



June/July 2016

## Detroit #1 Kiwanis

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is amazing how fast the summer is by. I know lots of us are enjoying the fun activities of summer. The International Convention was held in Toronto. Check the newsletter for the results of the elections.

Our Michigan District Convention will be in Lansing at the Kellogg Center the end of August. There is still time to register. Go to the Michigan District website to register. Easy and quick to get to and you can attend one day or Friday and Saturday.

Many learning workshops are being offered plus an opportunity to meet and have fun with your Kiwanian friends from Michigan.

Please also think of bringing friends to our club meetings. Good speakers and let us try to grow our club.

Give any ideas you have to Thom Mann about service. Kiwanis International has also changed our National Service Day to the last Saturday in October (22). Mark your calendars.

As always and in service,

*Marian*

### Club Officers

Marian O'Higgins  
*President*

Eric Sabree  
*Immediate Past President*

Barbara Jean Johnson  
*President Elect*

Vacant  
*Vice-President*

Greg Zink  
*Treasurer*

Kris Miranne  
*Secretary*

### Club Board of Directors

Vernita Beverly  
Pat DeCarlo  
Marcia Ford  
Joe Lentine Jr.  
Karen Walker

Detroit #1 Kiwanis Club  
meets at noon on the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.  
Detroit Athletic Club,  
241 Madison St..

## CLUB MEETINGS

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Greg Roberts, Senior Executive for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans shared events and other activities ongoing in Wayne County. We also had an interclub as members from the Warren club joined us for lunch.



Greg and Barbara Jean

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Frank McGee, Program Director for Youth Initiatives at the Neighborhood Services Organization was our speaker for the meeting. He shared information about their wide range of youth programmin and entrepreneurial trainings offered by his organization.



Frank and Barbara Jean

### July 5<sup>th</sup>: No Meeting (due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday)

As always, please let Lucas know if you are attending a club meeting so he can give the DAC an accurate head count:

[lucas@hackettbrass.com](mailto:lucas@hackettbrass.com).

## JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our members with birthdays in June/July

### June:

- Mike Calloway
- Eric Sabree
- Michael Webb

### July:

- Derrick Glencer
- Chris King



- Richard Marr
- Frank Palazzolo
- Lena Payton-Webb
- Felecia Tyler

## BOOKS IN VENDING MACHINES? HOW COOL IS THAT!

Southwest Solutions has been a long time partner with Detroit Kiwanis No.1. So when Southwest Solutions' Service Coordinator Cheryl Allen sent out an email announcing their partnership with Jet Blue Airlines and asking for help getting books ready for an exciting new program, we knew we had to help.

On July 22, Lynn Kleiman and Jeanette Harris worked in the Goodfellows Warehouse to prepare books for inserting in a book dispenser. The dispensers allow children to literally choose a book from a vending machine! Kids and families can go as many times as they want to get a book.

Later, they visited the Northwest Activity Center, where one of the book dispensers is located to try it out. At this time, the vending machines are in four locations throughout Detroit.

