





# Tis the Season for Giving

December is a major month for fundraising. In fact, over 30% of annual donations occur between Thanksgiving and the new year with the majority of those gifts occurring in the final three days of the year. And why is December such a popular month for giving? Many would say it is because of the tax benefits, which are definitely a factor. But we believe it is because the holidays bring out the giver in all of us. The holidays are the season of giving; giving love and giving thanks. The holidays are also about faith, showing appreciation, and helping those in need. Kiwanis Clubs provide help to those in need throughout the year, but many get the special pleasure of spreading a little extra holiday cheer to children in their community. It only takes a moment to look into a child's eyes and see the joy the season brings. We all have childhood memories of wishing and hoping for that one special present. The giving of gifts might seem small, but making wishes come true has a lifelong impact. This season of giving is also about how a gift can impact children throughout the year. How can you make a difference this season of giving? How can your gift change lives? Consider a gift to the Florida Kiwanis Foundation or the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Imagine the possibilities if we all came together and gave a small part to the Kiwanis family.

How do we define Kiwanis?...."Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time"





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#### Kiwanis in Aktion



Christmas in November was a great success with the help of our Chautaugua Aktion Club. We raised \$3,670 and collected hundreds of toys to give to the Salvation Army clients.



There were no
"Grinches" allowed
at the Christmas
Auction thanks to
chairperson Eric
Spoon and
auctioneers Brian
Hinton, Doug Smith,
and Henry Hazard.



#### **December Anniversaries**

15<sup>th</sup> – Karen & Bradford Custer 21<sup>st</sup> – Jake & Megan Cook

#### **December Birthdays**

9<sup>th</sup> – Gary Hart



Help us "Ring the Bells" for the Salvation Army on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Our Impact**

Every year, Kiwanis members stage more than 1.3 million service projects and raise nearly US\$390 million for children, families and communities around the world. Kiwanis club projects are based on the community's needs — we build playgrounds, purchase medical equipment, stuff backpacks with school supplies, restock libraries and much more. The average Kiwanian makes an impact on the lives of 106 children. Is there a better reason to invite someone to join today?

#### **Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis**

John Ruskin said:

"When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package." No Kiwanian need fear this judgement; through service to others, we have opened our arms and our hearts to embrace the world.



For all you trivia buffs, let's test your Kiwanis knowledge.

Name the father and son who were Kiwanis International Presidents.

Attend a meeting to find out the answer.

Did you know the answer last month? ("Warren G. Harding")

#### 2024 – 2025 Officers / Directors

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#### **Committee Chairpersons**

#### **Service**

Adopt a Precinct, Fall Festival, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Human & Spiritual Values Donna Golden Invocations & Sympathy Cards

#### **Service Leadership Programs**

Mosley Key Club Dan Gall Bay High Key Club Jake Cook Bozeman Key Club Ron Shover Arnold Key Club Steven Stoff N. Bay Haven Key Club Karen Custer Merritt Brown Bldrs Debbie Armstrong Tommy Smith K-Kids Donna Golden Northside K-Kids Beach K-Kids Max Daleiden Parker K-Kids Dale Cronwell Walsingham K-Kids **Todd Brister** 

Chautaugua Aktion Club Myron Guilford

#### 100th Anniversary Committee

Jinks Builders Club

Eric Krebs

| Committee  | Chairpersons |
|------------|--------------|
| Membership | Stan Peacock |

#### **Fund Raising**

Pancake Days
Holiday Auction
Mardi Golf
Sharon Trainor
Eric Spoon
Eric Krebs

#### **Club Administration**

**Programs** Doug Smith

#### <u>Image</u>

Website Melissa Brister Facebook Eric Krebs

<u>Interclubs</u> Brian Hinton

**Finance** Keith Forehand

**Auditor** Beverly Halley

### **Kiwanis Calendar of Events**

## Opportunities to Serve

Share the fun and Invite a Guest!

Ed Bell & Corey Wilson

|                  | December 2024                                   |                  | January 2025   |
|------------------|---|------------------|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | - Board Meeting<br>November & December Combined |                  | Happy New Year!  |
|                  | Via Zoom 5:30 pm                                | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | - No Club Meeting<br>Happy New Year                    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | - Club Meeting                                  |                  | Trappy Trew Tear                                       |
| <b>c</b> th      | Christmas Choir                                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | - Meals on Wheels<br>Steve Stoff & Ron Shover          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | - Meals on Wheels Bob Daffin & Dave Burris      |                  |  |
| c th             |   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | - Club Meeting<br>Mark McQueen – Bay County Schools    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | - Salvation Army Bell Ringing                   |                  |  |
| a a th           | Lynn Haven Walamrt                              | 10 <sup>th</sup> | - Meals on Wheels<br>Doug Smith & Aretha Hall          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Club Meeting                                  |                  |  |
| 4.0th            | Christmas Choir                                 | 15 <sup>th</sup> | - Club Meeting Eric Krebs – Youth Protection           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | - Meals on Wheels                               |                  |  |
| 1 cth            | Myron Guilford & Chevina Guilford               | 17 <sup>th</sup> | - Meals on Wheels<br>Bob Daffin & Dave Burris          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | - Club Satellite Meeting                        |                  |  |
|                  | 5:30 pm The Place Downtown                      | 20 <sup>th</sup> | - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | - Club Meeting                                  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Club Satallita Maating                                 |
|                  | Christmas Choir                                 |                  | - Club Satellite Meeting<br>5:30 pm The Place Downtown |
| $20^{th}$        | - Meals on Wheels                               | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Club Mosting   |
|                  | Ed Bell & Corey Wilson                          |                  | - Club Meeting<br>Program TBA                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | - No Club Meeting                               | 24 <sup>th</sup> | - Meals on Wheels                                      |
|                  | Merry Christmas                                 |                  | Myron Guilford & Chevina Guilford                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | - Meals on Wheels Todd Brister & Brian Hinton   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | - Board Meeting  |
|                  |   |                  | Via Zoom 5:30 pm                                       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | - New Year's Eve                                | 29 <sup>th</sup> | - Club Meeting   |
|                  |   |                  | Program TBA  |
|                  |   | 31 <sup>st</sup> | - Meals on Wheels                                      |



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