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NEWSLETTER— JUNE 25, 2023



Governor Elect Renea is in the middle of the Action at the 2023 Kiwanis Intern'l Convention in Minneapolis



Governor-Elect Renea and Lt. G-Elect, Div. 3, Cindi G. taking a break from meetings.

IT'S TURTLE TIME!!!

OUR AMAZING **TURTLE DERBY** returns after the long shut down. THIS IS SO EXCITING!! Congratulations to Jim & Roger for securing our \$1,000 SPONSOR for the Turtle Derby. The tickets can now be printed and we can start selling them to family and friends ahead of the Derby. Let's get excited and busy!!! Start thinking about where to solicit gift cards and items for gift baskets as prizes on Race Day!!!!



Celebrating the Life of **John MacDowell Matthews**

The Piper walked across the front of the church in all his Regalia, bagpipes blaring – fitting prelude to our friend, John. His four granddaughters read from the Scriptures; Military Honors presented the U.S. Flag to Doris. It was all lovely. Then John's three sons took center alter and it was smiles and laughs and tears and excellent stories; pure joy to hear from John, Steven and Phil. John Matthews enjoyed a life very well lived and we were blessed to know him as a Kiwanis for nearly 60 years. He took great pride in all his years of Kiwanis meetings and responsibilities; taking it all very seriously and yet always smiling. He is missed!



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.

In Memory of

John M. Matthews

Born

January 28, 1931
Cincinnati, Ohio

Entered Into Rest

May 26, 2023
Detroit, Michigan

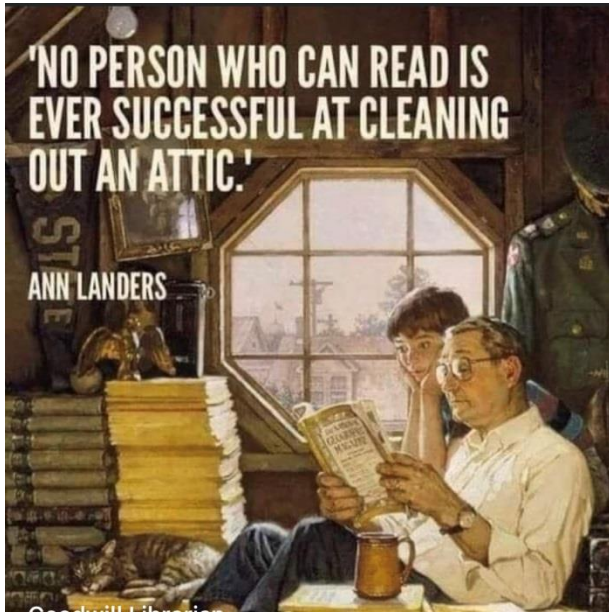
Memorial Service

Saturday, June 24, 2023
11:00 A.M.
First Presbyterian
Dearborn, Michigan

Officiating

Pastor Jim Faile

Arrangements by
Howe-Peterson Funeral Home
Dearborn Chapel



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!



International Convention in Minneapolis – UPDATE ON DUES INCREASE.

Here are the election results to pass on to your clubs:

- 2023-24 Kiwanis International President – Katrina Baranko (Georgia)
- 2023-24 Kiwanis International President-Elect – Lee Kuan Yong (Malaysia)
- 2023-24 Kiwanis International Vice-President – Michael Mulhaul (New Jersey)
- 2023-26 Newly Elected International Trustees – Dennis Baugh (Capital), Matthew Cantrell (Florida), Cathy Tutty (Montana), Mohan Lamsal (Nepal), Chang Ching Hsu (Asia-Pacific)
- 2023-24 Michigan District International Counselor – Steve Ingram from Indiana (He will be attending our Great Lakes Conference in Frankenmuth along with his wife Pat)
- The By-Laws Revision amendment passed.
- **The Dues Increase amendment failed.**

Greg Smith
Executive Director
Michigan District of Kiwanis

Dearborn Fire Department offers free smoke detectors and installation for Dearborn and Melvindale residents

DEARBORN, MI – Dearborn and Melvindale residents can schedule an appointment to have Dearborn Fire Department staff install smoke detectors in their homes at no cost.

Funded through a federal grant, the program provides smoke detectors and installation for free to any owner-occupied household, regardless of income.