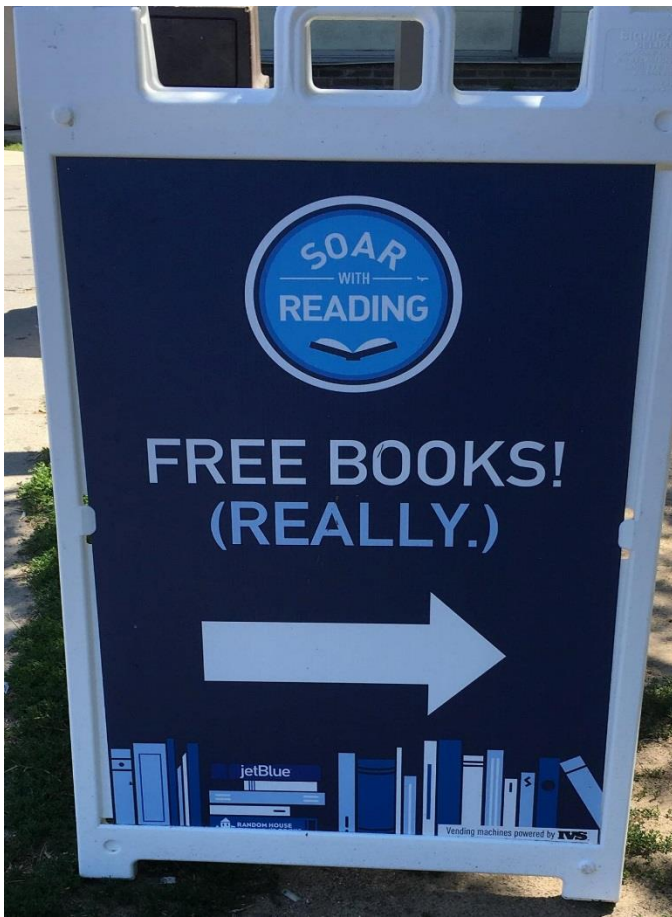


Jeanette and Lynn in front of the book dispenser

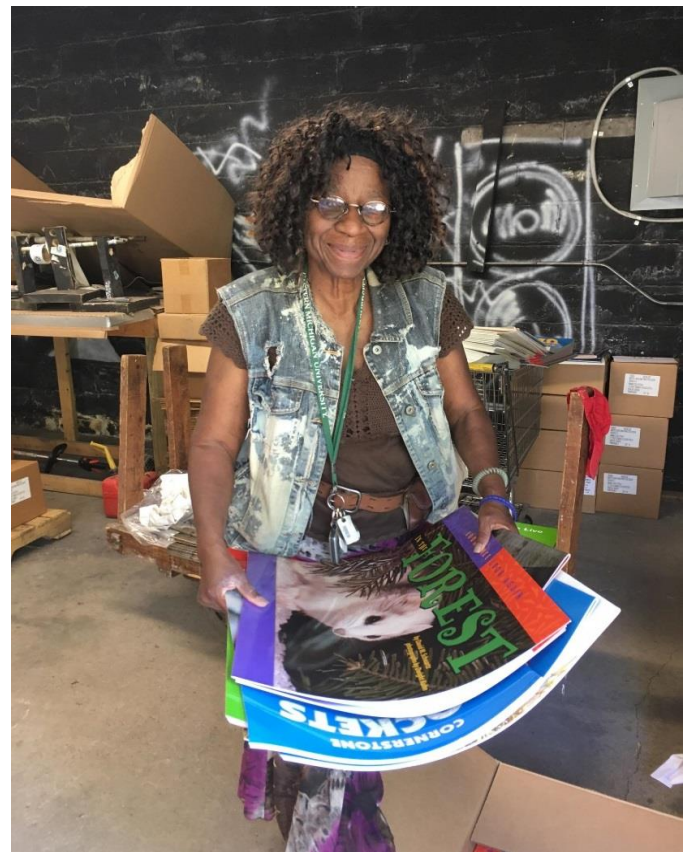


Lynn showing off her Kiwanis connection





Molina volunteers helping sort books at the warehouse



Jerry Jones with some of the books

## books for kids

In June, DENCAP, the Molina Foundation, and our club coordinated efforts to distribute 35,000 new workbooks to 45 different community organizations serving kids in metro Detroit. This was part of Molina's #FamiliesLearningTogether campaign focusing on summer reading. Thanks to the Molina Foundation, we also have an additional 10,000 books in the warehouse for future distributions.

Kiwanis members who participated included: Pat DeCarlo, Jerry Jones, Joe Lentine Jr. and Sr. and Lena Peyton-Webb. There were also Dencap employees, Molina employees and friends of our Kiwanis members. A few Molina volunteers and our own Jerry Jones went to A&W Daycare to read to the children there.





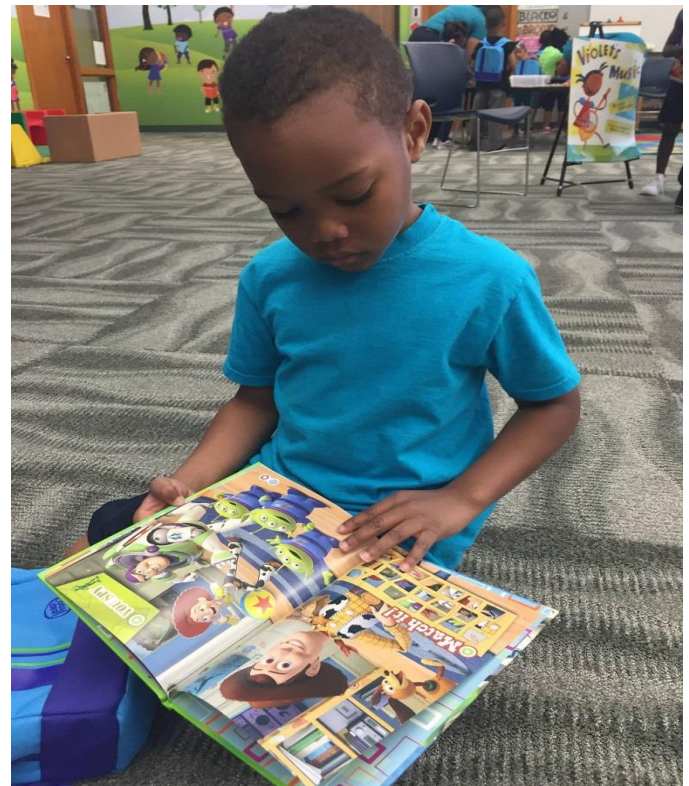
Joe Sr. and volunteers



Outside our warehouse



All those helping hands



The reason why we do this good work

## DETROIT NO.1 RECOGNIZES CAESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY'S TOP STUDENT LEADERS

It's a mutual admiration society! Students from Caesar Chavez Academy periodically help sticker books at the Kiwanis No.1 Book Warehouse. They are cheerfully the most consistent of our volunteer groups. It is only fitting that Kiwanis No.1 should recognize their two top student leaders at the Lower School Commencement Ceremony. The students were chosen by teachers and staff and best represent the future leaders they will become. Certifications of Achievement and \$25 cash awards were presented to Ingrid Hernandez and Augustine Garcia. We began doing this last year and hope to continue the tradition every year here on out as the students get ready to graduate to the next grade. Jeanette Harris represented Kiwanis No.1. The photo below is of Jeanette with one of the awardees.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Allen S. Browne, the founder of Detroit No 1, went to Cleveland nine months after our founding in January, 2015 and organized that city's first club.

