



# The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

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## NEWSLETTER– April 29, 2024

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**APRIL 23, 2024** - Shon’s Closet – Care Giver’s Network. VP Leon shares Shon’s Certificate of Appreciation. We met Shon and his mom Davinna as they presented their Mission: Provide new and used medical equipment through a free loan closet to those in need. Shon can only respond with eye blinks; he was a healthy beautiful young boy until 11 years old. Getting equipment for him has been a difficult uphill battle for Mom. She wants to make it easier for others. Used/new wheelchairs, crutches, standers, gait trainers, etc. are accepted [caregiversnetworkmi@gmail.com](mailto:caregiversnetworkmi@gmail.com)



A GLIMPSE of WHAT’S HAPPENING in April & May. Thank you VP Leon for working diligently on the Calendar and Kristen for “creating” and distributing our busy monthly calendars. As always, calendars can change, but here is what I know as of today. Make sure you include KIWANIS meetings in your busy schedules!

### APRIL

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Joe Barson, Barsons Greenhouses–plus Garden City INTERCLUB
- 15<sup>th</sup> TAX DAY!
- 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – Key Club Installations (7 Key Clubs)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – Robert Constan, Dearborn Heights Councilman
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Davinna Christian & Dushon Sharp  
Shon’s Closet and Caregiver’s Network
- 30<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING at Park Place (5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) BUT....**  
Pizza, salad & Dessert at The NEW PLACE! \$10 rsvp

### MAY

- 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mother’s DAY!
- 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting- Speaker scheduled.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Speaker. BINGO follows mtg.- Annie is 100 yrs old.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day PARADE!
- 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting- Speaker scheduled.



**April 16, 2024**

Dearborn Heights Councilman since 2022, long time Kiwanis member and former 16<sup>th</sup> District State Rep **Robert (Bob) Constan**; was our speaker. He must be a lawyer as well as he handed his card to Renea (in a wrist brace). *All in fun, guys, all in fun.* Bob brought us some historical information on the happenings of the City including things we can look forward to. He had very nice things to say about former member Doug Feldkamp who was responsible for updating the city's IT Dept. and overseeing the merger with Dearborn's 9-1-1 system. Bob is welcome any time to update our members on City changes. Thank you, Councilman Constan.



**April 9, 2024**

We all received some beautiful BARSONS flowers from **Joe Barson**. Specifically Violas and Pansies. Very Cool! Joe is a long-time member of the Garden City Kiwanis club and is owner and greenhouse expert at Barsons located at 6414 N. Merriman Road, Westland. (734) 421-5959. They have a Butterfly habitat from June thru Sept. on the grounds – come visit. He brought a cheat-sheet for us to properly start our spring lawn and flower care. *It's attached.* Thank you, Joe, for all the great information.



**Sad news:**

Wife of former member Lutz Reiter, **Bev Reiter**, passed away. She was a lifelong teacher and a lovely person. Most of her teaching years were spent at EFHS.

Thank you Marge Bryer for sending this info; much appreciated.





# Michigan District Kiwanis Governor Renea!



On April 20, Governor Renea headed up to Gaylord for her 7<sup>th</sup> KiwanisONE event which included clubs from Division 19, 20 and 21. Held at the Eagles Club of Gaylord, well attended and a very nice lunch. The clubs presented a few thoughtful gifts for the Governor, but I believe her favorite was a hand-made picture created by a young child at a Kiwanis event. The final KiwanisOne will be held on May 4 in Coldwater. Who wants to do an Interclub with the Gov.



**DON'T FORGET TO read your KIWANIS BUILDER on Line!!!**  
**It is truly full of great information.... If you're not getting the Kiwanis in a Minute, a quicker version of the Builder, let Stacey know.....**

Stacey Nill, District Administrative Secretary. Email: [Districtoffice@mikiwanis.org](mailto:Districtoffice@mikiwanis.org) Phone: (517) 676-3837



Key Club members head down to Ford Field on April 14 to pick up litter and other interesting items.



Advisors Peggie & Renea on duty, and yep, they picked up sticks.

Roger Frank forwarded a pic of friends having lunch at Holiday Grill. Hello Warren, Dan G. and his buddy Jim. Dan's rockin' the Kiwanis brand!



