



The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

P.O. Box 2411, Dearborn, MI 48123

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NEWSLETTER— November 24, 2023



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! and HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING! TO OUR KIWANIS FAMILY and FRIENDS

IT'S STILL PEANUT TIME.

Now it's **GOURMET NUT TIME.** Yes, they are here. Excellent gifts for the Holidays, as long as you don't open them accidentally in your kitchen, like some of us do.

Questions: Call/email
Jim.rugenski@gmail.com
 (313) 949-5747
 Best \$30 gift you can buy!



KIWANITALK

This month we are highlighting :

Mati's Deli with Owner Lou Weinstein:

Click on Link:

https://youtu.be/s_ERJ9QhRjc?feature=shared



VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your
 service to this Great
 Country.

Kiwanis Veterans!
 Nov. 7, 2023



Michigan District of KEY CLUB welcomed all MI Key club members to **FALL RALLY**; this year's "Happy Carnival" theme made it even more fun. Over 350 teens converged on Lakeshore High School, most of us had no idea where Stevensville, MI was. It was a 2-1/2 hour bus/car ride, each way. We left at 6:30 a.m. and returned at 7:00-ish pm Leadership training, workshop sessions, new friendships, new ideas to bring back to our clubs, lunch, and fun, crazy games in the gym to wrap up an incredible day!



November 4, 2023



Thank you Advisors: Peggie, Renea, Michelle & Roger.



Congratulations
on your
retirement!

Dr. Jim Rugenski

37 years of
helping others
enjoy Life!

And a New CAR!



Penrickton Center for Blind Children – Nov. 14

Patty O "Obrzut", M.S., O.T.R.
Executive Director

"Needs LIST" is always On-Line
And updated as the needs
arise at Penrickton.org

Below is a Penrickton video;
Fox News did a really nice
story on. *Click on the link.*

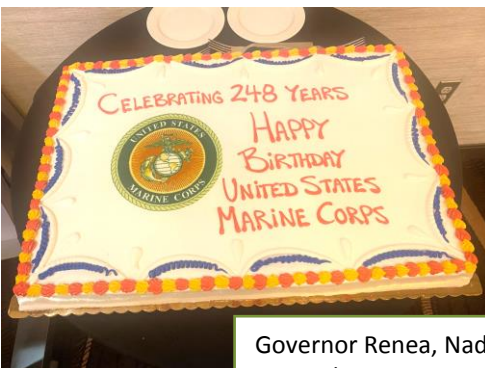


<https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/1311613>

Patty has adjusted quite well to her position at Penrickton after Kurt Sebaly retired. She recently celebrated 37 years at Penrickton and it is her passion and her love of this place that comes through when you meet her. Patty brought all kinds of sensory objects to our meeting and showed the techniques that are used to encourage the children to learn. They promote "Active Learning" which teaches the child not to depend on an adult for stimulation, but they actively learn with equipment designed for blind children. Patty is trained to teach Active Learning anywhere in the Country, she loves it.

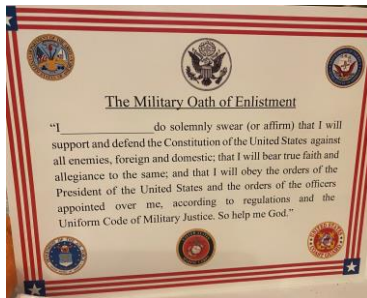
INTERCLUBS ARE BACK and we have a
new Interclub Chairman: **Roger Frank.**

In October, we enjoyed a wonderful
Pancake Breakfast with the Livonia Early
Risers at the Greenmead Historical Park
with President Bryan. **LET'S KEEP IT
GOING and Thank you Roger** for
Stepping up!!



Governor Renea, Nadia & Bill Bazzi and Lynn Killion.
November 11, 2023 – Hollywood Casino at Greektown.

248th Marine Corps Birthday
Ball. Wow! This Year's
"Guest of Honor": Dearborn
Kiwanian and Mayor of Dearborn
Heights. **Keep scrolling** to read
about this awesome Marine!
Semper Fidelis



October 17, 2023

Guest Speakers were **John H. Riling III**, Nat'l Board of Advisors Region 5, and **Gary Estermyer**, CVSO Director, both represent the Vietnam Veterans of America ("VVA"). Certificates were handed to a few of our Vets. The information presented talked about the great difficulties the VVA had coming home from War and still currently have. No other returning Vets were treated as awful as Vietnam! Very Interesting topic. So much we don't know about those Vets.



