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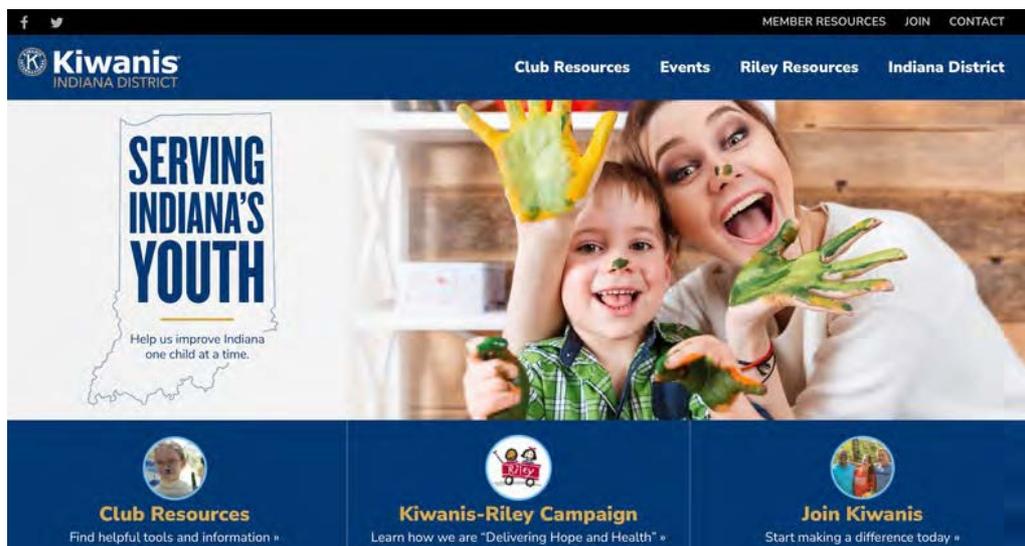


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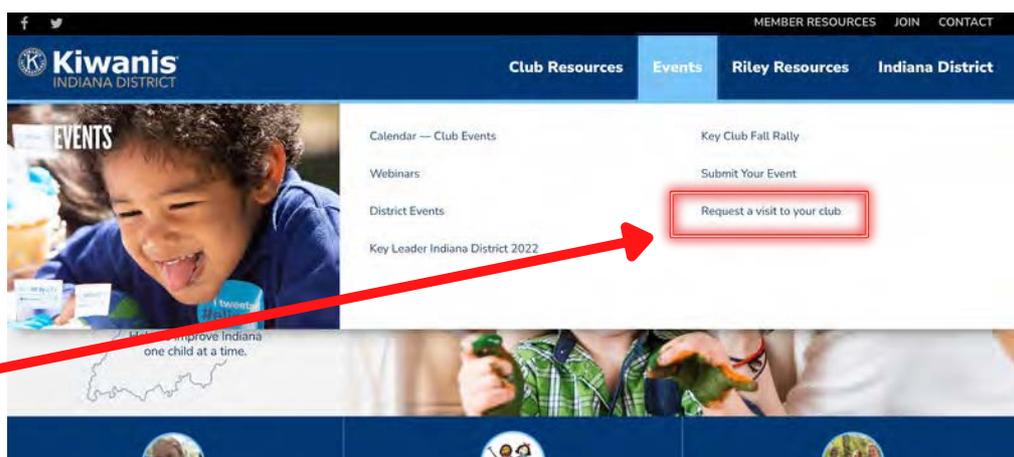
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INVITING A DISTRICT OFFICER TO YOUR CLUB IS EASY!

1 Go to
indkiw.org



2 Click "Events"
and
Select
"Request a visit to
you club"



3 Complete the
Form

REQUEST A VISIT TO YOUR CLUB

Fill out this form to request a visit to your club.
We will check the availability of the requested person(s) and get back to you.
The request should be made at least 3 weeks ahead of the event.

REQUEST A VIST

Your Club (Required)
Choose your club

Your Title (Required)
 Club President
 Club Secretary

4 Submit and Done!

Take Advantage of the Prorated Membership Dues

September is the membership month!

If a new member joins in September, the dues will be only \$9.33 (+ your club dues) for September?

This is a great way to solicit prospects to join your club NOW!

Better yet, you could invoice your next year's annual membership dues along with this year's.

