Kiwanis
A global organization of volunteer members dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Our club achieves what one person cannot accomplish alone. And along the way, club members share fun, fellowship and a passion for service.

Mission
To serve the children of the world

Kiwanis Club of Allen Park

- Serving our community since 1939

Examples of our projects are:

- Harold Duda Tot Lot
- Art in the Park
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Honors Night for Graduating Seniors
- Christmas Party for Penrickton Center
- Skating Party for Visually impaired
- Distribution of dictionaries



KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLEN PARK

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Kiwanis CLUB OF ALLEN PARK

Kiwanitalk.

No other Kiwanis Club has a monthly cable show. Our shows are shared with dozens of communities. We are truly blessed. Please click on one of the links below to see how busy and informative Kiwanitalk has been.

A huge thank you to members **Gary Gardner** and **Ray Scoboria** for emceeding these outstanding programs month after month and year after year, keeping them, informative, interesting, insightful, entertaining and well worth our time to watch.



Kiwanis shows are fun to watch with friends!

1. **George Darany**, City Clerk
[https://youtu.be/ Gc9U8BZS2o](https://youtu.be/Gc9U8BZS2o)
<https://vimeo.com/1019392432>
2. **The Honorable Gene Hunt**, 19th District Court Judge, City of Dearborn
<https://youtu.be/1EMK30s235U>
<https://vimeo.com/1012213624>
3. Dearborn **Police Chief Issa Shahin** - Traffic Safety
<https://youtu.be/1uyB08JDktc>
<https://vimeo.com/1000082295>
4. **Dunya Aidibi** (Crestwood), **Rami Abdulla** (Fordson) & **Jumana Kamalaldin** (Dearborn High)
<https://youtu.be/gU0uQfa4Q9A>
<https://vimeo.com/1002886986>
 (Three Key Club Members on the MI District Board)

DONATIONS TAKEN FROM THE OCT. TREASURER'S REPORT

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| 1. | Oct. 1 | MI Foundation | \$2,200 (\$45 x 43) |
| 2. | Oct. 1 | Penrickton | \$2,000 (Donation) |
| 3. | Oct. 1 | Drbn Goodfellow | \$250 (Ad) |
| 4. | Oct. 1 | Hghts Goodfellow | \$175 (Ad) |
| 5. | Oct. 20 | Stout Builder's Club | \$215 (dues) |
| 6. | Oct. 1 | Ford Hist. Book Tour | \$200 (Ad) |

It is with great sadness to learn that we lost two "former" Kiwanis members and friends recently. Two vibrant, talented and intelligent Ladies who spent many years as Kiwanians!

Janet Burg
Kathy Gapa

Yep, it's almost time for BELL RINGING, at least to sign up to Ring. You don't have to play an instrument or sing, in fact we prefer most of us should not sing, but just a SMILE works great!

NEWSLETTER WRITER

Peggie Pedenelli



Thoughts on the Election

(I stole this ARTICLE from my monthly EFHS'73 newsletter)

Gary Woronchak - galexw@aol.com : *I was asked to provide some thoughts here in advance of an election that I assume we all will be happy to have behind us. (Asked by the EFHS'73 newsltr writer, Laura Hice)*

“My life has given me a unique perspective on moments like these. I held public office for 20 years, was on a ballot for 25 and, before that, spent 25 years as a journalist, when most journalists believed in objectivity and readers relied on straight-fact information. My degree is in political science.

I've held office on both sides of the aisle. I've spoken at a George W. Bush rally in Dearborn at Ford Field (introduced Bo Derek, in fact) and been acknowledged from the podium by Barack Obama during a speech at Henry Ford Museum. In partisan terms, I think this qualifies me as a moderate.

My message is not necessarily optimistic: We need to wake up from this nightmare that is our current state of politics, before there's no turning back and our divisions make this country into something it never has been before. Not for our sakes, but for our children and grandchildren.

How did we get here? I believe social media has much to do with it, along with a 24-hour news cycle and news “sources,” from cable TV to blogs and YouTube, that have literally created alternate realities. Half of us cannot fathom why the other half believes what it does. That goes both ways, and it is cemented. Hopefully, that cement is not yet dry and we can break free before we are permanently stuck.