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 – Adam Rauscher Director of video at WDHS (where our shows are taped).

<https://youtu.be/Oh5dVhCWE4g?feature=shared>

<https://vimeo.com/877513469>



KIWANITALK.

HELP US KEEP INTERESTING GUESTS!

SPREAD THE WORD!

SHARE OUR SHOW, we are totally unique!



32 oversized pieces of Costco Pumpkin Pie. Yummy. Yes, there was lots of whipped cream to go around. The pies were donated this month by a lovely resident named Sherry who wanted to show her appreciation for Kiwanis coming every month.



Tuesday – Nov. 21. President Sherrie was our BINGO Caller tonight; she did a great job. She clearly has experience and made it fun for all!



November 21, 2023

Hubbard Manor West



Top R: Jim Rugenski had his hands full as he ran around handing out BINGO dollars all by himself. To the right you can see he brought the delicious Gourmet Nuts as well as the amazing Delicious Delights to sell. \$30. Great Gifts. LEFT: Peggie looks like the Bingo police. 😊 TOP L: Scott makes sure he has enough coffee/tea to serve!



ALMOST
DONE.
KEEP
SCROLLING. 😊





The **Festival of Trees** will be at the Civic Center in the Dome until Sunday. It's quite a show. If you want to get into the Christmas Spirit, come and be amazed. Two Key Club students volunteering here found our tree. They were so excited! ☺

FUTURE DATES

BELL RINGING at KROGER Dec. 2
KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 12
MotorCityBrass – Dec. 17
SA Brass Band and Toy Party Dec. 19
Christmas BINGO at Hubbard Manor Dec. 19

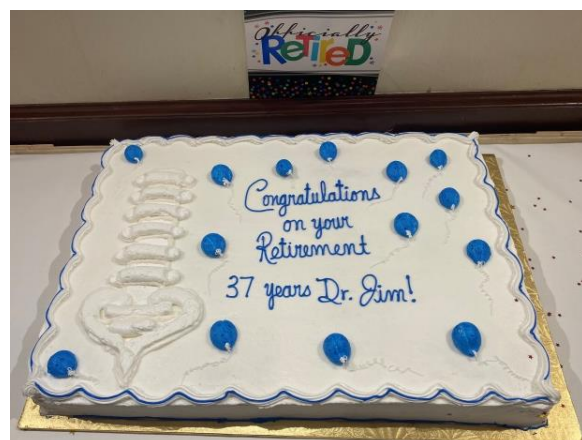
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*Peggie
Pedenelli*
at Festival of
TREES- 2023
with our
KIWANIS
Sponsored Tree!



Happy Retirement!

Dr. Jim and Debbie Rugenski



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

DEARBORN KIWANIS CLUB - Sign up ☺

SATURDAY, December 2. KROGER – Westborn

10:00-11:00

11:00-12:00

12:00-1:00

1:00-2:00

2:00-3:00 Sherrie Chrysler

3:00-4:00 Sherrie Chrysler

4:00-5:00 Ray Scoboria

5:00-6:00 Ray Scoboria

6:00-7:00 Ray Scoboria

7:00-8:00 Ray Scoboria



You can bring a chair, stool, couch, whatever makes you comfy. It's inside the "exit" door and it's a very busy store. Dress appropriately. One hour is not a lot of time to give up for this fantastic organization that helps so many in need.

Text, e-mail or call Peggie to help the Salvation Army for an Hour!

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DEARBORN KIWANIS GETS THANK YOU
LETTERS!!!

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Voluntary Service

Detroit - John D. Dingell VAMC
4646 John R
Detroit, MI 48201-1916

In Reply Refer To: 553/00CO-VCR

September 28, 2023

Kiwanis Foundation of Dearborn Inc.
Benevolence Account
P.O. Box 2411
Dearborn, MI 48123

Kiwanis Foundation donation for
the continued support of our
U.S. Veterans, \$424 for Canteen
items. Kiwanian Rose Solak

PENRICKTON CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN

October 18, 2023

Mr. Albert Holmes
Kiwanis Club of Dearborn
P.O. Box 2411
Dearborn, MI 48123

Kiwanis Foundation donation to
Penrickton at their 2023-24 Kick-Off
Dinner; 5 Kiwanians attended and
delivered the check: \$2,000.