This way, the dues will cover for the next Kiwanis year and you don't have to double whammy the new member with two bills in just a few months.

Here is the link for the [2021-22 Prorated Dues](#)



Big Riley Event

Service Project and Parade of Checks

**Kiwanis Club, Aktion Club, Circle K,
Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids are all invited!**

**1pm - 4pm EST, September 18th, 2022
@ 4233 Lafayette Rd, Indianapolis, IN, 46254**

Schedule

- 12:30 pm Door Opens (Loading dock opens to receive donation items)
- 1:00 pm Opening Statement
- 1:05 pm Service Project / Riley Update /
- 2:20 pm BREAK
- 2:30 pm Riley Champion
- 2:50 pm Announcements
- 3:10 pm Parade of Checks
- 4:00 pm Closing Statement

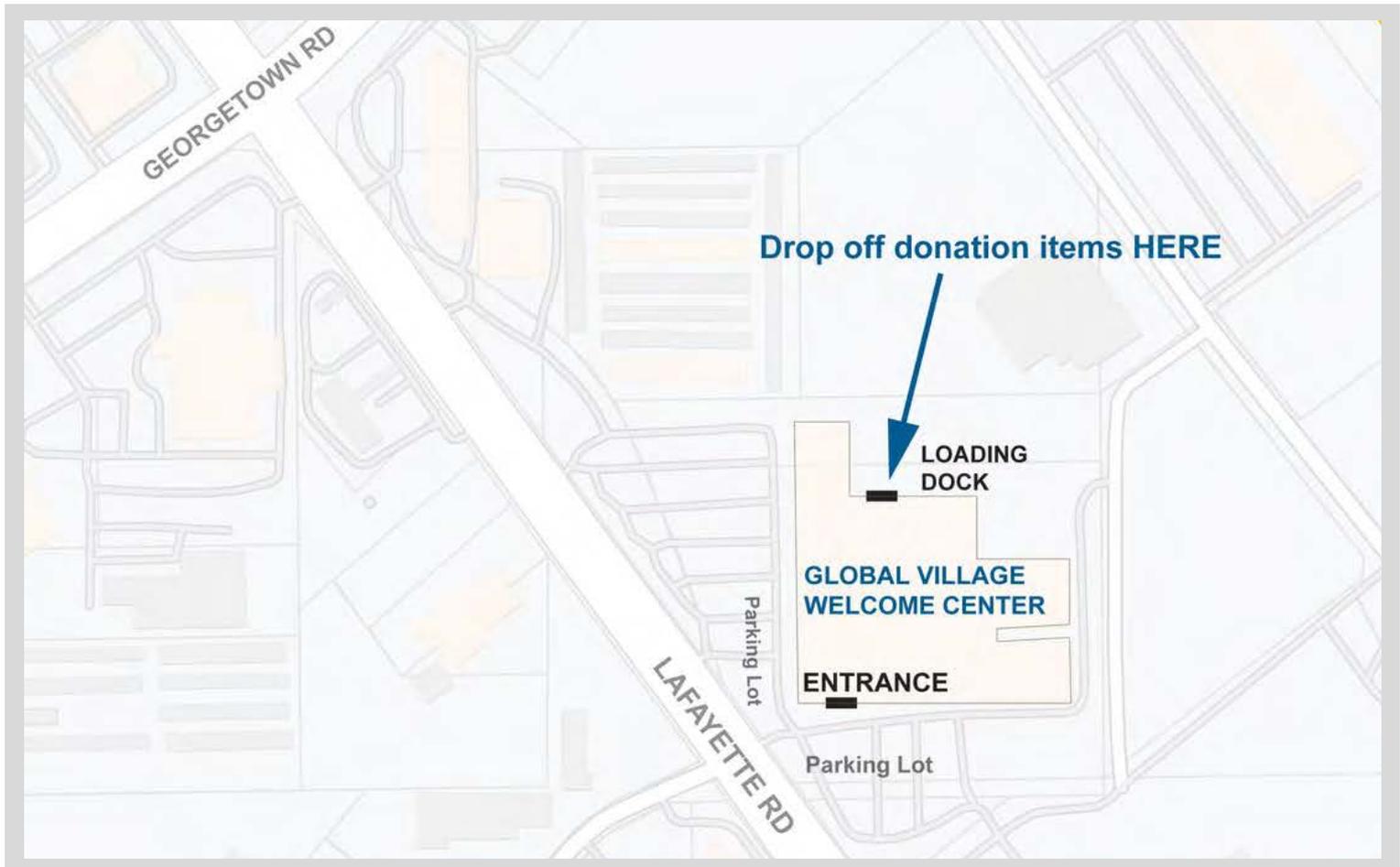
Please register from the link below

This is a first-time event, and we would like to know how many will be attending the event.

