



# Kiwaniis®

## GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

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*Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUk2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjICZjFJM09jdz09>

December 1, 2021

This morning's guest was Sean Kuykendall.

Our speaker this morning, via Zoom, was Kiwanis International president Peter Mancuso. Kiwanis is a vehicle to take the best of us and share it with others. The miracle is, enriching others also enriches us. We are part of a global network, and there are many children who depend upon Kiwanis to meet even their basic needs. Because children depend on us, we must keep Kiwanis strong. Peter listed 5 priorities:

1. Improve the club experience—it is vital to continually evaluate and improve on things to maintain a vibrant club.

2. Increase membership so we can make a bigger impact on our communities. On average, 27,000 new members join KI annually. New clubs are vital, but less than 60% survive for 5 years. If a new club is founded, it must continue to be supported. The minimum number for a new club is 20, with none of these being dual members with the founding club. We must also work to maintain the clubs and members we have. Kiwanis fellowship is the key.

3. Expand Kiwanis youth programs—service leadership programs (SLP) are the jewel in the crown. It is imperative to make sure that the clubs are safe places. So far, the 2021 school year as seen good growth in SLPs, welcoming students back after the pandemic. The global leadership program offers 12 courses that are available to Circle K and Key Club

members. A recent change is to create a separate SLP board.

4. Offer educational and training opportunities, particularly those that are unique from "regular" Kiwanis ones.

5. Support the Kiwanis Children's Fund.



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**Bill Elgin** has taken to mentioning that “P” word again....it’s time to think about **poinsettia** sales. His helpers will be **Bill Rogers** and **Terry Davis**, with special spokesperson **Steve**

**Worthington.** Now is the time to focus on church sales, and everything you need to know is on the GRK website ( that address is in the masthead of this newsletter every week). Plants will once again be \$12, with the pick-up location again Christ Church UCC at 3601 Washington Ave. *If you want a poinsettia for pick-up next weekend (Dec. 10-11), the absolute last time to turn in that order to Bill is noon on Monday, Dec. 6.*

Upcoming **Christmas** events:

Salvation Army bell ringing Dec. 1-3 at the Schnucks in Lawndale

Santa auction to benefit the Santa Clothes Club Dec. 8

Santa breakfast at the Caldwell YMCA Dec. 11

—Shopping for gifts for 30 kids from Glenwood School Dec. 1 after our meeting at Target on Burkhardt

—Wrapping of these gifts Dec. 1 at 11:00 at the **Johnson** house, 3800 Herndon Dr.

Senior Project Dec. 17-18 for deliveries—the pickup location is the same as for the poinsettias—3601 Washington Ave.

The Dream Center needs our help with a new project—they are going to offer an online store for parents to shop for toys for their kids at much discounted rates. Donations of new toys are needed, and drivers will be needed to help with deliveries.

**Sylvia DeVault** told us we will be holding a BUG program at the Dream Center on December 16. This will be done a little bit differently since the Dream Center won’t have grades to calculate, but it will be a very worthwhile experience for the kids. The time is 4:30-6:00, and the program will be followed by a dinner.

Board meeting at Crossroads Christian Church on December 10, 7:00 a.m.

GRK will once again be helping the Ritzy’s Fantasy of Lights collect admission fees—on December 19 and 20. There will be 2 shifts: 5-7 and 7-9.

**Les Miley** has a new phone number, so change your directories: 812-499-3537. He had hip revision surgery the end of October and is recovering well. He plans on connecting with us via ZOOM. We all wish you a speedy recovery, **Les!**

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Lois Patton**:



Next week:

*Santa auction—bring your items and your wallet/checkbook and be prepared to donate to help the Santa Clothes Club.*



