



Kiwanis

ST. JOHNS 707

Club Member Guide



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St. Johns Kiwanis 707 Guidebook

Welcome to St. Johns Kiwanis Club 707! We are thrilled to have you as a member and look forward to your active participation in our vibrant community of service-minded individuals. This orientation brochure is designed to provide you with essential information about:

- Kiwanis International
- The history of St. Johns Kiwanis Club 707
- The structure of our organization
- Various aspects and expectations of membership

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What is Kiwanis?

Local groups of like-minded volunteers who make a difference. Friends. Neighbors. Anyone who loves serving together to change children's lives.

A typical Kiwanis club is a snapshot of its community, with members from all walks of life and at every step of the career ladder. They are unified in their belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteer leaders that help children reach their full potential.

Mission: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Motto: Serving the children of the world

Objects of Kiwanis

- Give primacy to the human and spiritual values of life.
- Encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- Promote higher social, business, and professional standards
- Develop a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship
- Provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, render altruistic service, and build better communities
- Cooperate in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high idealism.

Kiwanis International: The World's Greatest Service Organization:

- Founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, Kiwanis International is a global organization of service-minded individuals supporting children and young adults worldwide.
- With over 435,000 members in 82 nations, Kiwanis International is committed to "Serving the Children of the World" and "Improving communities, one child at a time"
- Kiwanis became international in 1916 and expanded globally in 1962.
- Six Canadians have served as Kiwanis International President, and the organization now spans all inhabited continents.

Structure

- Kiwanis International (Indianapolis)
 - 80+ Countries and Territories
 - Comprised of "Districts" with Governors - our Michigan District has headquarters in Mason
 - 22 Divisions in Michigan, each with a Lt. Governor
 - 130 clubs in Michigan

St. Johns 707 is in District 18 with Chesaning, East Lansing, Haslett-Okemos, Owosso, Shiawassee-Owosso & Williamston

St. Johns Kiwanis 707

History

- Chartered in 1979
- Dr. Stuart Openlander, Lt. Governor Art Hulton, Division 15 East and Lt. Governor Lynn Gordon, Lt. Governor, Division 15 West spearheaded the formation of the club for the then Governor of Kiwanis of Michigan.
- Charter Members still remaining with the club: Jim Gunther and Rod Fuller

Structure

The Kiwanis year begins in October

Our service club is divided into four committees, and all members are encouraged to participate in at least one

1. Children and Youth Services
2. Community Service
3. Spiritual and Human Values
4. Membership

Each Committee has a chairperson and fund distribution budget.

Funds are raised through fundraisers to our Service Account, budgets are made and approved through the Boar of Directors

Board of Directors: Currently meets the second Tuesday of every month and directs the Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, committees, fund-raising, fund-distribution and overall club operation. Board meetings are open to all members.

Meetings

Meetings are currently held every Thursday from 7AM - 8 AM at AgroLiquid, 3055 W. M-21 St. Johns, Michigan 48879.

Each meeting contains:

- General announcements and reminders
- A Program (Student of the Year for each department, Community leader, business owner, etc)
- Random Act of Kindness
- Happy Dollars

Additional committee meetings are held at the convenience of committee members

Expectations and Etiquette

- Expect to maintain 60% attendance to remain “in good standing”
 - Make-ups are for meetings missed and are achieved by
 - Attending the board meeting for that month
 - Participating in any club sponsored activity
 - Attend another city’s Kiwanis meeting
- Members of businesses are not to be mentioned or otherwise exploited during a meeting.
- Guest and Guest Speakers are to be treated with respect even if you may not agree with their views.
- Please ensure that the sound system is used by members, speakers and guests
- Members are expected to actively participate in the Club - in weekly attendance, joining of a committee and fundraising

Meeting Dues

- Annual dues are currently \$175.00 per year and may be paid in full, half year or quarterly and do not include club meetings. 86% of the dues goes directly to the Kiwanis International and the Michigan District.
- Each meeting is currently \$10 per person and covers the room use, technology and breakfast
 - \$10 per meeting may be paid weekly, quarterly (\$120 every 3 months) or yearly (\$480), regardless of attendance
 - Prospective members may attend three times for no fee.
 - You may also invite a guest at any time and cover their morning fee
- Participation in “Happy Dollars” and 50/50 is strictly voluntary

Financial Accounts

- Administrative Account
 - Money is brought in through dues, weekly member payments, happy dollars, 50/50, RaiseRight
 - Used for: Michigan and International dues, caterer, supplies, new member kits, installation dinner awards, mailbox rental, club flags/banners, etc
- Service Account
 - Money is brought in through fundraisers
 - 100% of money raised goes to the community through committee budgets

Fundraisers

The Club currently raises approximately \$20,000 for distribution through:

1. Koeze Nut sales (Annual)
2. Peppermint Patty Plop raffle (Annual)
3. Texas Hold'em Tournament (3-4 times per year)
4. Flags over Clinton County (ongoing)
5. Culvers (occasionally)

Additional fundraisers may be brought to the board of directors for approval

Stuart Openlander Scholarship:

- Honoring our founder, Dr. Stuart Openlander, who was a public-school superintendent for many years
- Recognizing, in particular, the efforts of those students who have had to overcome unusual circumstances or challenges that may have made school more difficult
- Cash awards which are awarded to graduating seniors from St. Johns High School, STRIVE Academy or Clinton County RESA
- Candidates are selected through the teachers and staff of the participating educational institutions and presented to our club
- Our Kiwanis Club reviews and selects the recipient(s) for these scholarships.
- They awarded in the spring as part of senior recognition programs.
- To ensure funding for the Openlander Scholarship the board of directors has approved that 15% of each fundraiser's net profits go to fund this scholarship.

Current Community Contributions

Youth Services

- Kiwanis Student of the Year for each department at St. John High School
- Stewart Openlander High School Scholarships
- Books for Babies
- Dewitt Builders club
- Michigan State Police Career Academy
- Kid's Christmas Party & Shopping
- Dictionaries for all St. Johns 3rd graders
- St. Johns Youth Soccer
- Good Wins Food Pantry
- Baby Pantry
- IQ Hub
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Peters Sunny Day Foundation
- The Voice for Clinton County Children
- Compassion in Action

Human and Spiritual Values

- Community Prayer Breakfast
- Lay Minister of the Year Award
- Hazel L. Findlay Manor Church Services
- Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner
- Kiwanis 707 Random Acts of Kindness

Current Community Contributions, continued

Community Services

- Relay for Life Dinner
- Sparrow Clinton Hospital
- Ronald McDonald House
- Cemetery Flags
- Clinton County Senior Center
- National Night Out
- Blood Drive Sandwiches
- Crop Walk for Hunger
- Clinton County Arts Council
- Clinton County Chamber of Commerce
- Soup Kitchen
- Safe Center
- I move for Hal
- Soap Box Derby Support
- Rotary Helping Hands/Raffle
- St Johns Christmas Parade
- Capital Area Habitat for Humanity (Clinton County)

Weekly Program List:

