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**2022-2024**  
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# The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

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## NEWSLETTER—MAY 31, 2023

### John M. Matthews Obituary

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved **John M. Matthews** (Dearborn, Michigan), who passed away at the age of 92, on May 26, 2023. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of John M. Matthews to show support.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 24th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church (600 N Brady Rd, Dearborn, MI 48124).

Donations in John's name can be made to the following charities: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn 600 N. Brady, Dearborn, MI 48124. Salvation Army 26700 W. Warren Ave, Dearborn Heights, MI ....



Clayton Herrst, John McFadden  
and JOHN MATTHEWS

### IT'S TURTLE TIME!!!

OUR AMAZING **TURTLE DERBY** returns after the long shut down. THIS IS SO EXCITING!! First thing we have to do is find a sponsor for the \$1,000 cash prize. Then we can print tickets and give pre-sales a jump start. Let's get excited and busy!!! Start thinking about where to solicit gift cards and items for gift baskets as prizes on Race Day!!!! The Solicitation letter is attached. Ask Jim R. for copies you can hand out or mail.



### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!!!

Yes, we handed out boxes and boxes of Kiwanis peanuts to the many thousands of parade watchers. Thank you to the **TEN Kiwanians** who made it down to Michigan Avenue to *Represent KIWANIS*.

Abdelbaki, Hebat  
Bryer, Bob  
Callery, Renea  
Chrysler, Sherrie  
Killion, Don  
Montenegro, Luis  
Nettlow, Richard  
Pedenelli, Peggie  
Schoolmaster, Brad  
Scoboria, Ray

It was a  
Beautiful day!

### IN ADDITION:

Pedenelli, Dennis and his 1964-1/2 Mustang  
Callery, Ryan (very helpful and very handsome) ☺  
**Stout Builders Club** – 9 students, Principal, Vice  
Principal Brent and Stout Secretary  
**Edsel Ford** – 7 Key Clubbers  
**Dearborn High** – 3 Key Clubbers  
**Fordson** – 2 Key Clubbers and Advisor Zreik  
Kiwanians Representing Others: Mark S. & Rosa S.

We are not calling it a CONVENTION any longer.

**GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE** for the Michigan District of Kiwanis will be held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth on August 17-20. When Renea returns from that Conference, she will be GOVERNOR RENE A and we are expecting a fantastic year of service with her holding the reins. Can't Wait!

Register SOON!



**WHO IS UP FOR A TIGER GAME?** We are looking at TUESDAY, JUNE 20. Kansas City 6:40

We have a few seat choices we need to choose from, quickly.

Leon already checked on Suites, all sold out that game.

BOX SEATS, SECTION 112-114 \$27 ea.

RIGHT FIELD, SECTION 101-150 \$25 ea.

KALINE'S CORNER 107-111 \$21 ea.



It's easy to check on where the seats are on the Tigers Website.

**PLEASE LET PEGGIE KNOW NO LATER THAN MONDAY (JUNE 5). Seat choice and number of tickets.**



Ray Scoboria – AMAZING!!!

## KIWANITALK

Ken McCollum, Director

**JUNE Kiwanitalk is canceled.** See you in July.

Remember, it is everybody in the club's responsibility to be vigilant on recommending informative speakers.

SKIP and RAY remind us we should ALL recommend suggestions for Kiwanitalk whenever we come across interesting speakers in our community, especially newsy/interesting topics.

Kiwanitalk is a Jewel in our Kiwanis story!

### UPDATE ON SKIP ARMSTRONG!

Skip is home, he was released from prison on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Skip spent 33 days in a few different hospitals/rehabs and has finally found a therapist/Nurse who is truly helping him. He is most grateful to his daughter Alexis for her persistence and patience.

Skip is ready to get back to his life and is working hard to accomplish that. He promises he will see us all as soon as possible.

*(We will hold you to that promise, Skip)*



### Law Enforcement Academy

is "Back" after the pandemic shut down cancelled it. Cost to send a candidate is \$575. \$75 of that is paid by the Michigan District.

**We need a Chairman for this!** (see Sherrie)

**GETTING READY FOR THE PARADE** – It's Peanut labeling time! If you get to the meetings early, you get put to work. THANK YOU Kiwanians for labeling a zillion peanut bags.

