

#### A Message from our President

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is ready to start off the New Year! 2024 – it hardly seems possible. Time sure seems to have flown by. I know it feels like that to me.

Time is fleeting. Harvey MacKay said, "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back."

The time we spend giving and helping others is one of the most valuable commodities we have. This is what we ask of you as a member of Kiwanis.

- 1. To give of your time and talents to help others, specifically children.
- 2. To make a lasting difference in the lives of children so that they will find "communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive."

As we start a new year, I am asking all of us to consider finding an additional hour each month to participate in an activity to help our club accomplish our mission. How can you do this? Participate in the reading program or plan to attend our weekly meetings. Endeavor to be an active participant in your committee, or if haven't signed up for a committee then join one. Or, if you can't give an hour every month then when you plan to volunteer at one of our events, volunteer an extra shift.

Let's resolve in 2024 to improve the Kiwanis Club of Troy through our time and talents and help the children in Troy. Have a great year!

Thank you, Chuck Fox, President



Officers 2023-2024

<u>President</u> Chuck Fox

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<u>Board of Directors</u> Angela Benedict Erskine Caldwell Donn Craig Richard Pierce Mark Schmitmeyer Ron Scott Brian Zimmerman

Meetings: Every Wednesday at 12p

Board Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month, immediately following membership meeting

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It was such a pleasure reading to 60 preschoolers at HeadStart just before Christmas. Krissy brought Santa Hats, we passed out gloves and hats, and sang Jingle Bells.

Great Job Kiwanis! Ron Erwin

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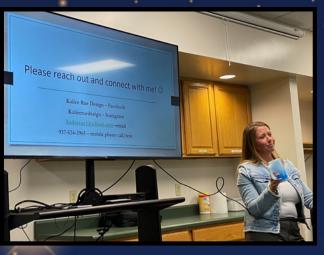
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#### Membership Committee

Happy New Year!!!

Hope Everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our Kiwanis resolution this year is "more Members!"

This is an ongoing process of course, so please continue to think of new members who would love to support the youth in our community. Other than that, let's make 2024 "Kiwanis FABULOUS!"

### Aktion Club

Greetings, fellow Kiwanians,

2024

As we finish out 2023, we are excited for 2024 and all that it will bring. I mentioned in the December newsletter that in 2024, we are aiming to reach new members by offering a morning Aktion Club meeting one Wednesday per month. Our first meetings will be held January 10 at 10am, and January 17 at 3:30pm.

For the rest of the year, we will hold Aktion Club meetings on the first and second Wednesdays of the month, with the first meeting being held at 10am and the second meeting being held at 3:30pm. Our January 10 and 17 meetings will focus on re-introducing the concepts of Kiwanis and Aktion Clubs, and we invite all Kiwanians to come and help us kick off an exciting new year. Please join us if you are able!

Thank you again for the warm welcome this fall. I look forward to serving alongside Kiwanis members and helping our Aktion Club grow in leadership as they serve our community.

Patrick Kilbane, Aktion Club Co-advisor

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# WHAT DOES BEING A MEMBER MEAN FOR YOU?

## TROY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Troy Chamber is excited to have the Kiwanis Club of Troy as a new member! As members, ALL Kiwanis members are able to benefit from what they offer. Below are a few things that the Chamber shared at a meeting in 2023 that may be of interest to a few or if not all of our members. If any members would like to start get communication from the chamber on events to register for and to be able to get the newsletters, please give your email address to Ashley Brocious or Penny Hoekstra OR email Shelby Chaney at schaney@troyohiochamber.com

#### Items:

\*\*Energy Program – https://chamberenergyprogram.com/ All you need to do to be able to use this benefit is upload your most recent bill. A person normally will get back to them within 24 hours if not sooner! \*\*Notary Services

If anyone in the group needs a notary, they do have one on staff that they can just call and the Chamber will assist with that.

\*\*Tuition Reimbursement - https://www.franklin.edu/admissions/partnership-students Looking for yourself or dependents to go back to school, you can get a 20% Discount and Free books

### Weekly Member Meetings

January 10th - Ted Jones, Miami County Veterans Museum January 17th - Joe Laber, Cup of Joe Media January 24th - Ryan Fox, Campus Director of Edison State January 31st - TBD

Hope to see you at 12pm @ the Robinson Branch YMCA! Don't forget you must attend at least 6 to meet membership requirements!



## Community Outreach Committee

I hope you all have enjoyed the holiday season and are ready to get up and running for the new year and all the fun we are going to have!!! I am excited to announce that Jodi Gibson will be assisting this year with all the fundraisers, and together we are coming up with some new ideas and events for our club for this upcoming year, so stayed tuned for more information to come. BUT, while we are still working on a few of the new FUNdraisers, below is what we have together so far, so fell free to ink these events in on your 2024 Calendar.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

- Saturday April 13th, 2024 Duke Lundgard Building 8am 12pm
- Set Up Friday April 12th, 2024 \*Stay tuned for times\*

Strawberry Festival – June 1 & June 2, 2024

Tour de Donut - August 23 & August 24, 2024

Stayed tuned for more information to come in February, as the Troy Main Street Calendar and the Chamber Calendar for events are still in the process of being uploaded as well.

Thanks for a great year last year, and we are looking forward to another fun and crazy 2024!

Carrie Kendall Community Outreach Chairman