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5101 Evergreen Road
Dearborn, MI 48128-1495
313-317-6839

October 20, 2023

Mr. Albert H. Holmes
Treasurer
Kiwanis Club of Dearborn
410 Nightingale Street

Kiwanis Foundation
"Endowment Scholarship".
\$7,078.83

GUEST OF HONOR

GUNNERY SGT. BILL BAZZI, USMC (RET)

Bill Bazzi came to the United States, along with his family, at the age of 12, with no formal education, no English language skills, and nothing but the clothes on his back and a dream.

Mr. Bazzi currently serves as the Mayor of Dearborn Heights, Michigan since January 2021. Prior to being appointed by the council to Mayor, Mr. Bazzi served as City Council Chair Pro Tem since 2018. In November of 2021, he was elected by 74% of the voters to serve as the Mayor of Dearborn Heights for the next four years.

Mr. Bazzi earned a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science/Aerospace Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree in Science in Professional Aeronautics/Aerospace Engineering, both from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.



During his 21 years of service in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Bazzi served in multiple leadership capacities including Military Police, Intelligence Chief, and Operations/Intelligence Senior Enlisted Leader. He was responsible for successfully overseeing the operations and members of a joint unit responsible for high level intelligence production; leading high profile complex missions comprised of joint task forces across agency lines; managing hundreds of service members; working with ambassadors at U.S. Embassies, and engaging various countries' diplomats and leaders. The success of these initiatives resulted in rebuilding municipality infrastructures, providing humanitarian aid, training foreign militaries, countering terrorist activity, promoting democratic governance across the globe, while defending the Constitution of the United States.

Throughout his service to our country, Mr. Bazzi earned numerous medals and decorations including: Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Awards; and was nominated for the National Military Intelligence Association Vice Admiral Rufus L. Taylor Award for Leadership.

In working for two world renowned corporations, Boeing as a Quality Manager and Lead Auditor, and at Ford Motor Company as a Product Development Engineer, Mr. Bazzi has audited various tiers of multi-million dollar and billion-dollar corporations, from their manufacturing to their finance departments. In addition, he has been responsible for analyzing companies' organization and operations; government compliance; policies and protocol; and products, while initiating effective measures to enhance public safety and economic productivity.

To compliment his work and unwavering service, Mr. Bazzi has served on a multitude of advocacy and community service boards that allow him to engage and enhance the lives of veterans, youth, senior citizens, and communities. This includes (past and present): President of Ford Motor Company Veterans Network Group (FordVETNG); Commander of Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council (DAWVC); Advisory Board Member and Champion Organizer/Fundraiser of Midnight Golf Youth Program; Advisory Board Member of World Medical Relief; Mentor at Veterans Court; Organizer of Toys for Tots Program; Member of American Legion; Member of Kiwanis Club; Member of Rotary Club; Member of Marine Corps League; Member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV); and Volunteer at VA Hospital.

CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

DETROIT AREA MARINES PRESIDENT
MR. ANDRE SALAMY

GUEST OF HONOR
GUNNERY SGT. BILL BAZZI, USMC (RET)

ADJUTANT
GUNNERY SGT. MICHAEL ULLMANN, USMC (RET)

SWORD ESCORTS
GYSGT MICHAEL KUIITE GYSGT CALEB PENTE
SSGT NATHAN LIND SSGT ANDREW EMAUS
SGT JASMINE MILLER SGT GARRETT LUKE
CPL MITCHELL LEFFLER CPL BRENDAN MACDONALD