The Cleveland Kiwanis Club was then forever known as the No. 2 club. 135 men were listed as charter members with the organizational meeting taking place at the Hofbrau House.

At the time, the two clubs – Detroit and Cleveland – had no connection and the members of one did not know the members of the other. But, they were organized by the same man who believed strongly in the purpose of Kiwanis.

The Cleveland club was quite active in those early years with the first national Kiwanis convention held in their city in May, 1916. Cleveland was again the host to a general convention of Kiwanis clubs in 1921. The international convention has been held all over the world since those early days – next year Paris!

### HANDS AKTION CLUB

It's become a tradition to spring clean the block around the Cass Community Activity Center. This year? Surprise!!! There wasn't that much trash to clean. Aktion club Advisor Pat DeCarlo, remarked, "the neighborhood is getting the message and not leaving trash out." Singing the refrain from a Kiwanis song "there's work to be done. Let's have some fun. We are in Kiwanis now!" Aktion club member enjoyed the wonderful weather as they walked around the neighborhood. Here are some great photos of those helping hands.







## INVESTIGATING A SATELLITE CLUB

Kiwanis International supports satellite clubs as a way to bring in new members and offer meeting and service opportunities for current members whose schedules or locations make traditional means of participation difficult. A satellite club is hosted, sponsored and mentored by an existing Kiwanis club (host club) in the same or a nearby community.

The flexibility of club satellites strengthens Kiwanis by attracting new members who otherwise wouldn't join. It also increases a club's outreach, brings in fresh energy and ideas and introduces Kiwanis to new segments of the community.

How do satellites work? Though the structure can vary, many function as a committee of the host club. Some choose to have leadership positions

(often members of a special committee created for the satellite), while others operate more informally. The host club maintains financial and administrative oversight. Satellites may forgo conventional meetings in favor of virtual gatherings via video link, meet less frequently (or on a different day and time) than the host club, or meet in a different location.

Satellites are informal extensions of the host club. Any members who join the satellite who were not previously part of the host club are added to the host club's roster, pay applicable dues and fees and are inducted into the host club.

Some of the clubs surveyed by Kiwanis reported that their satellite members were free to focus more energy on their service work rather than on administrative concerns.

- Both groups establish the guidelines of the relationship.
- The host club's board authorizes service and fundraising activities, and maintains financial oversight.
- By retaining the affiliation to the parent club, members of a satellite remain focused on their service impact rather than administrative concerns—making it a great option for busy lifestyles.
- Since they are still part of the host club, club satellite members enjoy the benefits of Kiwanis, including elected positions, attendance at conventions, Kiwanis magazine and insurance coverage.

Folks, it is obvious that some individuals still want to be members of Kiwanis No.1, pay dues and do service, but cannot make the traditional meeting at the Detroit Athletic Club. We must change or lose more members. Satellite Clubs are a viable option. Jeanette Harris is looking into more details and she will report back by early fall with further information.

## Oak Park July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

It was America's Birthday and Kiwanis No.1 celebrated in Oak Park, Michigan dubbed "An All American City". President, Marian O'Higgins and President-Elect Barbara Jean Johnson, were joined by Kimmie Reed, Karen Walker (+ Cash Walker, our dog mascot) and Jeanette Harris. Beverly Wiggins, Oak Park Parade Coordinator was on hand to greet us. We have participated in this parade now for several years and it is an honor to condition that tradition.



Who says Kiwanians don't have fun?

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Detroit #1 club members who attended this year's international convention in Toronto included: Vernita Beverly, Marcia Ford, Barbara Jean Johnson, Elaine McKinney and Marian O'Higgins. They took the train – what a way to start that adventure.

To see what amendments passed (or did not), go to [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org). There you will find the original amendments along with the results. Only a few photos here but to see more, got to Marian's or Marcia's Facebook pages.

Marian will be sharing their experiences at the next club meeting.





## 2016 MICHIGAN KIWANIS CONVENTION

August 25 – 27, 2016

Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan

Barbara Jean Johnson, Kris Miranne and Marian O'Higgins are our club's delegates to this year's Michigan convention. Jim and Charlotte Heymes will be there too and it will be fun to see them again. Hope others will be able to join us for either one or more days. Next newsletter will have details and updates.