



# Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven



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

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## Holiday Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make this fund raiser a success.

Eva Witte	123 tickets
Geoff Jamieson	70 tickets
Larry Williams	70 tickets
Pat Benuska	50 tickets
Linda Cahalan	45 tickets
Paul Elsey	40 tickets
Wesi Modolo	40 tickets
Mike Gyolai	30 tickets
Jeff Theobald	30 tickets
Tom Fioritte	28 tickets
Pete Michel	24 tickets
Louisa Elsey	22 tickets
Doug Jerry	20 tickets
Lynn Jerry	20 tickets
Barb McCoy	20 tickets
Pat Odette	20 tickets
Pat Somerville	20 tickets
Darrel Penix	15 tickets
Joan Penix	15 tickets
Jim Jorgensen	14 tickets
Ann Moody	11 tickets
Melva Prentice	11 tickets
Rhonda Baarstad	10 tickets
Don Darling	10 tickets
Jim Gyolai	10 tickets
Kathy Kozole	10 tickets
Beth LaBelle	10 tickets
Mike Raudio	10 tickets
Jim Robbins	10 tickets
Rosemary Robbins	10 tickets
Jen Welch	10 tickets
Dan Duderstadt	5 tickets
Rob Harris	4 tickets

We had 32 members or 84% of the Club participate in this fund raiser. Fund Raising is a big part of a successful Club!



## Milk & Produce

Working together with the Woodhaven Brownstown School District, Sodexo, and First Student, all the milk and produce that would go bad over winter break was collected from the School kitchens. George Morehead and Paul Elsey took a dozen cases of milk and 10 boxes of produce down to St. Leo's to use over winter break.



## Toys for the Salvation Army

This year, Kiwanians wanted to make their Holiday celebration special. Human and Spiritual Aims Chairperson, Mike Gyolai, Kiwanis Board Member and Downriver Salvation Army Board Member, Jim Jorgensen, and Kiwanis President, Wesi Modolo, developed a plan. Kiwanians brought children's gifts for the less fortunate served by the Wyandotte Salvation Army **bringing the true spirit of the Holidays to our Christmas gathering.**

Jim Jorgensen reports over thirty toys were collected to bring the excitement of the Holiday to needy children throughout our Downriver community. Forty-five percent of our Club participated in the Holiday Project.

## Letters from St. Nick

This year, as they do every year, Kiwanians answered St. Nick's mail delivered to the Woodhaven Community Center. With Lynn Jerry and Jim Robbins keying in the data, IT Chairperson, Jeff Theobald mail merged personalized letters from Santa Claus. Twenty-one Kiwanians, or 58% of our Club participated in the Christmas time project. We mailed about 400 personalized letters.



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

This year, Woodhaven Kiwanians were joined by members of the Woodhaven High School Marching Band and members of Woodhaven High Cross Country Team.

Both teams have benefited from the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven Bus Project this school year and wanted to do a community service project with the Woodhaven Kiwanians. The goal was team work. Students and Kiwanians working together, getting to know each other better. Twenty-one Kiwanians, two Band parents and forty-three students split up and worked in one hour shifts. The Woodhaven Wal-Mart hosted the bell ringers.

Kiwanians Mike Gyolai, Chairperson, for Woodhaven bell ringing said, "There is no question all the purple letter jackets helped raise attention of shoppers to our bell ringing. We had students, parents, grandparents, teachers, and alumni all stop, visit, and donate." Working together the students and Kiwanians raised over \$1,500.00 to make the Holidays better for other children throughout our area.

A special thank you to the following Kiwanians who braved the cold to support the Downriver Salvation Army:

- Pat Benuska
- Linda Cahalan
- Don Darling
- Dan Duderstadt
- Paul Elsey
- Jim Gyolai
- Mike Gyolai
- Rob Harris
- Geoff Jamieson
- Jim Jorgensen
- Kathy Kozole
- Beth LaBelle
- Barb McCoy
- Pete Michel
- Ann Moody
- Joan Penix
- Melva Prentice
- Jim Robbins
- Rosemary Robbins
- Pat Somerville



Twenty of our Woodhaven Kiwanians participated in ringing the bell to support the Salvation Army. That is 53% of our Club helping to spread the Holiday cheer to the less fortunate.