Dearborn's **98<sup>th</sup> Annual MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** (and Michigan's oldest Memorial Day Parade) coming soon. Fresh Kiwanis peanuts are en-route and will be handed out to all those smiling faces lined up on the one-mile parade route. We will have two cars in the parade, one will definitely be a 1964-1/2 RED MUSTANG and not sure about the other. Not everybody can walk that mile-long parade, but if you can, it's a lot of fun. Plus we will have our Key Club students and Stout Middle School Builder's Club students walking with us again and handing out peanuts!!! Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the USA for honoring and mourning the U.S. Military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Monday, MAY 27, 2024



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month we join residents of **Hubbard Manor West** along with several Sisson Manor residents so Kiwanis can treat them to an hour of **BINGO**, Laughs and Dessert! Community Service EXCELLENCE!



Mmm, look what was served for **APRIL** dessert, Krispy Kreme Donuts. There's always decaf coffee and tea served with the treats. **39 residents enjoyed the fun tonight, 6 Kiwanis volunteers.**



NEXT MONTH WE CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF **ANNIE**, A STEADY Player!



Scott

A resident named Barb passed away a few weeks ago. Her son, Steve, brought 6 dozen KrispyKreme donuts because his mom enjoyed BINGO here. Thank you Steve, and please accept our heartfelt condolences.



Brad

Sherrie



Jim



**INTERCLUBS ARE BACK.** If you went to an Interclub in APRIL, please let Chairman Roger know.

**APRIL 20 INTERCLUB:**  
**Renea C. and Peggie P.**  
 (KiwanisONE – Divisions 3 & 7)  
**Clinton Valley Club**

**APRIL 26 INTERCLUB:**  
**Renea C. , Roger F. and Peggie P.**  
 (U.S./Canada Goodwill Dinner)  
**Blue Water/Port Huron Club**

**APRIL 30 INTERCLUB:**  
**Peggie P. and Renea C.**  
**Livonia Early Risers Club**

Think about enjoying an **INTERCLUB** with one of our **DIVISION 2 Clubs**. Great People!

See which schedule works best for you to plan a Club INTERCLUB.

**Garden City:** Thursday NOON. Straight Farmhouse on Merriman in Garden City.  
 President: Kim Dold

**Colonial Plymouth:** Thursday NOON.  
 Plymouth Historical Museum, Main St.  
 President Rich Schubatis

**Livonia Early Risers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TU 6:00 p.m  
 Livonia Chamber of Commerce  
 President Brian W. Weiss (Same day as ours)



April 12, 2024

Kiwanis Club of Dearborn  
Attention: President

We were hoping that the cost of food would go down after a few years at being at an all-time high.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case as they still have not gone down.

Due to the cost remaining high, we will need to increase the cost of your meals by \$2.00 per person.

Effective, May 14, 2022, the guarantee requirement of 25 people will remain the same with a revised cost of \$20.00 per person.

We appreciate your continued business and look forward to maintaining our friendly relationship.

Sincerely  
  
Greg Ivan

## FOOD Wish List – for Penrickton. Bring to MAY 28 mtg.

- Canned Fruit – packed in own juice; peaches and pineapple
- Carnation Instant Breakfast (chocolate and vanilla)
- Muffin and Cake Mixes-mixed berry, chocolate chip, blueberry, etc.
- Meijer or Kroger gift cards.

## Essential Items Wish List

- Baby Wipes
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Foaming Hand Soap
- Dryer Sheets (no scent)
- C – Fold Towels
- Toilet Paper

*Penrickton*

**KIWANITALK IS LIVE** whenever and wherever we choose to enjoy it! It's just a Click away. Below is a recent interview. Take a look – CLICK on the Links. Feel free to share them, as well.

**KIWANITALK – Here's another Great Show to watch and enjoy, taped at Dearborn High.**

## **Lennon Pregnancy Center with Executive Director Mariann Bolton - Control & CLICK on link!**

<https://youtu.be/HB4F1yeJ2pY>

<https://vimeo.com/935143401?share=Copy>

KiwaniTalk is produced by members of The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn MI.  
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U.S. and Canada  
 KIWANIS  
 GOODWILL DINNER  
 April 19, 2024  
 Marysville, MI



**Special Guest Speaker Wendell L. Brown, Sr.**

**Wendell L. Brown Sr.** Join us to hear his story about going from a professional football player to wrongly imprisoned in China for 3 years to an author, coach, entrepreneur, mentor, motivational speaker, and community servant. Wendell is also the founder of multiple non-profits helping and saving countless people.



