

# Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor 100 Year Anniversary

We interviewed Kiwanis Clubs of Michigan that are celebrating 100 Year Anniversaries. This week we're featuring Ann Arbor.

## **1. What are you known for in your community?**

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor is known far and wide for its weekly Kiwanis Thrift Sale, which began as an annual rummage sale in 1927, growing to Fri-Sat with gross sales of \$1.2 million in FY19; giving back over \$8.5M since chartering Club in 1921.

## **2. What do you attribute the success of the longevity of your club?**

In a word - Service! Actively involving members in all aspects of the Thrift Sale as well as Kiwanis SLP programs, Meals on Wheels, Warm the Children, CS Mott Child & Family Life, and other projects have enabled our Club to grow and sustain membership through service to others.

## **3. What does your club do to attract/retain members?**

We ask. Our membership committee and individual members invite friends, colleagues, community leaders and members, grant partners, educators, and even Thrift Sale volunteers and customers.

## **4. What does FUN look like in your club?**

We enjoy each other's' company in Thrift Sale "work", coming together for common causes, camaraderie during weekly meetings, opportunities to serve, especially with kids of all ages.

## **5. Anything else you'd like to share?**

26 of the 28 living past presidents of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor remain active members of the club and 16 achieved perfect meeting attendance in excess of 25 years to 57 years. Idealism and Good Will personified.

We look forward to our next 100 years of service in our Community.