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Summer is my favorite time of year, and with it comes sunshine, community events, and endless opportunities to serve. As temperatures rise, so does our spirit of service!

This season is a great reminder of why we do what we do—bringing people together, strengthening our community, and creating moments that matter. Whether you're attending a service project, enjoying a local festival, or simply spending time outdoors, I hope your summer is filled with connection, joy, and lots of ice cream.

Here are just a few of the ways we have impacted our community within the last couple of months:

- **Our 8th Annual Purse Bingo was a huge success! Thank you to Cassie Turner and Michelle Cole for co-chairing the event! Thank you to the Purse Bingo Committee and everyone that pitched in before, during and after the event to help. Funds raised at Purse Bingo go directly to support club service projects.**
- Distributed child identification kits at the Findlay Police Dept Bike Rodeo
- Donated four new bikes to be given away at the Bike Rodeo
- Helped prime and paint the America 250 mural at Brucklacher Park
- Collaborated with the Findlay Rotary Clubs and Young Professionals to provide spices to City Mission
- Donated \$500 to the Hancock Historical Museum America 250 B-day Bash
- Donated \$2,759 to the Findlay Hancock Public Library to purchase new technology -Launchpad Quest

Here's to a sunburn, cold beverage, and community service!

-Ashley



Bike Rodeo

Club members had a fantastic time Saturday, June 6 at the Findlay Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts! This free, family-friendly event is all about promoting healthy living and bike safety for area youth. From a light breakfast to safety stations, road courses, and obstacle courses, the kids had an absolute blast learning and practicing safe riding habits. Free helmets and bicycle licenses were also provided to keep our young riders safe on the road!

As a club dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time, we were thrilled to support this event in two big ways:

- Our Kiwanis members handed out free Child Identification Kits to parents.
- We donated 4 brand-new bicycles for the Findlay Police Department to give away to some very lucky participants!

A huge thank you to the Findlay Police Department and all the wonderful families who came out to make today such a success. Keep riding safely, Findlay!



Brucklacher Park, June 17



On June 17 over 30 Findlay Kiwanians and guests gathered at Brucklacher Memorial Park on County Road 236 for our regular weekly meeting. The weather could not have been more perfect for an afternoon of great conversation, shared laughter, and community.

A huge thank you to Heavenly Pizza for providing a fantastic lunch—it's safe to say we all left stuffed and very happy!

The absolute highlight of our luncheon was an incredibly special dedication. Kiwanian Tony Fuller and his wife, Joanne, dedicated a beautiful new park bench on behalf of Joanne's parents, Major Jim and Joan Sayer. Both Jim and Joan were longtime, dedicated Findlay Kiwanians who left a lasting legacy of service in our community. Seeing this permanent tribute placed in the park was a moment we won't soon forget.

Thank you, Tony and Joanne, for your generosity and for making this afternoon so deeply meaningful for our club.



Brucklacher Park

In early July a dedicated group of Kiwanians helped finish up the America 250 mural on the side of the barn at the Little Red School House and Brucklacher Park. A big thank you to Emily Sullivan of Awakening Minds, Hancock County Historical Museum, Visit Findlay and the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation for the making this project come to life.



Club Family Picnic

Kiwanis Club members and their families gathered at Riverside Park in June for a wonderful summer picnic evening.

Grill masters Jake and Jeff kept the hot dogs coming, while everyone brought an incredible spread of side dishes and treats to complete the feast. After filling up on great food and even better conversation, many families stuck around to enjoy a fantastic live performance by the Findlay Civic Band.

A huge thank you goes out to our Social Committee—Carla Benjamin and Anne Whitman—for planning such a memorable summer gathering!





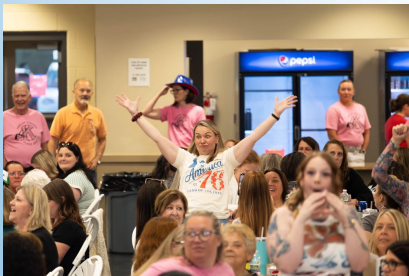
8th Annual Designer Purse Bingo

On July 23, our club hosted our biggest fundraiser of the year, the 8th Annual Designer Purse Bingo, and it was truly an evening to remember. With a record turnout of 441 guests, the energy in the room was electric from the very first round!

This event has grown so popular that we were honored to welcome distinguished leadership from across the state: two former Ohio District Kiwanis Governors, the current Ohio District Kiwanis Governor, and the incoming Ohio District Governor! Their attendance is a true testament to the fantastic work our club does in raising funds to support our local community.

Events like this don't happen without an incredible support system. We want to extend a massive THANK YOU to all of our wonderful sponsors who continue to support us year after year.

A huge shout-out goes to our dedicated club members who poured countless hours into making the night seamless, as well as those who supported the cause by purchasing tables and sponsoring. Finally, a special round of applause for our entire Purse Bingo Committee, led by our fantastic co-chairs, Cassie Turner and Michelle Cole. You put on an absolute masterclass of a show!





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Calendar

August

5th YMCA Learning Center
8th Food Distribution
11th Board Meeting 5:15pm
12th The Pledge of Allegiance,
Judge Mark Miller
19th Business Spotlight;
Heavenly Pizza
26th TBA

September

2nd TBA
7th Labor Day
8th Board Meeting
9th Hancock County Parkinsons
Network
16th TBA
23rd TBA
30th President Ashley's Last
Meeting



Findlay
Hancock County

Let's Celebrate

August

Birthdays

1st Irv Reinhart
7th Sarah Matos
11th Scott Younger
12th Tony Condemi
13th Kiya Yeater
16th Katie Abbott
19th Rick Kidwell
28th John Kidd



Anniversary

6th Michelle Cole
12th Pat Sadowski
14th Carl and Amy Hayslett
17th Tony Fuller
25th Brett Gies
26th Rich Ulmes
31st Grant Russel

September

Birthdays

2nd Mike Brown
Tony Fuller
Anne Whitman
6th Emily Sullivan
9th Cathi Kisseberth
14th Jane Hassan
16th Jerry McNamee
17th Sarah Clevidence
18th Dave Nauert
28th Jeff Whitman
30th Grace George
Nicole Coleman

Anniversaries

4th Danielle Wilkin
9th Laisha Rea
15th Mike Brown
17th Jessica Halsey
20th Becky Bowman
22nd Lenny Mueller
27th Irv Reinhart



Committee Chairs

Program Committees

Brucklacher Park

Rick Kidwell

Community/Youth Services

Brandon Shoemaker

Brett Gies

Pancake Day

Katie Abbott

Purse Bingo

Cassie Turner

Michelle Cole

Santa's House

Pat Garlock

Scholarships

Grant Russel

Kiya Yeater

Service Leadership Programs

Kiya Yeater

Club Committees

Club Meetings

Ashley Ritz

Membership and Growth

Rick Kidwell

Cassie Turner

Jeff Whitman

Programs

Grant Russel

Brett Gies

Sergeant at Arms

Changes each Quarter

Public Relations/Marketing

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Social

Carla Benjamin

Anne Whitman

House

Ann Woolum

Human/Spiritual

Susan Kayser

Service Leadership Programs

K-Kids, McComb, Grades 4-6

Troy Steinbrook

Builders Club, McComb, Grades 7-8

Troy Steinbrook

Key Club, Findlay High School,

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