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# WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH DEARBORN KIWANIANS!!!



The Bethany Anne Galdes Foundation is about improving mental health and preventing suicide, especially in young people. Bethany Anne was 16 and this is her mom's quest to make an impact. Catherine Galdes (center) is a teacher at DHS and her foundation is getting the word out any way they can. Go to bagaldesfoundation.org for more info on this crucial fight to let people know "We are listening!"

### White Elephant Christmas Party-by Don Killion

• It's now time to start looking around for a gift to bring to this December 10 event.

- Everyone brings a unique gift, maybe a gag gift, with a approximate value of \$20, new or gently used.
- By 'unique' we mean something rare, humorous and not too risque. Or a really nice gift.
- Also have unique gift wrapping. Renea's theme for the party is Candy Land. Try to camouflage the gift, e.g. the wine bottle.
- This is a roomful event where everyone participate. This is CHANGE from tradition where exchanges were limited to individual tables.
- Everyone brings a gift, place it on the gift table, and receives a

numbered receipt ticket from the Ring Master, aka Master of Ceremonies. There's more instructions, but Don will share them on the 10<sup>th</sup>.



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



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 is our BOARD MEETING. Since the following week is our Christmas Party, **we would like to gift the Salvation Army Captain with gifts from their Family Wish Tree** in the Citadel lobby at their Warren Location. If we can ask our Kiwanis members for cash donations instead of toys, we can help an entire family, or two families, enjoy a Christmas that they otherwise may not have. At the Board meeting on Tuesday we would like to collect cash donations, any amount, and will ask a few volunteers to go shopping during the week and bring the gifts to the Christmas Party. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE! Elderfest – Nov. 13 at the Civic Center. Thank you Al Holmes, Jim and Debbie Rugenski, Sherrie Chrysler, Rose Solak, Eric and Rebecca Pedenelli and Peggie for making another Elderfest successful and Fun!













**Nov. 19** - 8 p.m. **BINGO** with "awesome" Hubbard and Sisson Manor residents. Costco Pumpkin Pie, apple cider and tea or coffee. So Good! *Happy Thanksgiving*!









Jeremy Hughes from First Presbyterian Church reached out for volunteers beyond his congregation to other local churches plus sent an e-mail to our own Treasurer Al. The Church wanted to make an impact for the ongoing disaster relief and were looking for volunteers for a "meal packing event" to be held on *Saturday, November 9*. Five of our Key Clubs signed up along with **Kiwanis Advisors Roger F., Jim R., Michelle M.** and Peggie. Unexpectedly, many local church groups showed up. We were over 100 strong. This amazing group finished packing 10,000 meals in under 3 hours. What a great day to be a part of!







Our guest speaker was former Circle K member, **Alejandra Quiroz.** Actually, Aly was very involved in UofM Dearborn Circle K, along with Luis M, and when she graduated, she did become a Dearborn Kiwanis member for a few years. Aly has gotten married recently and started her own business and came to talk about the topic of: Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy. Due to equipment failure, we were not able to get her presentation in its entirety, but we thoroughly enjoyed Aly sharing her passion and wish her much success on her career path. Hopefully she will return in the future. Thank you, Aly.

# 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 emceeing these outstanding programs month after month and year after year, keeping them, informative, interesting, insightful, entertaining and well worth our time to watch.





NOVEMBER DONATIONS - TREASURER AI'S Dec. 1st REPORT		
1. Hurricane Relief – KIWANIS-FL, N.C., GA, KY, TN - \$1,000 (\$250 ea)		
2. Nov. – W	/e Shall Read	\$250
3. 11-5-24	Salvation Army -	\$500
4. 11-7-24	Players Guild of Dearborn Program Book \$190	
5. 11-7-24	Kimberly's Annual Winter Coat Dr.	\$150
6. 11-7-24	Fish & Loaves	\$300
7. 11-7-24	Motor City Brass	\$250



CHRISTMAS BINGO - Tuesday, Dec. 17. Yes, the year flew by faster than a plate of warm fresh cookies. Speaking of COOKIES, IT'S COOKIE BAKING TIME for BINGO. Traditionally, our Kiwanis Club asks members/spouses/children to bake at least 2 DOZEN HOME MADE or BAKERY MADE FESTIVE cookies for the CHRISTMAS BINGO AT HUBBARD WEST. SISSON Manor joins the fun also. Bring cookies on Dec. 17 and even join us for the Hubbard Sing-along afterwards.

> Festival of Trees was held this past week. Sherrie volunteered, Santa came, and Renea and Peggie found our Dearborn KIWANIS Tree. Sold for \$500.



Home-made HOLIDAY

COOKIES NEEDED FOR

THE BINGO CHRISTMAS

PARTY on Dec. 17.





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!

WHO WANTS TO RING THE BELL? 1 HOUR SHIFTS! Saturday, DEC. 7 (4 volunteers, please)

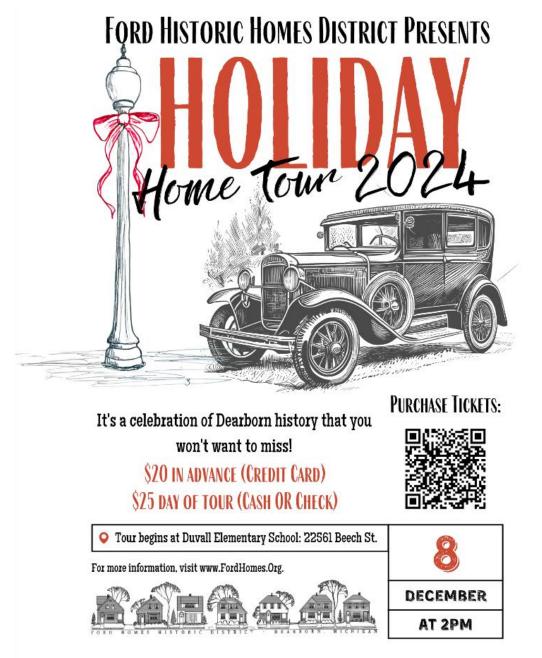
KROGER – Mich & Outer Drive

- 11:00
- 12:00
- 1:00



Send Peggie a TEXT/e-mail to RING!





#### **Holiday Home Tour**

Sunday, December 8th from 2-6pm

The Ford Homes Historic District in Dearborn is hosting the 2024 Holiday Home Tour. Eleven homes will be decorated for the holidays and available for the public to tour. Tickets are \$20 on <u>fordhomes.org</u> or \$25 in-person on Sunday. Tickets will be sold at Duvall Elementary School, <u>22561</u> <u>Beech St., Dearborn</u>. Tour booklets and wrist bands must be picked up at the school. Baked goods and merchandise will be available for purchase.

The last tour was held five years ago. This year, the tour will feature vintage cars peppered throughout the neighborhood, a warming station with hot cocoa, and strolling carolers. This event is a fundraiser to celebrate the history of Dearborn and help the neighborhood maintain its beauty for the next five years.

The 250-home neighborhood in the heart of West Dearborn was commissioned by Henry Ford. It was built in 1919-1920 for factory workers and their families, back when Dearborn was largely rural, and housing was scarce. Eight different layout model over the built production-style and all eight will be featured on the tour.

A huge thank you to President Leon's beautiful wife Danielle, for continuing her position on the "Tour Committee" for the Holiday Home Tour; one of Dearborn's unique Treasures.