



The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

P.O. Box 2411, Dearborn, MI 48123

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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 6, 2026

Renea Callery,
President
Scott D. Murdoch,
Vice President
Roger Frank,
Co-Treasurer
Bob Bryer,
Co-Treasurer
Sherrie Chrysler,
Secretary
Don Killion,
Asst. Secretary
Leon Bergeron
Immed. Past President

Board of Directors

2024-2026

Roger Frank
Scott Murdoch
Brad Schoolmaster

2025-2027

Richard Nettlow
Corina Robels
Peggie Pedenelli

Our 2025-2026 **President Renea Callery** has been going full steam ahead since she accepted the gavel from Past President Leon back on October 1. Even though Renea served as Club Prez in the past (before the great merger) and led the Michigan District as Governor two years ago, she has returned with renewed passion and experience ready to continue making a difference. Her vision is simple: have fun while serving, focus this year is on children, seniors and our Veterans. Our club has a heart for service, and we all look forward to meaningful projects and fellowship.



This past year, we said goodbye to four outstanding members and dear friends whose dedication, kindness, humor and commitment shaped our club for the Better. Each of them gave generously of their time and hearts. They didn't just belong to Kiwanis – they lived Kiwanis. We honor their memory by continuing the work, supporting our seniors, standing by our amazing Veterans, serving the youth of the Dearborn area and continuing to lift each other up.

Their Legacy is well written!



Clayton Herrst

6/20/1936 – 1/29/2025
Kiwanis Member: 42 yrs

Skip Armstrong

6/10/1941 – 10/18/2025
Kiwanis member: 42 yrs

Al Holmes

4/15/1947 – 11/22/2025
Kiwanis Member: 29 yrs

Warren Hartley

12/18/1939 - 12/13/2025
Kiwanis Member: 40 yrs

DUES ARE DUE!

Here's a cheerful nudge from your Kiwanis family, dues were due and are overdue. Paying dues timely keeps our projects running as we continue to serve those in need in our community. Please take a moment to submit them so we can start the year Strong. Thank you for taking care of this. Bring your checkbook to the Jan. 6 meeting, or mail your check to P.O. Box 2411, Dearborn, MI 48123. Thanks.....

THOMAS OLIVER HOLIDAY GREETINGS (From the Builder)

Many Michigan Kiwanis Clubs and individual members donated to this annual fundraiser. Kiwanians listed below have made contributions to the Thomas Oliver Holiday Greeting Program to wish you, your family, and all Michigan Kiwanis Clubs Happy Holidays and to ensure a better Holiday season *for hospitalized children around our Michigan District.* (See complete list in the Dec/Jan Builder)



Thank you Don Killion for getting the club fired up to donate to this great cause before the impending deadline early December. And thank you to all who donated.

Thank you!

DEARBORN KIWANIS CLUB donated!



The following **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** donated:

Don & Lynne Killion	Scott D. Murdoch	Renea Callery, Past Governor
Bob & Marge Bryer	John McFadden	A&M Painting, Rob Meschke
Kristen Boguslaski	Corina Robles	Sherrie Chrysler
Jim Rugenski	Gene & Sue Smith	Peggie & Dennis Pedenelli

A BIT OF HISTORY for this annual tradition: The Thomas Oliver Holiday Greetings tradition in Kiwanis has been around since the mid-1970's (over 50 years). It was started by Past "Michigan" Governor Thomas Oliver, served in 1973-74. Rather than send individual Christmas cards, he encouraged Kiwanians to make a donation to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation supporting hospitalized children, and have their names published as greetings in the District's December/January Michigan Builder newsletter (essentially serving as a collective Christmas Greeting).

(Ever since I've known Don Killion, he has made sure the Division 2 clubs donate, and he can be extremely convincing).





SAVE THE DATES!



MICHIGAN EVENTS

KiwanisONE – Divisions 1 & 2 February 21, 2026

Cost and Location: TBD

Div 1–Lt. Governor Eleanor Madiclum-Jenks
Div 2–Lt. Governor Renea Callery

Michigan District Key Club Service Leadership Conference (SLC) Ann Arbor

February 27, 28 & March 1, 2026

Ann Arbor Marriott
Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

CAN-AM Goodwill Banquet April 17, 2026 Port Huron

Hosted by: Blue Water, Port Huron Kiwanis Club
Location: Alexander's Banquet Hall, 1200 Gratiot Blvd.,
Marysville MI
More information will be available the Feb/Mar Builder

Michigan District of KIWANIS Great Lakes Conference '26 Lansing August 27-30, 2026

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
(registration opens June 1)

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Kiwanis International Convention

June 24-27, 2026

**Manila, Philippines
Marriott Hotel Manila**

Registration–Dec 1 thru Feb 2 (best
Prices)

Key Club International Convention (ICON)

July 1-5, 2026

**Dallas, Texas
Hilton Anatole**

**Circle K International,
July 1-3 – Dallas, TX**

MICHIGAN KIWANIS CLUBS: 128

Beginning membership: 2968

Reporting members: 2992

NET GAIN: +24

MICHIGAN “SLP” CLUBS (Service Leadership Programs)

	<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>PAID Members</u>
K Kids	8	--
Builders Club	22	--
Key Club	104	2735
Circle K	10	136
Aktion Club	17	65

What is Kiwanis Amplify?

