



Kiwaniis®

Kiwaniis Club of Traverse City

Who Are We?

The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City is a local service club, formed in 1924, to serve the youth in our community. Our club provides:

- Networking
- Social opportunities
- Opportunity to Give Back to your Community

These activities are provided through membership in our club and becoming active through our weekly lunch meetings and our service projects.

Projects that our Kiwanis Club operate and/or are involved in include the following:

Kiwaniis American Flag Project*
Key Clubs**

Kiwaniis High School Student of the Month

Kids Against Hunger Food Project

Kiwaniis Police Academy scholarship

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

NMC Barbeque Volunteers

Kiwaniis Dictionary Project

Kiwaniis Ski & Snowboard School

Norte' Bike Mas Program

Highway Clean-up

Junior Achievement instructors

West Bay Baby Pantry

PoWeR! Book Bags

*The Kiwanis Flag Project is well known in the community where our club members place the American Flags in 8 local city parks throughout Traverse City four times a year to spread our patriotism and honor for our veterans past & present.

**Key Clubs (student led Kiwanis Club) held at the four local senior high schools: TC Central H.S., TC West H.S., GT Academy and St. Francis H.S. We also have a Builders Club at Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School. These clubs include a Kiwanian serving as an advisor to the Key Club to help with their service projects.



Meetings:

- **The regular club meets weekly on Tuesdays from Noon to 1pm at Kirkbride Hall at the GT Commons facility, Traverse City, MI.**
- **Have a different speaker every week that provides update on “what is going on in Traverse City”**
- Meeting attendance is encouraged but not mandatory.

Cost of Membership:

Annual Dues: \$282

One-time Enrollment fee: \$ 50

Meal Fee (when ordered) \$ 10

Room Fee \$ 10

Attendance:

Attendance is important to the success of our club. An important component of Kiwanis membership is PARTICIPATION in club projects and activities. The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City is a very active club and you will have a large selection of activities and projects in which to participate.

History of Kiwanis:

- Kiwanis was organized in 1915 in Detroit, MI as a Businessmen’s Club.
- It soon after changed its goals to that of a Community Service Club.
- The Six Constitutional Objects of Kiwanis were adopted in 1924.
- Since its founding in 1915, Kiwanis has grown to about 8,500 clubs in more than 70 countries.
- The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City was chartered in 1924. This club has helped start many other Kiwanis Clubs in Northern Michigan.

Kiwanis Leadership

The club is managed by the officers of the club and it’s Board of Directors. The officers of the club are elected by membership each year and include: President, President-Elect, VP, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors serves three year terms and is elected by membership. The club’s Board of Directors include 9 members with tiered terms. The President of the Club serves as Chairperson of the Board.

The club’s activities are managed by four primary committees:

Community Service Committee

Youth Services Committee

Sponsored Leadership Committee

Human & Spiritual Values Committee

Background Check:

Because we emphasize service to children in our community, we have adopted a policy for select members to have a criminal background check at time of new membership and on a regular basis.

Contact Information:

Website: www.kiwaniscluboftraversecity.org or [Kiwanis Club of Traverse City Facebook page](#)

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