



# Kiwaniis®

## GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

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

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Please use the weekly Zoom link you receive via e-mail to access our meetings remotely. If you are not receiving this, contact Martha Seal.

December 7, 2022

This morning's guest was Suzanne Vanstone.

Our speaker this morning was Jamie Dill with Be Kind for Ollie. On July 9, 2019, a tragedy happened to the Dill family. Her husband was to take their 3 year old Oliver to daycare, forgot the child was in the car, and sadly, Oliver died. Jamie noted that you don't get through your grief, you learn how to carry it with you. To honor their son's memory, they started Be Kind for Ollie in February 2020. This non-profit advocates for education initiatives to prevent future such tragedies, and encourages kindness. They faced a lot of negative judgment, so the foundation urges being kind and loving instead. The death was due to a horrible mistake, but it is a mistake that many others have made. The number of hot car deaths is larger than originally realized. In hot weather, a car's temperature can rise by 20 degrees in as little as ten minutes, and having a window down does not really help. Jamie says that reading about bereavement helped her, so BKFO has placed small bereavement libraries in several cemeteries, places that bereaved parents seen to frequent, with others in parks. She also travels to educate caregivers. A benefit dinner and silent auction is held in February to raise monies for scholarships for those who want to study early childhood or special education. The next one will be February 25, 2023, with tickets costing \$50 or a table of 8 for \$500. BKFO also gave 75 comfort bags for kids to EPD for officers to use when there is a child at the scene of an accident

or other tragic event, and will soon provide more for the EFD. These bags help entertain and distract kids so the parents can focus on the task at hand. There is a Children's Grief Support Group that meets quarterly, and BKFO provides desserts for the meeting. They also advocate for the Hot Car Act, which would put a special sensor alert system in cars that would alert when it senses movement in the back seat of a stopped car. The group has a Facebook page and is working to set up a web page.



### GRK Officers /Staff

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The Senior Project will happen again this year; this is a project where we get the names of needy seniors from SWIRCA and provide them boxes of food. **Steve Worthington** says the boxes will be available for delivery drivers to pick up either late in the afternoon (3-5) on December 16 or the morning (8-10) of December 17. The pick up location will be the same as the poinsettia location—Christ Church of Christ at 3601 Washington Ave. We will deliver 40 baskets.

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The Santa breakfast will be December 10 at 8:45 a.m. at the CenterPoint Energy YMCA, 1930 S. Governor. UPDATE: Santa has cleared his schedule to be there!

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Salvation Army bell ringing: December 14-16. These will be evening shifts, with the exception of the 15th, which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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We will also help sell tickets at Ritzy's Fantasy of Lights, on the evenings of December 18 and 19. See **Gil Bockelman** if you can help, particularly for the 7-9 p.m. shifts.

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We're going to focus in on membership, both in recruiting and retaining members. When you talk to someone about Kiwanis, remember to focus on the good times we have and all the good we do within our community. **The UE Aces basketball game on January 14 will be free of charge to all GRKiwanians and their guests. Key Clubs are also being invited. Game time is 3:00.**

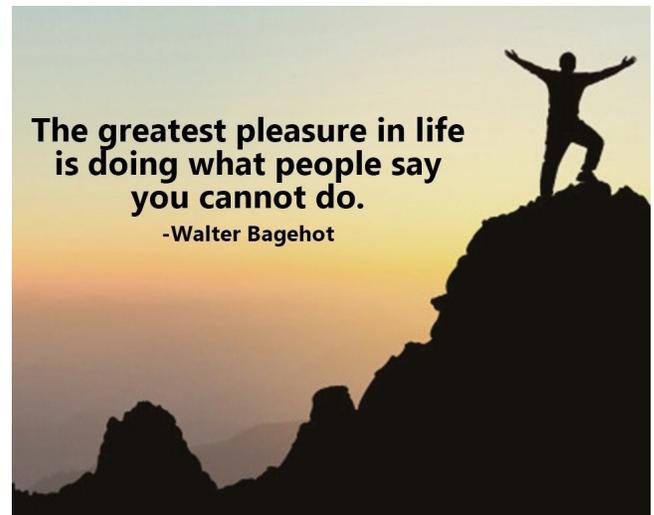
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Interclubs: be sure to let both **Sharon Johnson** and **Bob Bock** know if anyone on your team visits another club. We can report visits of less than 4 members to International; the 4 team member thing is relevant only to GRK.

If you are purchasing gifts via Amazon, remember that, through Amazon Smile, you can ask for a portion of your purchase price be donated to the GRK Foundation. The link is in the upper left corner of the amazon.com page.

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Thoughts of the week, courtesy of **Terry Davis**:



**Next week: Santa Auction Bid often and bid BIG!!**



