



# Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven

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

[www.woodhavenkiwanis.net](http://www.woodhavenkiwanis.net)



Wesi Modolo, President

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## Cross Country Awards Dinner

Woodhaven Kiwanians have a long tradition of recognizing Middle School and High School Athletes who participate in the grueling sport of Cross Country. Unlike so many other sports, the gym or the stadium does not fill up with spectators cheering on Cross Country runners. They are out by themselves running ten miles a day with no one but their own personal drive pushing them to be a second faster. Each year, at the close of the season, our Youth Services Committee asks the Cross County Coaches at the high schools and middle schools to choose a team leader to receive our annual award. To earn this award, a student athlete should be an outstanding runner, as well as, a team leader.



## Kids Against Hunger

Mark Saturday, February 7th on your schedule to participate in the Kids Against Hunger food packing sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Woodhaven, Yake School PTO, Wegienka School PTO, Erving School PTO, Hunter School PTO, Gudith School PTO, Chapman and the Bates School PTO. **Event Chairperson, Paul Elsey and Larry Williams will need our support as we bring together 600 third, fourth and fifth graders, as well as, eighth and ninth graders to pack 40,000 meals and the WHS Varsity Hockey Team!**

Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit organization with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. This is being achieved by getting volunteers involved, and by setting up food packaging satellites in the USA, and through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide - enabling Kids Against Hunger to deliver its specially formulated rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families here in our Community and in over 40 countries.

Did you know 40,000 children die every day from malnutrition, starvation and hunger-related diseases? **The solution is a revolutionary food package that has been developed by some of the world's leading food scientists at Cargill, Pillsbury, General Mills and ADM. This one package provides six nutritionally-complete servings to feed starving children around the world, as well as, the hungry here at home, and all for the very low cost of 28¢ per serving.**

Kids Against Hunger is one of our signature projects and hopefully every member will join us on February 7th. Our Club has committed \$6,700<sup>00</sup> to this project and hopefully, the support of our entire Club.



A team leader is a runner who day in and day out displays the extraordinary personal characteristics we would like all youngsters to emulate. This year, we invited the award winners, their

families, and their coaches to our Awards Dinner that was held at one of our weekly dinners on January 16th.

After dinner, the coaches were asked to speak about their runner's accomplishment, and our Club presented the student a plaque and their parents with a Kodak moment.

**2014-15 Kiwanis Cross Country Award Winners:**  
Alex Read & Ryan Hang - Shumate Middle School,  
Breana Struck & Owen Bronni - Patrick Henry Middle School  
Juanita Gratowski & Javier Cantu - Carlson High School  
Clorissa Hoye & Logan Kleam - Woodhaven High School.

## 100th Birthday Party

Paul and Louisa Elsey joined over 1,400 Kiwanis Birthday Party goes on Saturday, January 24th at the 100th Birthday Party for Kiwanis. They had the unique opportunity to have dinner with Kenneth Alovera, the Kiwanis International Trustee from the Phillippines, Melvin Mendoza, Governor of the Phillippines District and Tan Eng Too, Governor of the Malaysia District of Kiwanis. What a truly international celebration of 100 years of Kiwanis Service.



Photos by Louisa Elsey & Key Club Governor, Rip, from Alabama

**Dates to Circle on your Calander**

- Tuesday, March 10th  
Division Council meeting at Allen Park  
6:00 pm at Hungarian Church
- Wednesday, March 18th  
Fourth Grade Essay Contest  
6:15 pm at Community Center
- Saturday, April 18th  
Spring Divisional  
More details to come
- Wednesday, May 13th  
Shower for Mott Children's Hospital  
6:00 pm at Woodhaven High School
- Wednesday, May 27th  
Youth Citizenship Awards  
6:15 pm at Woodhaven High School
- July 2015  
Council Meeting
- August, 2015  
Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven Golf outing in Taylor.



# WANTED

**BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF WOODHAVEN**

**TIM NEIGHBORS  
MR. & MRS. ROBBINS  
MICHAEL HARBEDIAN**

We meet every Wednesday Evening  
@ the Woodhaven Community Center  
6:15 pm - 7:30 pm  
23101 Hall Road • Woodhaven  
[www.WoodhavenKiwanis.org](http://www.WoodhavenKiwanis.org)  
**Please join us!**

**2015 is a year worth celebrating**

As Kiwanis' 100th anniversary year begins, think about all our organization has done. And imagine what more we could do if every club added one more member. This year, consider doing one of the following:

**Invite others ...** Extend a welcome to prospective members by telling them what you love about your club. Invite a friend to your club's 100th anniversary celebration.

**Set goals ...** Issue a challenge to those around you to make your club even bigger and more impactful. Establish a signature project for our club. Show our community how you are making a difference.



- Weslie Modolo  
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- Rosemary Robbins  
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- Honorary Member**  
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## February 2015

### Serving Our Community Since 1976



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please help us recycle can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald Houses in Michigan.	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>4.</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red;">                         Kids Against Hunger                     </div>
<b>8.</b>	<b>9.</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>11.</b> <b>Business Ad Kick-Off</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>12.</b>	<b>13.</b>	<b>14.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center; color: red;">                         Happy Valentine's Day                     </div>
<b>15.</b>	<b>16. President's Day</b> 	<b>17.</b>	<b>18.</b> <b>Trauma Dolls</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>19.</b>	<b>20.</b>	<b>21.</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>23.</b>	<b>24.</b>	<b>25.</b> Dinner Meeting	<b>26.</b>	<b>27.</b>	<b>28.</b>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p><b>A Kiwanis Shout Out to Paul Elsey</b></p> <p>During the month of January, Paul made sixteen Kids Against Hunger school presentations.</p> </div> </div>						



**Did you know in December...Your Club's buses helped...**

- Woodhaven High School Business Professionals to Henry Ford Community College
- Sports Transportation for WHS Hockey (1 trip), WHS Wrestling (4 trips) Southgate High School Hockey (5 trips).
- Transportation for the Life Time Sports Classes at Asher Alternative High School (5 Trips).
- St. Tim's Religious Education Program, the Teen Program from Southpoint Community Church.
- Class trip for youngsters at Salina Intermediate School, Edsel Ford High School to work at a Detroit Soup Kitchen

