



# Kiwaniis®

## CLUB OF TROY

### The Trojan Kiwanews

August  
2025

#### **A Message from our President**

We are over halfway through the year and still have many more great activities to come! The Kiwanis Club of Troy has been busy with two major fundraisers, reading to kids, a Dine to Donate, two grant awards, and more.

Donn has had a sign up sheet at our meetings for Kids Day at the Miami County Fair. We partner with the Piqua and Tipp City clubs to provide lunch to families attending. This event is August 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Donn Craig.



Tour De Donut is our next fundraiser which occurs on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Carrie Kendall will be providing more information about volunteer dates/times to work in our trailer and sell donuts!

Also, I know that Carrie is also working on bringing back her President's Project, the Annual Toy Drive. Stay tuned for more on that as well!



Don't forget that our meetings have transitioned to 2x monthly, the second Wednesday of the month is held at the Robinson Branch YMCA from 12:00pm-1:00pm and the fourth Wednesday is at a restaurant in Troy from 12:00pm-1:00pm. The monthly newsletter as well as our website will have the address and name of restaurant each month.

Lastly, I just want to express my condolences to the Erwin family. I have only known Ron for a few short years while being a member of Kiwanis but even in those short years, he had made an impact with me. What I most admired about Ron was his desire and willingness to call members and check up on them. If a member had been absent from meetings, he was quick to call and check in. I know Ron will be missed by the community, Kiwanians, and friends but most of all, his family. Thank you Ron for your dedication to Kiwanis and the children within the community.

Thank you,  
Ashley Brocious, President

#### **Officers 2024-2025**

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th

Wednesday at 12p

Board Meetings:

Second Wednesday of

every month,

immediately following

membership meeting

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# Dedication to Ron Erwin

Ronald R. Erwin, age 82, of Troy, OH passed away on July 25, 2025 at Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. He was born in Champaign County on May 6, 1943 to the late William E. and Asenath (Barger) Erwin.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years of marriage: Kathie L. (Hitchcock) Erwin; his children: Matthew E. (Julie Sillman) Erwin of Troy, Lisa (Dave) Smiley of Ft. Myers, FL and Shelley Erwin of Troy; grandchildren: Joshua (Kirsten) Smiley of Hermitage, TN, Hannah (Mitch) Woodruff of Marysville, Zachariah Erwin and Braedon Erwin both of Troy; great grandchildren: Leah Smiley and Beau Smiley of Hermitage, TN and Waylon Woodruff of Marysville; twin brother: Donald J. (Barbara) Erwin of Urbana; sister-in-law: Nancy Erwin of Bellefontaine; numerous nieces and nephews and other family members including his faithful furry friend: Roman. He was preceded in death by his brother; Robert Erwin, sister; Marvalene Kizer and daughter-in-law: Kimberly Erwin.

Ron was a 1961 graduate of Graham High School. He had a lifelong hobby of cars; selling Chryslers for over 61 years and just recently celebrated 50 years of owning and operating Erwin Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram Dealership located in Troy. Ron could always try to bring a deal to the table- ANYWHERE- even his hospital visits. A special recognition goes to all of the current and past employees of the Erwin dealership as Ron considered them all as family.

From family milestones and celebrations, being a lake time boat captain, daily ice cream connoisseur, watching drag racing or WWE (long live Hulk Hogan), venturing to a car show or all the way to Florida for fun in the sun with long time FL friends: Ron was in love with life.

He was a member of the Troy First United Methodist Church holding various positions. He was Past President of the Troy Kiwanis Club and enjoyed reading to the Head Start students throughout the school year. He was proud to be instrumental in the growth of the Miami Valley Veterans' Museum and received the Community Champion award in 2024. Growing up on a farm, he has been a long-time supporter of the Miami County 4-H clubs; even receiving an award acknowledging his years of patronage. He was Past President of the Urbana Jaycees, board member of the Miami County YMCA and past member of the Troy Jaycees. Ron was a recipient of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award in 2018. He also received the Arbor Day award in 2023 from the city of Troy. Ron's philanthropic efforts allowed many Troy and Miami county organizations to thrive.

