



March /April 2017

Detroit #1 Kiwanis

UPDATE ON ELIMINATE PROJECT

Kiwanis' partner UNICEF recently let us know the official news: fewer babes are dying of neonatal tetanus. A lot fewer babies.

In just two years, the mortality rate from neonatal tetanus has dropped from 49,000 per year to 34,000 per year, a decrease of 30 percent.

At 96 deaths per day, this is the first time in recorded history that the neonatal tetanus mortality rate has dropped below 100 per day. Put another way, today a baby dies approximately every 15 minutes from tetanus, an event that occurred every nine minutes at the start of the ELIMINATE Project.

"Of course, we are thrilled to hear this news of our progress," says Kiwanis International President Jane Erickson. "At the same time, our resolve to finish the fight has never been stronger. No baby or mother should die of tetanus. We won't settle for a 30 percent drop. We want a 100 percent drop. That's why I'm asking all Kiwanians to please send their life- saving donations today to help us achieve elimination".

The significant decrease in neonatal tetanus mortality is yet more proof of the significant decrease in neonatal tetanus mortality is yet more proof of the significant and return on investment that Kiwanis, UNICEF and all its partners receive from the work we do to serve children. Kids need Kiwanis. And Kiwanians will finish the fight to eliminate MNT.

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

MARCH AND APRIL BIRTHDAYS



March:

- Pat Cannon
- Elaine McKinney
- Beverly Wiggins

April:

- Jeremy Cnudde
- Joe Lentine
- Gloria Smart

CLUB MEETINGS

March 7th: In lieu of our regular club meeting, we were at the IHOP restaurant on Jefferson Avenue in Detroit as part of the Kiwanis service project to raise funds for Children' Miracle Network. Members who helped included Lucas Wright, Sheila Connolly, Vernita Beverly, Marcia Ford, Barbara Jean Johnson, Karen Walker and Thom Mann.



New Center Club member with Vernita Beverly, Marian O'Higgins and Marcia Ford



March 21: Mike Burwell from Kids Against Hunger shared updates of how this program is meeting the food needs of families who are hungry at the local, national and international levels.

The Michigan effort for Kids Against Hunger was started in 1999 by Dr. Don Burwell. Many of us knew Don as our club participated in several food packaging events (including taking the lead in funding several of these events). Michael, his son, has taken over the reins. Currently, there are five divisions in Michigan: Detroit, Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant, Northern Michigan and Utica.

These divisions expect to package over 3.5 meals this year with a goal of over 8 million meals by 2020. Food is sent to local food pantries, food pantries regionally and to 18 countries around the world. The organization mobilize civic, religious, educational, foundations, along with community and humanitarian organizations to help fundraise, package food and deliver meals.

April 4th: Ruth Azar, Executive Director of Second Mile Center, was our speaker. She shared how she was called to this work and decided to give it five years and now ten years later she is still at it. Second Mile, located on Detroit' east side, was founded by the Presbyterian Women of Detroit in 2007. They provide a wide-variety of programs for youth and their families including after school programs, summer activities, weekly community dinners, field trips, mission opportunities, to name but a few.



Ruth speaking to the group

Upcoming Meetings:

April 18th: Brother Jerry, Capuchin Monastery

May 2nd: Cris Young, Life Remolded

May 16th: Doug Sampson, Mariners Inn

June 20th: Dr. Stan Jensen, Henry Ford Community Collage

NEW KIWANIS BABY

Joe Manzella and wife Courtney recently welcomed their new son, Leonardo (Leo) Joseph Manzella. Many of us know the story of how Joe's mom, a long-time Kiwanis member, kept telling Joe he needed to find a club and we are so pleased he

joined Detroit #1. Congratulations to the happy parents. We want to see this little cutie (7 lbs 6 oz. and at 29 1/2 inches) in a Kiwanis t-shirt in the next photo!



Joe, Courtney and Leo

WE HAVE A KEY CLUB!

We just received word that the application for a new Key Club at Ben Carson High School has been approved by Kiwanis International. It will still be a few weeks before the charter kits and banner are shipped. Kris Miranne is serving as the club liaison and she will let the club know when there will be a

charter ceremony. The new key club adds to the Aktion and Circle K clubs we already sponsor.