Learning and living leadership **out loud.**

Build your leadership skills.

Improve your career, your community and yourself.

Kiwanis Amplify is a leadership program for those who want to amplify their ability to lead a team.

Check it out in the December/January BUILDER (on-line)

Starts in APRIL. Sign up by MARCH



We must all do our part for the planet.
The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.

JOKE



Birthday & Kiwanis Anniversary Announcements



JANUARY - 2026

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gene Smith
- 4 John McFadden
- 5 Ray Scoboria
- 9 Leon Bergeron
- 30 Carolyn Jackson

KIWANIS ANNIVERSARY

14th Corina Robels – ONE YEAR

Thank you, Pam Carstea

**KiwaniTalk – with Patty Obrzut, M.S., O.T.R.
Executive Director
Penrickton Center for Blind Children**

<https://youtu.be/H-0JGgK6FvI>

<https://vimeo.com/1150065705>

OUTSTANDING SHOW!

KiwaniTalk is produced by members of The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

GRANT UPDATE: Gary Gardner and Al Holmes got together last year to work on the Grant that is applied for annually from members of our club like Skip and Al and Gary. WELL, due to Gary and Al's brilliance, the Grant was approved. I'm sorry, I didn't write it down exactly, but I believe it's in the \$5,000-\$5,500 range. GREAT JOB! This pays for monthly use of the studio and production as well as a \$500 student scholarship. Thank you, Gary (and Al).



KIWANITALK.
HELP US KEEP
INTERESTING GUESTS!
SPREAD THE WORD!
SHARE OUR SHOW, we are
totally unique!

November and December Volunteers:

**Bell ringing, BINGO, meals on wheels, Key Club events, calendars, Penrickton, Unicef, Circle K, Park Cleanup, Kiwanitalk, and on-and-on.
We are always helping someone.**

Kristen Boguslaski
Sherrie Chrysler
Dan Greenwell
Scott Murdoch
Richard Nettlow
Jim Rugenski
Ray Scoboria

Renea Callery
Roger Frank
Michelle Meschke
Corina Nobels
Peggie Pedenelli
Brad Schoolmaster

NEWSLETTER WRITER

Peggie Pedenelli

SPECIAL NEEDS LIST - January

Marinara Sauces

Saltine Crackers

Desert Cake/Bread Mixes

(cinnamon, blueberry, etc.)

Canned pineapple or fruit cocktail

(GIFT CARD DONATIONS TO MEIJER, KROGER, ETC.)

*(BRING ANY OF THESE ITEMS TO THE MEETING ON TUESDAY
AND PEGGIE WILL TAKE IT TO THE Monthly BOARD
MEETING ON Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)*

(or deliver M-F, between 9-5:00 to the address below)

The Kiwanis Objects

- *To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- *To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- *To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- *To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- *To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- *To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill

DEARBORN KIWANIS CLUB

- **Social Media:**
- **Fundraising Committee Chair:**
- **Membership Committee Chair:**
- **Service Chair:**
- **Interclub Chair:**

MICHIGAN DISTRICT - SLP (Service Leadership Programs)

- **Key Club Admin:** Jordan De La Cruz (517) 442-5735 administrator@mikeyclub.org
- **CKI (Circle K International)**
Admin Haley Thomas (734) 276-9154. CKI Governor Clara Berry
- **Builder's Club Stout Middle School:** Admin Renea Callery (313) 505-0331
- **K-Kids Elementary Schools:** Admin Judith Unrath (989) 944-3248
- **Aktion Club– Adults with disabilities:** Admin Amy Urick (616) 644-5715
- **Youth Protection Helpline:** (866) 607-SAFE (7233) Manager: Jackie Wickham
- **YCPO (Young Children Priority One) Chair** (blank)
- **Public Relations:** Barb Duran (313) 300-1710

Michigan District Governor

Cynthia Greening (Bob)
(586) 549-5879 *Clinton Valley Club*
governor@mikiwanis.org

Michigan District Governor-Elect

Eric Stezowski
(269) 352-6345 *Westside Kalamazoo Club*
governor-elect@mikiwanis.org

Lt. Governor - Division 2

Renea Callery
(313) 505-0331 *Dearborn Club*
reneaewi@gmail.com

Foundation Trustee-Division 2 (*This may need an update*)

Ken Hines (Carol)
(734) 425-9751 *Garden City Club*
Khines48135@yahoo.com

Immed Past MI District Governor
Stan Nelson (Gerri)
(989) 255-4856
Alpena Club

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