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April
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A Message from our President

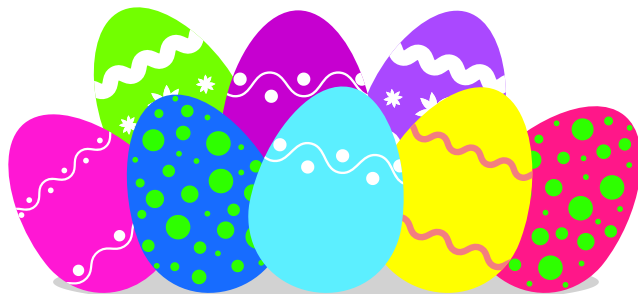
As a freshman in High School (eons ago!) I joined Key Club. My father was a Kiwanian and he encouraged me to be a part of Key Club. It was one of the best decisions I made. My involvement in Key Club opened my eyes to the value of being a part of our community and started me on a journey of volunteerism. It also allowed me to be a part of something bigger than me. I don't have enough space to go into all that I learned but I want to share the values of Key Club that we all can incorporate into our Kiwanis experience.

They are:

- ***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 application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and social contacts.***
- ***To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.***
- ***To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service and to build better communities.***
- ***To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase in righteousness, justice patriotism and good will.***

Values we should all strive to accomplish, but paramount to me is unselfish service and the daily living of the Golden Rule.

Thank you,
Chuck Fox, President



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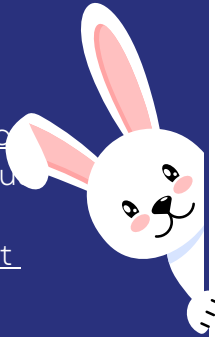
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Meetings: Every
Wednesday at 12p

Board Meetings:
Third Wednesday of
every month,
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RT INDUSTRIES



RT is excited to announce the 2024 Give2Give Event, a community event featuring local vendors, nonprofits, food trucks, a silent auction and more! And the best part? RT Industries will be collecting school supplies all over Miami County to help our kids have a great start to a new school year! We're currently seeking vendors and sponsors to help us make our 2024 Give2Give event the best ever!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Join the campaign to Erase the Wait now with Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami Valley! There are presently 35 kids in need of a Big - 5 of them are specifically in Miami County. Interested? Check out their website now at www.bbbsmiamivalley.org



SKATE CHURCH

Troy Skate Church is a refuge that exists to reach the youth and young adults in our community with the love of Jesus regardless of gender, background, race or religious affiliation. - We exist to see lives changed!

Think of us like a misfit's church, the black sheep of the family. We don't fit into the "Christian box"; we're rough, messy, and not your standard Christians! We have a heart for skaters and just want to love people like Christ would have!



Weekly Member Meetings

April 3 - Key Club

April 10 - ASPIRE (Upper Valley Career Center)

April 17 - @ We Love Birthday Parties (410 N. Elm St. Troy)

April 24 - Miamibucs

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

Follow us on Facebook!



Aktion Club

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our February Food Drive. After combining totals with fellow clubs who contributed, we are happy to report that we collected 541 items to donate to local food pantries! We had a big hand from K Kids at Piqua Catholic and Springcreek Primary Schools in Piqua, who together collected 475 boxes of cereal that were donated to the Bethany Center. The remainder of the food collected went to the Community Food Trucks here in Troy.



In March, we held our first officer elections and heard from the Miami County Board of Elections about the importance of voting, as well as information on how to become a registered voter. We are excited to have our new officers running the meetings in April.

Also in April, we will be selling coupons for Andy's Garden hanging baskets, annual flats and vegetable flats. Coupons are \$23 each and orders are due with payment by April 15. We are excited to have a table at the Troy Kiwanis Pancake Day event, where we will promote our fundraiser and take orders on the spot. Thank you for including us and giving us this opportunity!

We invite you to join us next month as we continue building our club and serving our community.

Our meetings at Riverside are:

- Wednesday, April 3 at 10am
- Wednesday, April 10 at 3:30pm

We hope to see you soon!

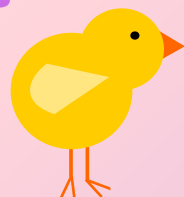
Patrick Kilbane, Aktion Club Co-Advisor



Reading at HeadStart

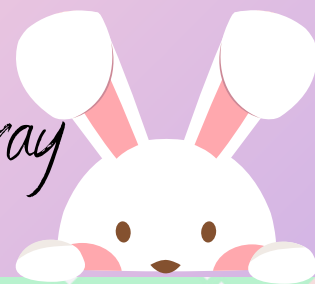
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Birthday



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Heath Murray



Membership Committee

IT'S OFFICIALLY SPRING TIME – WHICH MEANS LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIWANIS!!!!

As I transition out of Community Outreach Chairman position and into the Membership Committee Chairman position, I am hoping to get back to some “old school” events and outings in our club. We are looking at some membership drives, picnics, paint parties, etc. We want to increase our weekly meeting attendance as well as our membership volunteers at all the events. It is going to take a hot minute for me to get things “movin and grooving”, so stay tuned for updates on events, interclub gatherings, etc. as they are in the works.

Please put aside a couple of hours to help out at the upcoming Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on April 12 & 13. The sign up link was emailed to all members.