From TOP L: 1) VP Sue C. and Prez. Sherrie; 2) Bob B., Clayton H., Warren H., John McF.; 3) Gov. Elect Renea; 4) Michelle M.; 5) Roger & Jan Frank; 6) Pat R., 7) Ray S., 8) Brad S., 9) Tarun A., Renea, Richard N., Pam C.; 10) Warren H., Roger F. and Jim R (Goobar)



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Prez. Sherrie

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!!!!  
May 26, 2023



11 Kiwanians marched in the 2023 Memorial Day Parade!  
THANK YOU ALL for participating! It means a lot.



Don Killion



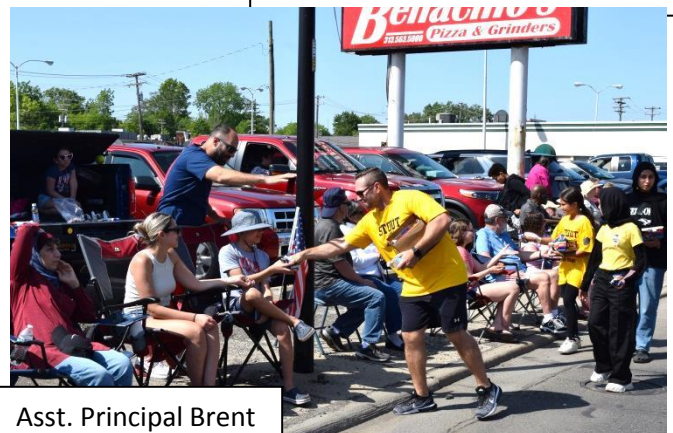
Brad S.



**Hebat Abdelbaki, STOUT MIDDLE School Principal and Builders Club Advisor and Kiwanis member, was so proud to bring her Builders Club students to the parade; and *just as* excited when Her BAND was lining up. She is an amazing and incredible Lady! Her Asst. Principal Brent and office secretary Latifa came as well. Stout brought about 15 adults/students in matching bright Yellow shirts. That's how you do a PARADE!!! The middle schoolers had a blast handing out Kiwanis peanuts!**



Luis M.



Asst. Principal Brent



Here's a great combo:

The FIRST Year Mustang (1964-1/2)  
and  
NEXT Year's Mustang (2024)

OMG. So cool, right!

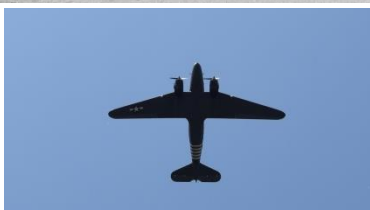
(spoiler: The Red one is the Newsletter  
writer's car –except only hubby drives it.) ☺



Ray S.



Key Club Members from Edsel Ford, Fordson and Dearborn High. Builders Club students from Stout Middle School. THEY ALL ROCKED THE PEANUT DISTRIBUTION!





This amazing group spent **THREE LONG DAYS** together locked in a hotel someplace in Lansing, May 19-21. It was **EXCELLENT!** Governor Elect Renea along with some fantastic education trainers: Past Intern'l President Sue Petrisin (Education Chair); Executive Director Greg Smith; Past MI District Governor Larry Memmer; Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International along with 15 incoming Lt. Governors who were sent for LT.G training! We all passed!!!



## KIWANITALK

April 6, 2023

On Cameras: Kiwanians Gary Gardner, Ray Scoboria and Scott Murdoch.

Speaker: Nabih Ayad, Arab American Civil Rights League.

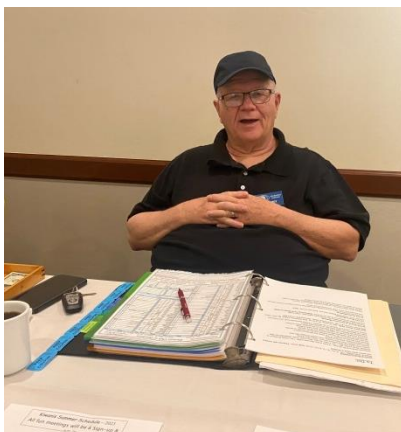
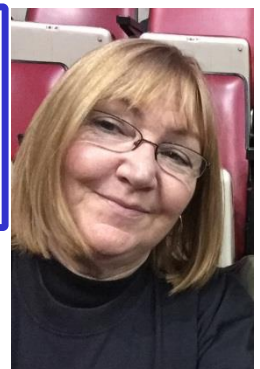
Speaker: **Sharnese Marshall**, CEO and Founder of The Konnection with a student.