SPRING DIVISIONAL

This year's Spring Divisional was held on Saturday, April 1st. Club members Marian O'Higgins, Beverly Wiggins, Karen Walker and Barbara Jean Johnson were in attendance.



Beverly Wiggins, Marian O'Higgins and Lt Governor Eleonor (LenLen) Madiclum Jenks.



We love bowling! Plans are underway to have a fun morning at the Mayflower Lanes in Redford, MI. But more than fun, this will be a Fun Raiser AND Fundraiser.

Participants will enjoy two games of bowling and pizza while raising money for an international service Initiative, Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW). The mission of SCAW is to provide bed kits to children in need throughout the developing world. This is carried out through free-will donations and partnerships with volunteers around the globe.

A bed kit donation of \$35 provides a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if applicable), clothes outfit, towel and school supplies. Our goal is to provide two kits. Here is more information about SCAW:

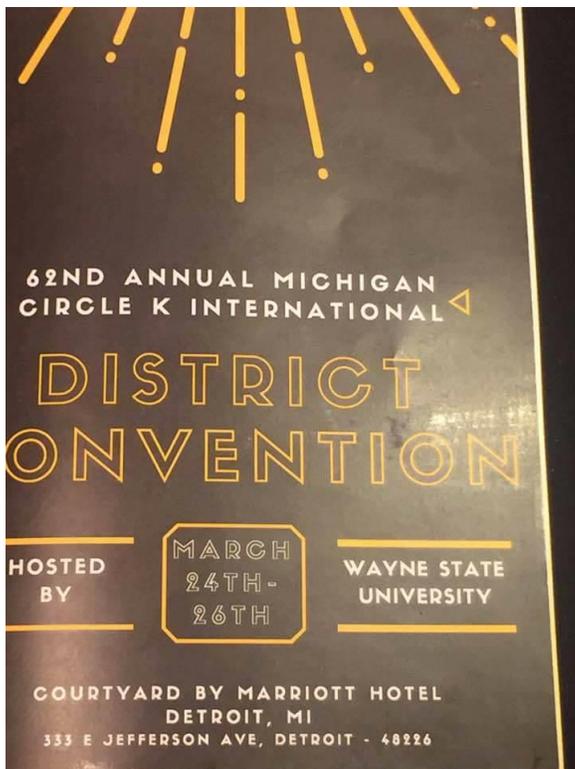
<http://www.aktionclub.org/serve/serviceinitiative.aspx> and <http://www.scaw.org/#scawhome>



Look for a "save the date" announcement once plans are in place. You are more than welcome to join us - we have a lot of fun while working on raising funds for this worthwhile project.

MICHIGAN CIRCLE K DISTRICT CONVENTION (DCON)

The biggest event of the year for the Michigan District Circle K clubs is the District Convention (DCON). Each year, one of the district clubs hosts a weekend of service, leadership, and fellowship and this year it was our own Wayne State University Circle K. The event was held on March 24 - 26 at the Detroit Courtyard Marriott. See below just a few photos from the convention. We look forward to an update the next time Circle K members attend our club meeting(s).



PRAYER BREAKFASTS

We have an opportunity to attend two Prayer Breakfasts sponsored by other Kiwanis clubs:

Division 4

The Division 4 prayer breakfast will be Saturday, April 29 from 9 to 11 AM at Amantea's Restaurant (32777 Warren Rd, Garden City, MI 48135). The cost is \$12 per person. You are invited to attend and get an "out of Division interclub". The Salvation Army band will be there as well as a speaker from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For further information, contact Thomas J. Jankowski, President Kiwanis Club of Garden City at: thomjank@yahoo.com.

Cosmopolitan Club

Cosmo will be hosting their Annual Prayer Breakfast on May 20th beginning at 9 AM. The location is the PAECUSA Fellowship Hall (3140 Goodrich Street, Ferndale, Michigan 48220).

This year's theme is "Hard Work Pathway to Success". The guest speaker will be Attorney Carol Anasco D'Agostino.

This year's Prayer Breakfast will include Community Prayers for:

- Our Nation
- Our Leaders



- Our Families
- Our Kiwanis Organization and Volunteers
- Our Departed Kiwanis Members

Volunteers from Division 1 clubs are needed to lead the prayers in each of the categories above. Prayer length should be 2 - 3 minutes.