2021 MI District Governor **Ben Probert**  
 and Lt.Governor "Chair" **Eric Stezowski**

**Governor Renea**





**2024 Kiwanis International  
Convention** around the corner –  
July 3-6 Denver, Colorado.

**2024 Kiwanis  
of Michigan  
GREAT LAKES  
CONFERENCE**

August 22-25, 2024

[Gateway Hotel Mundy Twp MI \[map link\]](#)



**President Sue** shares the display of items collected for Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Thanks to **Pat Richardson** for organizing the event and delivering to the hospital.



Member **James Stanish** made several trips to Sedona over the years and is kind enough to share his photography. *INCREDIBLE BEAUTY!*

**NEWSLETTER  
WRITER**

*Peggie Pedenelli*



*Welcome Spring!*

(Not my house) ☺

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, EVERYBODY!



**Dearborn Kiwanis members are invited  
to this event! Please RSVP.**

**You're Invited!**

*Penrickton Center for  
Blind Children*



**Spring Picnic  
and Open House**

**Friday, May 17, 2024  
4 to 6 p.m.**

- Food
- Beverages
- Face Painting
- Tours
- Games
- The Music Lady
- The Balloon Meister
- Bounce House

*Please RSVP by May 10, 2024 (attend only) to (734)946-7500  
26530 Eureka Road in Taylor 48180*



# HELPFUL LAWN TIPS! From Joe Barson



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## LAWN CARE

### SPRING AERATION

### FALL THACH

### 4 STEP SYSTEM

1. CRAB GRASS - forsythia blooming time to apply

apply then water lawn - cannot sow grass seed for 16 weeks

2. WEED & FEED - Memorial Day or when dandelions are blooming.

water lawn then apply

3. SUMMER FEED - 4<sup>th</sup> July

water lawn then apply

4.- FALL FOOD - Thanksgiving

water lawn then apply

*DAIRY DOO PRODUCT 'SAFE GREEN LAWN' IN PLACE OF  
OF STEP 3*

## GARDEN PREP ORGANIC GARDENING. DON'T WORRY ABOUT

GMO, PESTICIDE FREE IS MORE IMPORTANT

SOIL PREP: BEDS 1. WEED AND TILL SOIL

2. ADD ¼" TO ½" DAIRY DOO COMPOST and rake in

3. PUT WEED FABRIC OR NEWSPAPER OR LAWN CLIPPINGS

RAISED OR CONTAINER BEDS

4. FILL ½ WAY WITH GOOD TOPSOIL OR TOPSOIL BLEND

5. TOP OFF WITH VEGGIE DOO AND PLANT DIRECT.

### OTHER FERTILIZER

SYNTHETIC FEEDS - JACK'S CLASSIC "TOMATO FOOD"

DESIGNED FOR TOMATOES, PEPPERS AND GENERAL VEGGIES.

THEY HAVE ALL THE MICRONUTRIENTS IN IT, UNLIKE MIRACLE .....

NOTES: PEPPERS LIKE 70\* SOIL TEMP

COLD CROPS: CAB, BROCCOLI, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, STRAWBERRY, KOHLARABI should be alright to plant now, just watch temperatures cover if night temperatures get in the 30's.

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[www.barsons.com](http://www.barsons.com)



Get a foursome together and support  
Kiwanis Charity Golf .. and have some fun, too!

Sunday, June 2 • 3:00 PM

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center  
15801 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI

## Motor City Brass Band

Gordon Ward, Music Director & Conductor

Presents



## Motor City Mystery Theater

Come and enjoy music from many of your favorite mystery and suspense movies and television shows. Featuring themes from Dragnet, Austin Powers, Shaft, The Avengers (No, not that one), Peter Gunn, Mission: IMPOSSIBLE, and many more!

### Tickets:

\$18 (Regular)

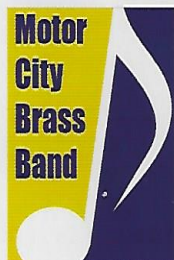
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THURSDAY • AUGUST 1st • 2024

8:00 AM • Continental Breakfast

• Check-in Begins

9:00 AM • Shotgun Start



THE GOLDEN FOX  
AT FOX HILLS GOLF & BANQUET CENTER

8768 N Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

For more information go to:

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