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Today's Program.....

Local historian and journalist Don Faber described many of the accomplishments of Stevens T. Mason in Michigan between 1830 and 1840. Mason was born into a well-educated, politically powerful Virginia family; his older brother George participated in the Constitutional Convention. His father was appointed Secretary of the Michigan Territory in 1830 by President Andrew Jackson. In 1831 the President replaced the father with the son, who was 19 years old at the time.



Mason commissioned a territorial census (completed in 1834) that showed that the territory had enough inhabitants to qualify for statehood. He was proactive in promoting improvements in the Territory's infrastructure (roads, railroads, and canals). (Senator Henry Clay disparaged his proposal to build the Soo locks.) He helped write a state constitution for Michigan, and proposed the establishment of a state Superintendent of Education, the first of its kind in the country.

In late 1835 the constitution was approved and Mason was elected Governor, but the state of Ohio, as well as the Michigan Territory, claimed a strip of land (about 440 sq mi) around Toledo. Congress would not recognize Michigan as a state until the dispute was resolved. There ensued the Toledo War of 1835-1836.. Faber said that there were no casualties because the two militias fired at each other across the relatively wide Maumee River, using rifles that were ineffective at that distance. The upshot was that in 1836 Mason agreed to give Ohio the disputed area around Toledo in exchange for about 9,000 sq mi in the western U.P. Michigan finally became a state in early 1837, and Mason was re-elected Governor.

Before becoming Governor, Mason has borrowed significant funds to carry out his plans to improve the state's infrastructure. Unfortunately, 1837 was also the year of the nation's first nationwide depression. The financial difficulties of the state, plus charges that he had perpetrated fraud, led him to decide not to run for Governor in 1839. He went to New York to practice law, but did not fare well. He died of pneumonia in 1843, at the age of 31.

Decades later Mason's body was exhumed and buried in Detroit, where he was acknowledged as a great Governor. In 1955 the body was exhumed again to make room for a bus station. In 2010 it was exhumed once more, and Faber spoke at that ceremony. Of Mason he said, "you really can't keep a good man down."

Next Weeks Program.....

Bethany Williston: Swam the English Channel!
Introducer: Max Ziegler

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This is what we call HOME.....now in our 92nd year.

**“The Thrift Sale
is the driving
force of our
Success”**



We have evolved....these are our heroes.

ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer 	Jim Kane
Officer of Day 	Clar Dukes
Dockers 	Jim Huck
Sorter 	Kathy Stroud
Hardware 	John Dahl, Bill Hallock, and Andrea Kotch Duda
Furniture 	Bob Barden Jr., Mike Dabbs, George Gilligan, and Mel Williams
Shoes & Sports 	John Kidle and Rip Kinney
Men’s Clothing 	Jim Couch, Don McEwen
Electronics 	Bill Robb and Associates
Lamps 	Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz, and friends
Antiques 	Rose Marie Barhydt and Pat Materka
Beds & Toys 	Lee Bachman and Dave Bell
Office & Medical 	Jim Mattson and team
Vouchers 	Rose Marie Barhydt, Don Clewell, Dave Hughes, Bob Johnson, Sharon Keyes
Invocation 	Kathy Barden-Perlberg
Greeters 	Douglas Hanton, Larry Hill, Dick Smit, Jocelyn Wilder
Hospitality 	Don Clewell
Cashier 	Martha Petroski

Guests at our Club.....

Elizabeth Benedek, spouse of Dick; Jim Huck, prospective member; Noel Winkler, spouse of Chris; Christina Pechette and Jonathan Pevarnek, from Circle K.

Announcements.....

Meetings:

At 1:15 pm on January 14, the following two committees will meet: Membership Growth & Education, and Community Services.

Presentations:

The total dollars raised for the Salvation Army by ringing bells and from member donations was \$13,065 (plus \$59.29 from today’s fines and Happy Dollars). The top three ringing locations were Kroger’s on Plymouth Rd (\$924), Busch’s on Main St (\$910), and Macy’s North Door (\$774).

Awards:

The 2012 Bell Ringer of the Year was **Betty Jean Harper**, for recruiting three bell ringers and four dogs.

Social Activities:

Knight’s Steakhouse will host a fundraiser for Mott Children’s Hospital activities from 4-7 pm on Sunday, January 13; \$25 per person. **Jim Carey** has details.

The 98th birthday celebration of Kiwanis will be held on 26 January at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit (3071 West Grand Blvd); \$48/person (includes valet parking). **President Mark** has details.

Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Fines:

At the suggestion of **Dale Leslie**, all lawyers had to pay; in retaliation, **Dale Leslie** was fined; finally, as a result of **President Mark's** temporary loss of hearing, all members were fined.