Don't forget to talk about Kiwanis and all the great things we are doing in the community – it can spark interest for potential new members. We ARE an OUTSTANDING service organization, and we ARE doing OUTSTANDING things for kids throughout our community.

WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SO GREAT???

Thanks TO ALL of our members for all you do to help Kiwanis make our community a better place!!!

Carrie Kendall

Membership Committee Chairman

Community Outreach Committee

We are 2 weeks away from the Kiwanis Club Annual Pancake Breakfast!!! Please make sure you are selling your tickets, and make sure you sign up to help out at the event. We need volunteers for Friday and Saturday. The Signup Genius link was emailed to everyone on Sunday.

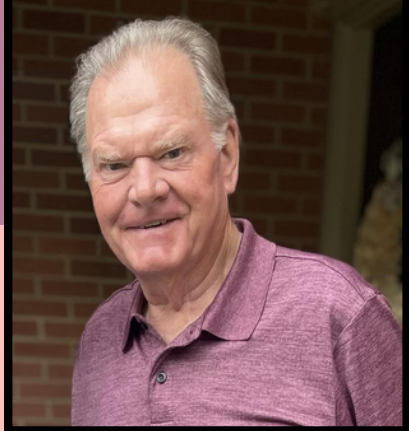
Also, we are still accepting applications for the Spring Fling. Vendor participation is down due to the other event, but there are so many businesses and non-profits that there are plenty of vendors for both events. Please get with myself or Jodi Gibson if you know of anyone interested in setting up at the event.

We are also busy working on getting the trailer up and running, inspected, and all the annual things that need to be completed, as the 2024 Strawberry Festival will be here before we know it. Stay tuned for more information on that event in the next month's newsletter.

Thanks for all you do to help support kids throughout our community. We DO make a difference!!!
Have an AWESOME APRIL!!!

Carrie Kendall – Community Outreach Chairman

Jodi Gibson – Community Outreach Co-Chairman



Jack Albert Hoekstra

Leaving a Legacy of Public Service

Jack Albert Hoekstra died on March 20, 2024 after a short illness, leaving behind a legacy of public service, love for his family and a devotion to his faith. The only child of Ralph Hoekstra and his second wife Henrietta Koenes Hoekstra and the baby of the family, Jack joined half-siblings: brothers Ralph, Lester and Herman and sisters Audrey, Gertrude, Rose and Evelyn.

Jack grew up in Lansing, Illinois and spent summers water skiing on Cedar Lake in Indiana. He attended Illiana Christian School and graduated from T.F. South High School in 1965. That same year Jack met a carhop named Anne Junker at the A&W drive-in when she served him in his 1958 Dodge Royal Lancer. As fate would have it, he and his family had just recently moved in across the street from her. The couple was married on April 1, 1967 (yes, April Fools' Day, a fact that amused their kids to no end). Jack and Anne were blessed with two children Jaclyn Anne (Atlanta, Georgia) and Jeffrey Allen (Cedar Lake, Indiana) and raised them in their hometown of Lansing.

Jack's life was defined by his commitment to public service. In 1973 he became a police officer in Lansing, Illinois. Jack began a number of new programs while at the police department including the Police Cadet program and the annual Lansing Air Show. He held a number of roles in the department including Youth Officer (thankfully not when Jackie and Jeff were in high school) and Detective, and was known as "Officer Friendly" when he visited the elementary schools. Between shifts at the police station, Jack attended countless baseball, softball and volleyball games, BMX races, and school plays.

In 1996, Lieutenant Jack Hoekstra retired from the Lansing Police Department after 23 years of dedicated service. However, he remained active in town. He was elected a Village Trustee and served for six years. Jack and Anne were married for 35 years prior to her death in 2002. Jack was a loving and tireless caretaker through Anne's two bouts with breast cancer.

In 2004 he married Penny Cox, gaining a step-son, step daughter-in-law and two additional grandchildren in the process. He and Penny lived in Lansing for a few years before moving to the small town of Troy, Ohio where Penny had lived previously. In Troy he became active in the Kiwanis Club, the Public Defender Commission, The Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals, Miami County Republican Men's Club and he was the Vice-President of the Fraternal Order of Police. Jack planted a large garden and gave his grandchildren wild rides around the backyard on his riding lawn mower. Jackie and Jeff have chosen to forgive Penny for turning him into a Cubs fan.

Jack was a man of contrasts. He had an extensive antique gun collection, but was also a lover of dry British humor. He was active in his church and dabbled in art—drawing, painting and creating stained glass—throughout his life. He donated his time leading kids' painting birthday parties as silent auction items for various non-profit organizations. Jack enjoyed target shooting, cooking and watching hunting and history shows. He could fix or build just about anything. He visited all fifty states and he and Penny traveled to six countries.

Jack faced his recent diagnosis of advanced liver cancer with resilience, a dark sense of humor and an unwavering faith in God. Jack was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. Though they had their occasional differences, his children never once doubted his unconditional love.

His legacy will live on in the scores of people who loved him.

Please consider making a donation in his memory to Ohio's Hospice of Miami County (3230 N. Co. Rd. 25A Troy, OH 45373) or to the C.O.P.S. for Communities Program ("Shop with a Cop") that helps families in need during the holiday season, a cause dear to his heart (P.O. Box 1051 Troy, OH 45373).