## *Meetings (2nd & 4th Wednesday 12:00p-1:00p)*

**August 13 - Aktion Club Attending, Robinson Branch YMCA (lunch provided)**

**August 27 - BK Rootbeer Stand (2780 Stone Circle Dr. Troy, OH)**

*Please check your emails the morning of the meeting if it says TBD.*



### Visitation

August 3, 2025

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Baird Funeral Home

555 North Market Street

Troy, Ohio 45373

### Funeral Service

August 4, 2025

10:00 AM

First United Methodist Church

110 West Franklin Street

Troy, OH 45373

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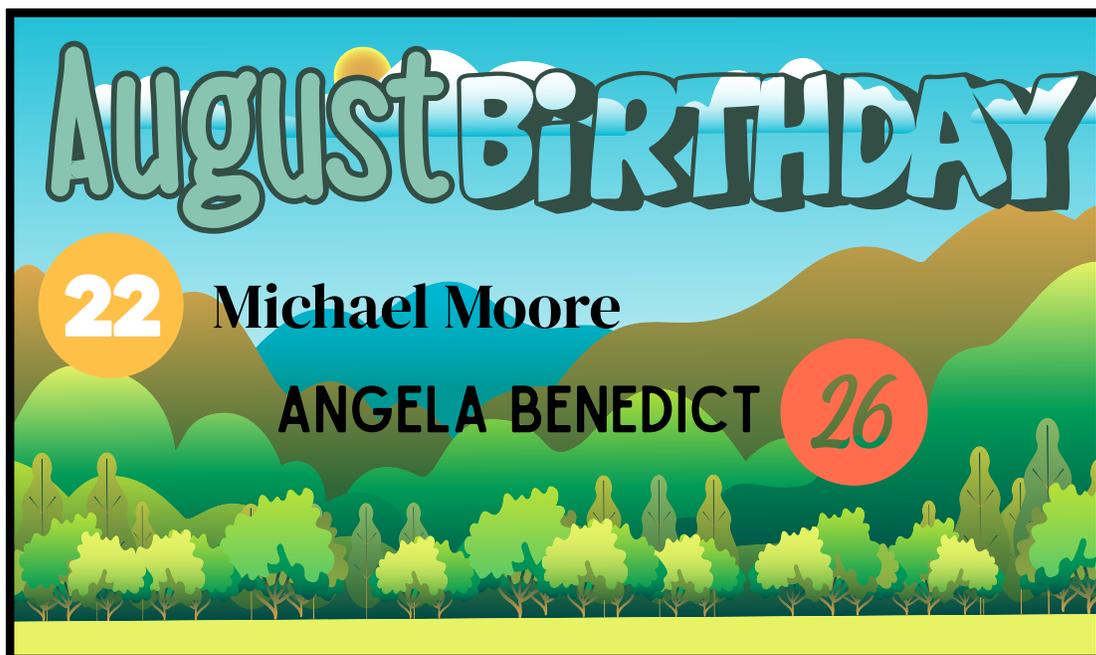
# AKTION CLUB

Last month's Aktion Club meeting took place on Tuesday, July 8, at First Place Food Pantry, where we took a tour and learned about their day-to-day operations and volunteer opportunities from Executive Director Susan Walker Hemm. We are hoping to turn one of our 2026 meetings into a volunteer opportunity for the First Place Food Pantry.



For our August meeting, we are excited to join our Troy Kiwanian friends at your lunch meeting. It will be great to see familiar faces and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you on August 13. Thank you again for the invitation.

Patrick Kilbane, Aktion Club Co-Advisor



The Summer Party for Kiwanis Members has been postponed due to members expressing their inability to attend with the passing of Ron Erwin.

Please keep the Erwin Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Do not hesitate to call or email Carrie Kendall with any questions.

## OSU RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER

There are only a few more days to sell the OSU Raffle Tickets! Raffle tickets are for the 2025-2026 OSU Football Season for a pair of tickets to all home games.

Reminder - our club will receive \$3 for each ticket sold. These are funds that we can utilize to support children within our community. Contact Angela Benedict to get tickets to sell, or direct people to Wiggling Out or RT Industries to purchase tickets!

Any unsold or sold tickets including payment for purchased tickets are due back to Angela no later than Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything can be dropped off to her at 846 W. Main St. Troy, OH. Angela will be mailing everything back by August 8<sup>th</sup>.