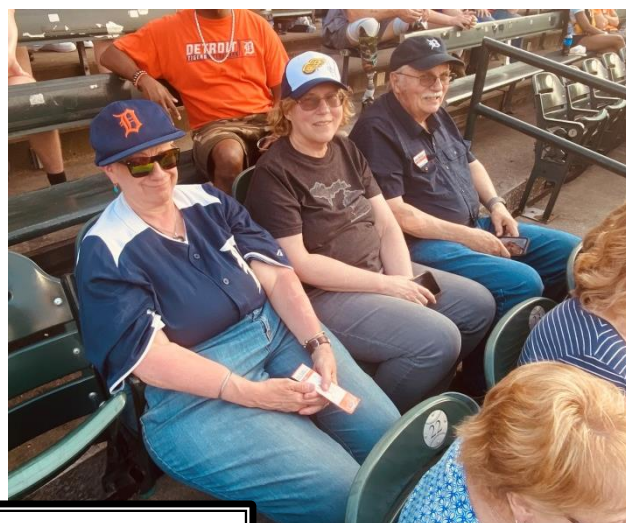
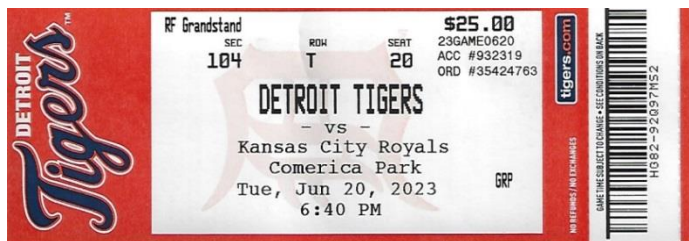
Appointments are available Monday-Friday and residents can call 313-943-2134 to schedule an installation.

Dearborn Fire Chief Joseph Murray stated, "Properly installed and working smoke alarms have been shown to increase the chances of saving lives in a house fire, so we will continue to install free smoke detectors for the residents of the communities we serve."

This program has been offered since 2015 and has resulted in the installation of thousands of smoke detectors in residential homes.

KIWANIS AT COMERICA PARK. We had a bumpy start at the game with most of our group tickets being double sold and invalid. BUT it ended up to be a beautiful evening at the Ball Park for our group of 23; we enjoyed some really decent seats and “people watching” was A+

Tigers may have lost, but it was still fun for our Kiwanians to enjoy each other’s company along with perfect Michigan weather!



Top Right: Linda M. & Kristen B. Richard N. & Al Holmes

President Sherrie C., VP Sue C. & Joel Nancy H., Linda M. & Kristen

LEFT: Scott and Drew Murdoch with a bunch of Kiwanians behind them.

Warren H. with Gene & Sue Smith

Top Left: Bob & Marge B. with Kiwanians behind them.





BELOW-clockwise: Drew Murdoch sporting the Foam Finger.

VP Sue Cleereman and Hubby Joel

A group of us enjoyed dinner at Hockey Town next to the Fox.

Peggie & Kristen attempting a selfie overlooking the field.

Tom Murphy – Official “Let’s Go Tigers” human megaphone.

MI Dist. Governor Elect Renea & Lt.G-Elect, Div.2 – Peggie ☺

Bob & Marge Bryer – perfect stadium photo! Love it!

Jeremy, Rebecca M. and Eric Pedenelli – game night!



FOAM
FINGER
DAY!

Hi
DREW!



Please read a couple
e-mailed NOTES from
TREASURER AL



NEW ADDRESS FOR MEMBER:

Mike Marxer
c/o The Retreat Assisted Living
47260 Seven Mile Road
Northville 48167

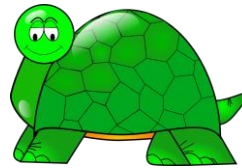
Ladies & Gentlemen

Apparently there was a problem with the date we had for the NOAH Bag Lunch Project at Central Methodist Church next to Comerica Park on Woodward. We had it scheduled for July 12th and I was just informed they already have someone lined up for that day but it was not written on the schedule. In short, we got bumped, kind of like on an over booked airplane. **DUE TO OUR VERY BUSY SUMMER SCHEDULE, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT OCTOBER TO MAKE SANDWICHES.**



TURTLE DERBY UPDATE!!!

Jim Rugenski and several others are working hard on getting our sponsors and prizes for the August 6th TURTLE DERBY. The Derby is where our members toss nearly 2,000 “rubber” turtles into the Rouge River at Homecoming and Scott Murdoch and Brad Schoolmaster (and a few more hopefully) will be at the TURTLE TRAP 300 yards downriver catching the winning turtles. (The turtles have numbers on their butts).