Welcome coffee, donuts and bagels will be available in addition to a buffet lunch. A donation of \$15.00 is highly appreciated that will support various club projects.

To volunteer or for further information, please contact: Leopoldo B. Santiago, KCCD President: lbsantiago@rocketmail.com.

CAMPERSHIP SUPPORT

Acting on recommendations from the Club Board of Directors, the Foundation Board approved summer 2017 campership support for the following programs:

- Camp Mak-A-Dream, Friends of Children Oncology Camp
- Circle Y Ranch of Bangor MI
- Detroit Young Life
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning
- Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan
- Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Kids Kicking Cancer
- Kiwanis Key Leader*
- The Salvation Army
- Sandcastles
- St. Francis Camp on the Lake
- Tamarack, Fresh Air Society
- Detroit Renaissance District Urban Methodist Youth Camp
- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives

- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Wildwood Ranch
- YMCA of Metro Detroit

*We are sponsoring five young people to attend this year - four are from our newly chartered Key Club at Ben Carson High School.

This year we were able to disburse \$11,773 from our Drevant Fund to support these worthy programs. To remind you, programs submit applications to our club which are vetted. We support the programs, not individuals.

GOODWILL BANQUET

The annual Goodwill Banquet (US and Canada) is scheduled for April 25th. The event will be at the Port Huron Golf Club and will begin with a social hour at 5:30 PM. See the last page of this Krier for information on how to register along with directions to the event.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



The 2017 International Convention will be held in Paris. Here are just a few details with more forthcoming:

Important International Convention registration deadline dates and fees:

- Registration from **4/15/17– 5/15/17** = \$350 per person
- Registration after **5/15/17 (onsite only)** = \$400 per person

Convention information is posted on the District website: www.mikiwanis.org. Click on the Menu tab - scroll to Convention & Event Registrations- Kiwanis International Convention. Clicking on this link takes you to International's convention page -

information posted, or soon to be posted by
Kiwanis International includes links for:

* This year there will be **no assigned hotel** for the
Districts, attendees can stay at one of the 2 hotels
that will be available. Hotel costs will be **€190**
(euro) with an additional **€20** for a 2nd person (only
2 people per room).

The District will have a District Caucus at the
Convention Center with date and time to be
determined.

29th Annual
Kiwanis International
Canada-USA
Goodwill Week Banquet

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Location: Port Huron Golf Club (see map & directions below)
4101 Fairway Drive, Fort Gratiot Twp.

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Reservations Requested! Make checks payable to: "Kiwanis Club of Blue Water Area" and mail to
Art Smith, 1525 Hancock Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
27.00 US; 35.00 Canadian

Reservations Deadline: Friday, April 21st 5:00 p.m.

Host Club: **Kiwanis Club of Blue Water Area**

Co-chairpersons: Art Smith
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(cell) 810/523-4140 (email) acs4476@comcast.net

Rev. John Huhtala
(h) 364-8485 (email) jhuhtala2625@comcast.net

Kiwanis Club of _____ Canada USA
(name of club) (city or area)

Those attending:

(SEE BELOW FOR MAP & DIRECTIONS)



DIRECTIONS
29th Annual Canada-US Goodwill Banquet

Port Huron Golf Club, 4101 Fairway Drive, Fort Gratiot Township

From Canada: After clearing Customs, bear right toward Fort Gratiot, merge on to **M-25** north (Pine Grove Avenue). Follow **M-25** approximately two miles. Turn right on **Krafft Road**. After passing High School on your right, turn left on **Fairway Drive**. Parking lot will be on your left.

From Detroit: Take **I-94** east to exit **275**. At stoplight turn left on to **Pine Grove Avenue (M-25)**. Turn left on **Krafft Road**. After passing High School on your right, turn left on **Fairway Drive**. Parking lot will be on your left.

From Flint: Take **I-69** east. Merge on to **I-94** east to exit **275**. At stoplight turn left on to **Pine Grove Avenue (M-25)**. Turn left on **Krafft Road**. After passing High School on your right, turn left on **Fairway Drive**. Parking lot will be on your left.

From the Thumb: Take **M-137** or **M-25** south to **Krafft Road**, turn left to **Fairway Drive**.