[www.TheKonnection.org](http://www.TheKonnection.org)



## NEWSLETTER WRITER

*Peggie Pedenelli*



**TREASURER and AWESOME GUY!**

*Al Holmes*

Jim Rugenski has created a solicitation ltr. If you have any changes for him, or would like a copy, please let him know. Phone # is on the letter!



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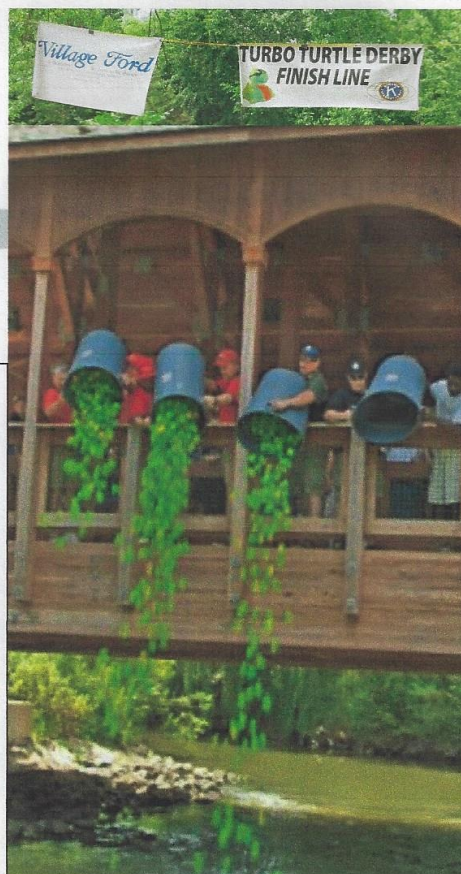
## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES HOMECOMING TURTLE DERBY 2023

**DEARBORN'S YEARLY HOMECOMING IS  
BACK AT FORD FIELD THIS AUGUST!!**

**THE DRAW WILL BE HUGE! IT BRINGS THE  
COMMUNITY TOGETHER, AND GIVES YOU A  
CHANCE TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!**

DEARBORN KIWANIS HOSTS A SPECTACULAR CHARITABLE FUNDRAISER THERE, **THE TURTLE DERBY!** PEOPLE ADOPT A NUMBER THAT IS PLACED ON A RUBBER TURTLE. TWO THOUSAND RUBBER TURTLES GO OFF THE ROUGE RIVER BRIDGE INTO THE WATER, AND THE FIRST TURTLE ACROSS WINS THE ADOPTEE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS!

MANY DEARBORN BUSINESSES DONATE A PRIZE, AND RECEIVE PUBLICITY IN ALL THE LITERATURE OF THE RACE.



**THE PURPOSE IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDRENS PROJECTS.  
ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND HELP TO SUPPORT PROJECTS RIGHT  
HERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

**Any Prize you may want to donate is welcome! The bigger the prize, the higher in size and listings your business will be in the literature. By donating you bring recognition and new people to your business. It is a win-win all around. Nearly every prize is donated by Dearborn businesses. People who live in Dearborn support businesses who support their causes. If you would like more information about our projects or our Kiwanis Club, just call me. I would be happy to talk to you. -Dr. Jim Rugenski**

**ALL CONTRIBUTORS WILL RECEIVE MENTION IN KIWANIS NEWSLETTERS, PUBLICATIONS, AND TURTLE ADOPTON PAPERS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET POSITIVE PUBLICITY FOR YOUR BUSINESS. YOU CAN ALSO JOIN US AS OUR GUEST AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOUR MARKETING PROFESSIONALS AS WELL TO HELP SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!**

Dr. Jim Rugenski

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