In 2020, I jumped into a classmate's Facebook discussion on a matter involving presidential politics. I thought my comments and facts offered were measured, respectful, non-threatening and would provoke thoughtful discussion. I was surprised at, and offended by the vitriol in the responses. I withdrew from that and most other discussions and blocked some friends and classmates on social media.

Fast forward four years, things have gotten worse. Some classmates still start their day by posting memes or sharing links that demean “the other side” from whichever side they're on, as if we are enemies at war. Which, I hope we all realize, we are not.

Our government was established to allow for vast differences in opinions and interest, with a system to reach consensus for the common good. Because, as many politicians point out, we have more in common than what sets us apart. We are all Americans. When either side speaks of taking “our” country back, I wonder, from whom? This country is all of ours, left, right and center, and the point of our American experiment is for all to coexist and move forward.

Hope is not lost. The classmates whose vitriol I felt in 2020 were at our 50-year reunion last year, and I was so glad to see them, embraced them warmly and wished them well – despite knowing of our deep political differences.

Maybe we've been taken by surprise by the new means of news and communication, tend to react emotionally and perhaps initially lost sight of those things that hold us together. Maybe now, we all can realize we are not right-left, Dems-GOP, but, in a sense, the same people who grew up together 50-60 years ago, when we really didn't give a darn about any of these things.

So, let's all vote on Tuesday, if you haven't already voted early. Let's feel our joy or sorrow at the result, and move on from there, and – my key advice – step away from all this addictive anger. If we do not, it may well, at some point, destroy this fragile system of government and the society it has held together for a couple centuries.

Trump or Harris, Harris or Trump – it doesn't matter, we are, ALL of us, good Americans, patriotic Americans, Americans who love our country. And let's not allow our politics to cause us to lose sight of our affection for each other as well.”

Peggie and Gary are classmates from Edsel Ford HS, '73

Division 2 had a busy October.

September 24 - Dearborn Kiwanis had its official Installation program and we are excited to have President Leon take the wheel. This isn't his first wheel grab, though. Leon served as President in 2011. Renea Callery just finished leading the MI District as Governor and has stepped into the VP position, foot on the gas pedal. Our Secretaries and Treasurer, Sherri, Don and Al were sworn back in; not being allowed to retire yet. New Growth Membership Chair Roger Frank will be looking for some team members to help grow our Club. It looks like a great year for Dearborn. Peggie will remain Lt. Governor for one more year.



October 3 – luncheon: Colonial Plymouth held their installation at Fiamma Restaurant in Downtown Plymouth. It was a delicious luncheon and a well-attended event. Two doctors exchanged the gavel so that was fun to watch and listen to. Dr. Richard Schubatis retired from his practice and from the President post, passed the gavel to Dr. Andrew Ealovega, a busy Dentist who picked up the baton and started running immediately. Rick and Andy, along with Michelle Bracey, new President Elect, are some great people who clearly love their Kiwanis experience and the members they work with. Kelvin Chen remains the Secretary and Thomas Johnson will step into the shoes of Treasurer. We wish them all the luck as they navigate their busy club and their very crowded calendar.

October 3 – evening: Garden City Club held their installation at The Straight Farmhouse Historical Museum where they meet for lunch weekly. Awesome President Kim Dold handed the President's crown to the amazing Joann Rodriquez and everybody got their dimes out because everybody's getting fined tonight. Kim will take a year off and return to run for Lt. Governor Div. 2. She's mayor pro tem now in Garden City, so LTG will be a cake walk. Kathy Iwinski will be crowned President Elect, possibly retiring her long career in nursing (that may or may not happen). Ken Hines and Monica Fulton picked up the Secretary/Treasurer crowns and they seem to have quickly adapted to those positions. They all had a pocketful of dimes because the fines were going to come fast and furious. What a great club!



Mid-October: Livonia Early Risers President Brian Weiss and Secretary Jerry Kwas are staying in their positions for another year and they both can run the day-to-day club business with blindfolds on. These two officers are a lot of fun and truly enjoy the job. They wouldn't ask Renea or Peggie to swear them in (they don't like to bother people); however, I heard the mailman stepped up, so that should be somewhat official.

NEW CLUB: Wayne-Westland. They can't wait to get started on their business at hand and hoping to form a Key Club from John Glenn HS. All approvals are in. Garden City and Dearborn have offered to mentor this new club to help them on their journey, so we will all be acquainted with Cari and her crew in the near future.