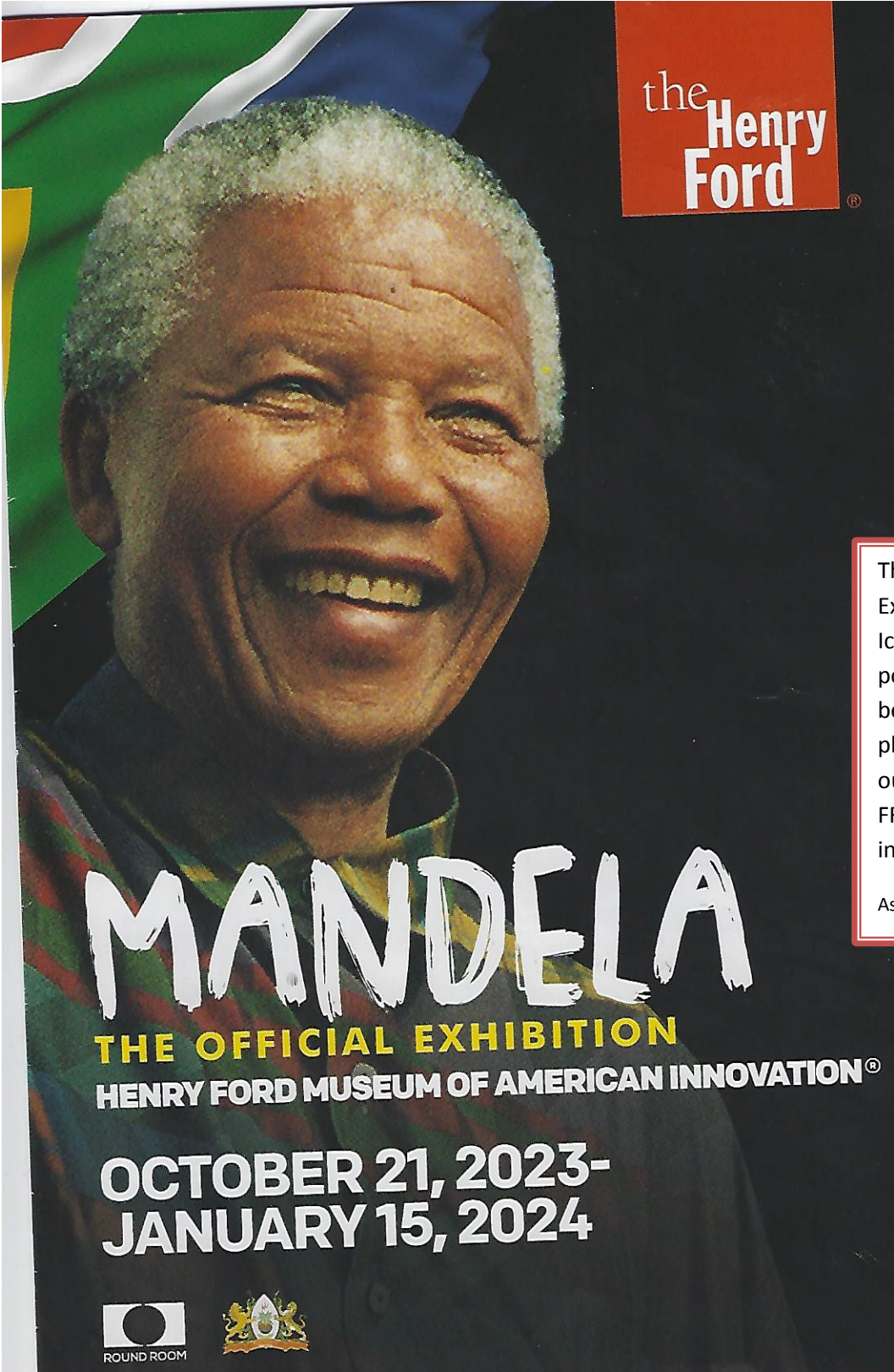
CAKE ESCORTS
SSGT FRANK SMITH, CW03 RICHARD POINTE, USMC (RET)

OLDEST MARINE [D.A.M.]
MASTER SGT. MARK JENKINS, USMC (RET)

YOUNGEST MARINE [D.A.M.]
CORPORAL DANIEL MARR

COLOR GUARD
SGT KENNETH BOND, CPL STEPHEN RUSANCHIN,
LCPL EMILIO CORONA, LCPL NEAL PATEL

NARRATOR
GUNNERY SGT. MICHAEL ULLMANN, USMC (RET)



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**OCTOBER 21, 2023-
JANUARY 15, 2024**



This Limited Engagement Exhibition of the world's most Iconic freedom fighter and political leader will be gone before you know it. There are plenty of "museum members" in our Club that can assist you in FREE visits to get up close and be inspired by this great Man!

Ask the newsletter writer for FREE INFO.