Happy Dollars:

Sherry Springer, happy to offer two tickets to the UM hockey game with Bowling Green on 8 January at 7 pm; **John Dahl**, to pay off his bet with Bob Carr on the Wisconsin-Stanford football game; **Max Ziegler**, for **Jim Carey's** efforts organizing the Holiday Gift Party at the Mott Children's Hospital; **Ron Williams**, for all things OSU, especially its band (see it on website go.osu.edu/viral-tbdbital), and for another big check from eBay sales; **Phil Chen** for a story that Guy Crawford told him about his father; **Betty Jean Harper**, for (a) friends and dogs who helped with bell ringing, (b) **Dick Benedek**, who sprung for a complimentary breakfast as part of her orientation, and (c) **Ron Williams**, for sharing the burden of upholding everything OSU; **Jane Talcott**, for being invited by the Saline Kiwanis Club to speak about the Washtenaw Camp Placement Association; **Jim Carey**, for the volunteers who helped staff the Holiday Gift Party at the Mott Children's Hospital; **Joe Medrano**, for the UM band's originating the OSC script formation; **Bob Johnson**, for seeing his grandkids during the Holidays, and for Green Bay's football victory in the first round of the playoffs; **Kathy Griswold**, for Stanford's victory over Wisconsin; **Bob Carr**, to claim that Stanford has the most famous band in America; and **Don Faber**, for being invited to present today's program.



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Hospitality Information.....

Letitia Byrd is continuing her rehabilitation at Glacier Hills

Stuff you should know.....

Betty Jean Harper was inducted and given her regular-member badge.



There is now a calendar for club committees to reserve meeting times in Ned's Place. **Kathy Griswold** has details.

Several club members made donations to the Eliminate Project at the end of the calendar year—\$2,300 beyond the \$5,000 matching gift. So far in fiscal year 2012-13, members have committed about \$11,400 toward our annual goal of \$25,000.

The club received two thank-you notes: (1) from our caterers, for the membership's annual gratuity, and (2) from Mary Ann Crawford, for the club's support following **Merle's** death.

We need 10 club members to help staff the Dock and the Furniture Department during sales. Sign up with **Jim Wolfington**.

Fines Collected: \$ 25.29 (to go to the Salvation Army)

Happy \$ Collected: \$ 34.00 (to go to the Salvation Army)

Attendance today: 92 members

Last Week Sale Revenue:

KAC \$7201 Warehouse \$1328

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Forerunner of the Thrift Sale....the vision continues.

The Heart & Soul of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor is the Thrift Sale.....each and every member should contribute to the tremendous effort it takes to raise significant funds that we return to the most needy of our community.

The opportunities are available to accommodate your skills, your schedule, your interests. To the Ann Arbor Kiwanis members who have found a suitable job within the Sale, you can help by recruiting family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to volunteer during the week.

To our newer members, if you have not been recruited yet, don't wait to be asked to participate. There is a task or department that needs your attention.

Our most pressing needs include:

Non-member **Volunteers for Monday and Thursday** sorting and pricing

Members and volunteers to **work at the Sale on Saturdays**

We need **Dock workers** to accept donated goods

Mario can assist you in finding a **Department** that needs additional help

Committees need members to fill regular schedules

Members with **connections to some of the major retailers** in the area can assist with solicitation of surplus inventory for donation to the Sale.

We currently need an **"Assistant Treasurer"** dedicated to the accounting of Sale Revenues and deposits to the Bank.

We need some younger and stronger volunteers to assist in Furniture and at the Warehouse.

Let President Mark know if you can commit to any of these needs.....we are making great progress, and the community needs far exceed our funding ability. Every extra bit will help.

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Sale + Warehouse
6	7 Meeting	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 Sale
13	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 Sale + Warehouse
20	21 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 Sale
27	28 Meeting	29	30	31		



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February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sale + Warehouse
3	4 Meeting	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9 Sale
10	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 Sale + Warehouse
17	18 Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 Sale
24	25 Meeting	26	27	28		



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WANTED.....

Dedicated Kiwanian to fill the Assistant Treasurer position in the Club. This is a paid position and is primarily responsible for the cash accounting of the Thrift Sale.

Estimated time commitment is 15 hours per month with assistance of 1-2 volunteer helpers as needed.

President Mark would like to fill the position no later than January 20, 2013. Contact Mark to express interest in this position.

Our Sponsored Programs.....Service to Youth



WISD Aktion Club



We need to start one of these!!
Who has a Middle School child
or grandchild?



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Pioneer High School



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