<https://www.indkiw.org/big-riley-event/>



Where to drop off donation items



Items needed for the Food Pantry

For Infection Prevention purposes, items distributed to families must be new, unopened, and unexpired.

Food Pantry needs:

Non-Food Items:

- Reusable shopping bags (new): Used by families to carry their food to their vehicle
- Feminine Hygiene Products (tampons, pads, panty liners): Many patient families experiencing food insecurity also lack adequate access to the products
- Household Items (toilet paper, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, etc.): Families discharging after extended hospitalizations typically benefit from these items

If there is a preference to donate food items:

- Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Pudding & Jello Cups

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Items Needed for the Komfort Kart (Bolded items = we are out of stock)

- Fleece Blankets
- Chap Stick/Lip Balm
- Hairbrushes
- Game Books, Word Search
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- CandyBars (Snickers, Hershey's, Milky Way, etc.)
- Soft Fuzzy Footies or Slippers
- Q-Tips
- Razors - Disposable
- Toothbrushes (Individually wrapped)
- Body - Facial Nylon Loofahs/Poufs
- Chewing Gum (3 packs to a package type)
- Mints (Altoids, Tic Tacs, etc.)
- Hair Scrunches (ponytail holders-large thicker hold-ers)
- Feminine Products
- Nail Clippers and/or Tweezers (individual pkgs)

Travel Size

- Men's Deodorant
- **Women's Deodorant**
- Men's Shaving Cream/Gel
- Women's Shaving Cream/Gel
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- **Body Wash**
- Toothpaste

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Don't forget to bring pop tabs too!

Membership Idea: County Fair



The Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Club recently finished a 10-day run at the Porter County Fair and we had such a wonderful experience that I welcome the opportunity to share.

Like a lot of you, our Membership Committee was struggling with meaningful recruitment and public awareness. We had studied our member recruitment activity that we had been doing at all our fund-raising activities and were disappointed to note that our success rate was miserable. While our recruitment was not productive, as a club we were very successful at member growth with a rate of 18-21 % for the past few years with our most successful method being one on one recruitment by our own members. With this understanding, we decided it was time to re-purpose our member recruitment activity with a goal of community education and awareness. Our thoughts being that if more people knew about Kiwanis, it would be easier for our members to recruit.

With that in mind we were looking for opportunities to reach large audiences with our efforts. The County Fair seemed like the ideal opportunity. Ten days in July that the Fair tag lined as "The Best 10 Days of Summer". To continue the county theme, we decided to reach out to the other three clubs in our county. There are clubs in Portage, Chesterton, and Valparaiso Sunrise. These clubs are smaller than the Valpo Noon Club, so they welcomed the opportunity to elevate their exposure to a larger audience and maybe gain a few new members. This was the first time all our county clubs had collaborated on a project, so we were excited about the possibilities. Little did we realize the wonderful time we would have sharing the activities of our clubs and making new Kiwanis friends. The outcome of our experience led us all to agree that we should look for other ways to collaborate. We are currently investigating safety projects for kids.

In addition to the collaboration with the County Clubs, we were also able to include representation from our Key Clubs. The Valpo Noon Club sponsors 5 Lt Governors for Key Club who were present for over half of the fair days. They raised the visibility for their clubs and even attracted a few new members. They were a remarkable addition and created a bond with the adult members with energy and enthusiasm. We were so proud of the spirit and teamwork they displayed and hope to integrate them into more of our club activities.

It was an amazing week of visiting with friends and families and meeting more members of our community and spreading the good word about who we are and who we support in our community. We met a few Riley kids and kids who benefited from camps sponsored by Kiwanis. We had frequent visits from the Fair Queens. Our noon Kiwanis sponsored the Miss Photographic Winner. We had a surprise visit from a recent recipient of one of our ramps. He was showing off his new gained mobility and could not have been happier.

