



Hillsdale Kiwanis Club

MEETINGS: Tuesday 12:05 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 45 N. Manning, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Local: www.hillsdalekiwanis.org / Facebook: Hillsdale Kiwanis

District: www.mikiwanis.org / International Office (Indianapolis, IN): www.kiwanis.org

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NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL: Serving the Children of the World
OUR EMPHASIS: Young Children Priority One



Lisa Roberts, President

Note from the President

The first five months of my presidency have been a whirlwind of activity. The Hillsdale Kiwanis club has had another busy and financially successful fund-raising year, starting in the Fall with our Fair Parking, wrapping up another season of the flag program on Veteran's Day, the always popular cheese sale in November and our community-oriented Chili Cook-Off in February. These endeavors require involvement of every member of our club; from the planning stages, to the counting of the proceeds. Thank you to each and every member who has volunteered in one way or another to ensure the success of each of these events.

Our board has resolved to make our meetings more readily available to those who cannot attend the regular lunch-time meeting. For the next six months we will have one regular meeting held on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m.. These meeting will be held in the same location and a supper meal will be served. The dates for these six meetings are set as March 21st, April 1st, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th and August 15th. We are confident that this adjustment will impact the attendance in a positive way. Please note these dates on your calendar and plan to attend!

Our club has been fortunate to have exceptional speakers for our meetings. If you know of someone who would like to join us and share their information, please contact me or the person(s) organizing the programs for the appropriate month:

- April: Chuck Bianchi
- May: Dave Watkins and Rob Miller
- June: Karl Hermann
- July: Don Scoville
- August: Beth Caswell and Sue Caulkins
- September: ?
- October: ?
- November: ?
- December: ?

As you can see, the months of September through December are open and waiting for you. Please consider this opportunity to plan our club's programs for one month. I have speaker information available which is helpful. We need your input to keep these programs interesting, important and enjoyable!

The 2017 Flag Program kicks off on Memorial Day at the end of May. Please consider speaking with friends, neighbors and relatives about renewing or starting a subscription to this program. This is possibly the most visual and impressive exposure that our club has in our community. Let's maximize this program! The committee will soon distribute the suggested dates to plant and reap the flags to best achieve continuity.

We are fortunate to have member(s) who, with intention and discipline, get news of our club's happenings to the local newspaper and radio for publicity. Our club absolutely benefits from the publicity we receive as a result of these news releases. I cannot thank them enough for their efforts! Please take a moment to thank them personally for the work they do.

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| <p><u>Kiwanis Club Officers</u> President <i>Lisa Roberts</i> President-Elect <i>Jackie Wickham</i> Vice President <i>Bob Flynn</i> Treasurer <i>Bill VanArsdalen</i> Secretary <i>Joan VanArsdalen</i> Past President <i>Chuck Bianchi</i></p> | <p><u>Board Directors</u> 2015-2017 <i>Susan French</i> <i>Steve Sczytko</i> <i>Deb McCluer</i> 2016-2018 <i>Kim Watson</i> <i>Carola Thomas</i> <i>Tom Osbourne</i></p> <p><u>Lt. Governor District 11</u> <i>Phil Krauss, Brooklyn</i></p> | <p><u>Board Meetings</u> 4th Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at Bigby Coffee</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> <i>Sue Caulkins</i></p> |
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Birthdays for February

Feb 4th – Chuck Maurer
 Feb 10th – Maribeth Watkins
 Feb 11th – Andrea Bricker
 Feb 17th – Shawn Noblit
 Feb 18th – Tom Osbourne
 Feb 19th – Doug Ingles
 Feb 21st – Roger Brook

Anniversaries for February

Feb 2nd – Christine & Joe Levack
 Feb 4th – Bob & Cindy Flynn

Birthdays for March

Mar 5th – Scott Scholl
 Mar 6th – Brett Boyd
 Mar 9th – Joan VanArsdalen
 Mar 17th – Mary Margaret Peter
 Mar 18th – Timothy J. Walker
 March 31st – Patrick Knight

Anniversaries for March

Mar 7th – Nancy & Keith Hastings
 Mar 20th – Patrick & Kathy Knight
 Mar 23rd – Beth & Bruce Caswell
 Mar 24th – Douglas & Sheri Ingles

Keeping You in the Know

March Meetings & Programs

March 7 – Motts Childrens Hospital shower

March 14 – Sun Gro Products, Quincy, MI, Dan Johnson, Plant Manager

March 21 – (evening)

March 28 –

Membership & Growth

- Chuck Bianchi & Emily Amburgey remind us: **Just Ask!** We have stepped up our image in the paper and on the web, so now it is up to us to talk about Kiwanis to our friends, family, and acquaintances. Then, just ask them if they would like to join our fun.

Community Service

- Bob Flynn and the committee are setting up plans for a Kiwanis One Day clean up of the Field of Dreams in April. Then there will be a Blood Drive in August.

Young Children & Youth Services

- Joan VanArsdalen and the committee have the reading to Bailey School students schedule circulating for sign up. You get to choose the book for the session, but remember the 5 minute attention span.
- They also have the Terrific Kids ceremonies scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at Bailey School at 10:00 a.m.

Fund Raisers

- We just finished the Chili Cook Off – February 25th. The cooperation of so many members made it a success.



- The next project will be the flag project, so start talking with neighbors and friends to get them signed up for our services of installing and removing flags for the holidays.



**Congratulations to Jackie Wickam for winning the 50/50 jackpot.....
\$550!!**