HERE'S WHERE WE ARE with prizes:

\$1000 cash – Sam Beydoun and Century 21 Curran & Oberski

\$500 cash - Dearborn Federal Savings

\$500 sponsorship from Member Focus/LOC credit union

\$100 prize - Kiwanis Donor

Tiger Tickets - Sam Beydoun

Starbucks Gift Basket – Debbie Rugenski

SIX \$25 gift cards (3) Meijer and (3) Kroger

White Castle Gift Basket – Peggie

OUR JOB is to Start asking for Gift cards from your favorite diner, restaurant, bakery, car wash, show, etc.
August 6th is only 39 days away.

On June 13, the **Garden City Kiwanis Club** came for an INTERCLUB. Remember those. Yes, Interclubs are back. The Garden City club is always a lot of fun – in fact, this week (Thursday) they are celebrating their 75 Year Anniversary as a Club. A few of the members gave some happy dollars and talked about the events and fundraisers their club has been involved in. The largest fundraiser that many of us have enjoyed over the years is THE GREAT PIG RACE. It's quite a fun evening and a great fundraiser as their "Signature Project".



Thank you Garden City for joining us for Dinner and welcome to: Carol Cinderich, Kathy Lewenski, Sarah McBride, Lisa Gibbons and her hubby John (hiding behind one of the members); Joann #1 and Joann #2, and Sandy Bonavero.



Larry and Nancy Memmer, long time Kiwanians and members of the newly Chartered Grass Lake Club.

THERE'S A NEW CLUB IN TOWN!

Well, not exactly our town but ...

Welcome Grass Lake Kiwanis and congratulations on Chartering a club with 28 members on June 15. On hand were several Michigan District Leaders: Kiwanis International Trustee **Linda Lawther**; Past International President **Sue Petrisin**; MI District Governor **Vicki Okuniewski**; **Larry Memmer** and **Sue Devon**, MI District Membership coordinators; and MI District Governor-Elect **Renea Callery**. The Club is already in talks with the local High School to start a Key Club and they had partnered with a local Veterans group to celebrate Memorial Day.

CLUB BYLAWS UPDATED!

Special thanks to **Scott Murdoch** for his work and dedication on updating the Dearborn Kiwanis Bylaws and sending them to the State to get our Lottery license for the August Turtle Derby at Homecoming.

It was important and necessary we formalize our organization so we can operate both ethically and professionally.



TREASURER and AWESOME GUY!

Al Holmes

NEWSLETTER WRITER

Peggie Pedenelli

**I wonder if the
people paying
\$300 for a colon
cleanse even
know about
Taco Bell's
\$4.99 deal.**

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.

If you plan on Attending the conference, Register **VERY SOON!**



If you want to come to Frankenmuth for the day on Sunday morning, come and see Renea installed as MI District Governor. You can come at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at the Hotel. Or come at 9:00 a.m. for the Coronation. Grab a seat in the back – free of charge, then enjoy all your favorite things to do in Frankenmuth.



ADDING THIS IN AGAIN; if everyone can get one gift card or make an AWESOME GIFT BASKET, it's going to be a fantastic DERBY. 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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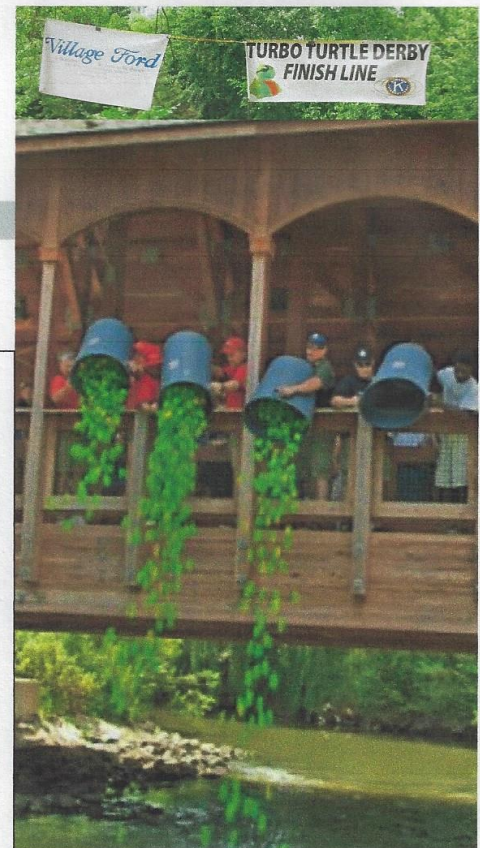
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES HOMECOMING TURTLE DERBY 2023

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 ADOPTION 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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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to



changing the world one child and one community at a time.



THANK YOU

RAY SCOBORIA

who not only brought
this poem in to share
but he read it to us.

I believe it was read to
him by his Dad, but I
have no proof that
happened.

It Couldn't Be Done

BY EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;"
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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