As our clubs evaluated our experiences, we all agreed that it exceeded our expectations and was an activity we wanted to repeat next year.

Submitted by Rayanna Henderson, Chair Membership Committee, Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis

Fundraiser Idea: Flamingo

YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED!!!



**Petersburg Kiwanis Club
is
having a little pink flamingo fun!**

HOW IT WORKS

Make a donation of \$25.00 to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members' or neighbors' front yard!

The flock will automatically migrate to their next location 24 hours later. You can purchase flock insurance to protect your flock for \$10.00 in advance.



Fundraiser Idea: Restaurant Coupon

In 2016, the Vincennes Kiwanis Club started a "Destination Dining Discount Coupon Book" Program as a unique fundraiser in their Southern Indiana community.

Looking for something different from the usual Breakfast/Golf Outing/Raffle Ticket ideas, member Steve Gray got inspiration from one of the Ft. Myers Beach Florida Kiwanis clubs that had a novel project going for many years. While visiting his mother in Florida, he found that she bought one of their coupon books every year, a book that offered "Buy One, Get One Free" offers from many local restaurants. After contacting the Ft. Myers Beach Club project chair and getting info about their program, Steve decided to take the idea to his Vincennes club Board to replace a long time fundraising program to benefit Riley Children's Hospital that had ended it's run.

A committee of club members contact area restaurants to ask for participation in having a coupon in the book to help Riley. The restaurants are asked to do a BOGO offer on a meal or menu item or another similar deal that would appeal to customers. The benefit to the store, aside from the charitable gesture, is the value of getting more customers to their establishment, both returning and new. Full meal offers generally have the stipulation of "with the purchase of two drinks" to help the stores cover their costs. Coffee shops, ice cream stores and breweries that serve food are also asked to participate. The books sell for \$25.00 each with offers from 25 area restaurants. The deals are good for one year and are printed in a numbered booklet with tear out coupons.

Unlike Ft. Myers Beach, the city of Vincennes and Knox County has a much smaller population so it was decided to include restaurants in four other neighboring counties, hence the "Destination Dining" idea. Restaurants are reached by mail, email and personal contact to ask for their involvement. Many see the value of the program and renew their coupon each year. Aside from a two year break due to the COVID-19 epidemic, this program has enabled the Vincennes Club to give \$2000.00 or more annually to Riley Children's Hospital to help children and families that are treated there.

Books are currently for sale for \$25 each and offer coupons from 25 restaurants. Coupons are good through June 2023. To purchase a book, contact a Kiwanis club member, or pick one up at either German American Bank location in Vincennes or contact Steve Gray at sgray56@gmail.com, 812-698-0358



Kiwanis "Destination Dining Discount Book"
Participating Restaurants

<u>KNOX COUNTY</u>	<u>KNOX COUNTY</u>	<u>DAVISS COUNTY</u>
Bill Bobe's Pizzeria - pg 5	Lic's Deli & Ice Cream - pg 31	Impressed Coffee Co. - pg 47
Byron Bobe's Pizza House - pg 7-9	Procopio's - pg 33	GIBSON COUNTY
Charlie's Caramel & Candy Shop - pg 11	White River Inn - pg 35	Klinkers Hometown Bar & Grill - pg 49
Culver's - pg 13	LAWRENCE COUNTY	The Palace Cafe - pg 51
Dot's - pg 15	Larry Bobe's Pizza - pg 37	R's Cafe & Catering - pg 53
Frank's Restaurant & Catering - pg 17	PIKE COUNTY	Schellers Carriage Inn - pg 55
Get it-n-Go - pg 19	423 Smokehouse - pg 39	Spud Hut - pg 57
Gracie's Restaurant - pg 21	Randy's Americana Cafe - pg 41	
Hibachi Super Buffet - pg 23	Mi Patio - pg 43	
Impressed Coffee - pg 25	Pete's Drive-In - pg 45	
Jenna's Bakehouse - pg 27		
Kelso's 19th Hole - pg 29		

Valparaiso Corn Roast Fest raises money for local causes

by Anekah Fish



The Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis hosts the Valparaiso Corn Roast Fest every year. On the day of the Fest, Central Park Plaza is blocked off and turned into an entertainment destination for the evening. "Each year the Corn Roast keeps growing. We should generate over \$20,000 tonight, which we donate back to the community and Riley Children's Hospital," said Steve Bobinski, Corn Roast Committee Chair and Valpo Kiwanis President.

