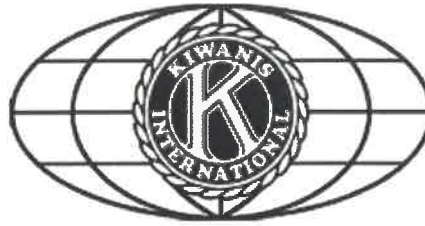




PROCLAMATION



Kiwanis Club of DeKalb Day January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of DeKalb was chartered on January 25, 1921; and

WHEREAS, the club has continually focused on the Kiwanis International pledge to *Serve the Children of the World*; and

WHEREAS, evidence of its commitment to the youth of DeKalb began in its first decade with the donation of uniforms for the High School band; and

WHEREAS, the club has long been a staunch supporter of the development of parks in DeKalb, by funding swimming programs at Hopkins Park, and creating DeKalb Kiwanis Park in 1974, which has become the hub of soccer activity in DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, the club expanded the reach of Kiwanis in this area by sponsoring the creation of the Sycamore Club in 1951, the Kishwaukee Club in 1969, the Aktion Club of Opportunity House in 2003, and the Tri-County Club in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the club sponsored the creation of the first Key Club in the Illinois-Eastern Illinois District at DeKalb High School in 1947, and sponsors Builders Clubs at Huntley and Rosette Middle Schools, thereby providing a service club opportunity for the youth of this community; and

WHEREAS, the club made significant financial contributions to such Kiwanis International Programs as the eradication of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the 1990s and the elimination of Maternal Neo-natal Tetanus in this century; and

WHEREAS, the club has funded scholarships for graduating DeKalb High School seniors for College or Vocational education for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Program, begun in 1998, provides a patriotic outlet for those households in DeKalb that participate; and

WHEREAS, the club has continuously participated in DeKalb's Corn Fest since 1982, providing delicious roasted sweet corn for the multitudes attending.

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, as Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the day of Monday, January 25, 2021 as "Kiwanis Club of DeKalb Day" in the City of DeKalb, Illinois.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 25th day of January 2021.


Jerry Smith, Mayor