At the Corn Roast Fest, families and friends gather to share their love of good, old-fashioned, Hoosier-grown corn, as well as live music and treats from vendors. The event is staffed by Kiwanis volunteers, who enjoy the event just as much as the attendees.

"My first Corn Fest I was dipping corn, so I was covered in butter, and I was able to get a friend of mine to join me. My second year, I was in the beer tent and actually met someone who we thought was the reincarnation of Freddy Mercury," Kiwanis Member and Volunteer Coordinator at Dunes Hospice, Nancy Nielsen said while laughing. "He looked just like him! And it's just great because so many people that I know from the community are here, so it's kind of nice to just mingle with everybody."

This year, Dick Diamond and the Dusters, as well as the 80's tribute band, Bueller, played. The crowd watching the bands swayed with them and followed each lead the singers gave, whether it was waving their hands or clapping. There was also a toddler who danced in front of the stage. He really stole the show.

The Corn Fest is one of Kiwanis' largest events throughout the year, but the organization is constantly helping the community. "We raise money to give back to those in need," said Bobinski. "We support some shelters in Valpo, we support the parks system, we support Junior Ki Clubs in the schools, as well as Aktion Club at Opportunity Enterprises. We also give away scholarships for graduating seniors around Porter County. That is all financial support, but we also deliver Meals on Wheels and have about a dozen other volunteer events."

Tim Bucher is the Kiwanis Vice President-Elect and Kiwanian of the Year 2020. He also owns Bucher Technologies. Bucher is in charge of Pancake Day, which is one of Kiwanis' annual fundraisers. "The Pancake Breakfast has been going on since 1950..." Bucher trailed off, trying to remember the year. "Well, it's about as old as I am!" he said with a smile. "This year we had it at the Expo Center. We ended up raising about \$26,000 from Pancake Day, so we were really excited about that. The next Pancake Day is the first Saturday in March.

Kiwanis is a way for all kinds of people from all walks of life to volunteer. The Valparaiso Kiwanis recently had a large influx of young people, which is a great way for them to network while also giving back. "I joined Kiwanis because I love everything they do for the community and everything they do for kids," said Nielsen. "Once I joined, I discovered it's just a really wonderful group of people who are really giving. They're just a very selfless, giving group." Volunteers are integral to a good event, but sponsors and funding are just as important--how else could Kiwanis buy enough ears of corn for everyone in the crowd?

"Bucher Tech is a bronze sponsor of the Corn Fest, but we just sponsored Special Kids Special Needs on Monday," Bucher said. "But our biggest thing at Bucher Tech right now is our grant program where non-profits can apply, and we give grants to them. We also try to support anything Kiwanis because it's very important to our team."

Indiana and Japan Key Clubs became Sister Club!

**Hobart Key Club
signed sister club
agreement with
Canadian Academy
Key Club Japan**





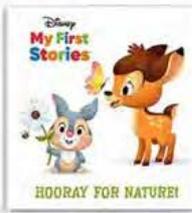
September Baby Safety Specials at The Safety Store

**OPEN-Monday through Friday 9 AM to 4 PM
in The Riley Outpatient Center.**

Curbside pick-up available by appointment.

 <p>Fever alert icon and light indicate elevated temperature</p> 	 <p>Also measures baby food and bath water temperature</p> 	
<p>Litemax Infant Seat Pink or Blue \$87.00</p>	<p>Simple Scan Thermometer \$23.50</p>	<p>Oven Lock \$9.99</p>

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			 <p>The only 3-way swaddle adjusts for baby's best sleep.</p>	
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Call 317-274-6565 or shop on-line with the QR code.



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The Official Indiana District Kiwanis Riley Bear



DO YOU WANT YOUR CLUB'S OWN RILEY BEAR?

Order your club's own bear from here!

<https://www.indkiw.org/riley-bear>

Feed the Riley Bear Campaign is to make your Riley Fundraiser more fun.

How you are going to use the bear is up to your club!

Take a picture and share it on the social media!!

Limited Quantity Available



We Need Your Help

**Do you know anyone who would be a great
Kiwanian in following communities?**

**Greater Michigan City
Greater Butler
Greater Kendelville**

**If so, please let us know so that we can invite
them!**

[Click here to help start up a new club](#)