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Today's Program.....



Dale Leslie introduced Kyle Melinn, a reporter for MIRS (Michigan Information and Research Service), who covers news from the Capitol in Lansing. Kyle also writes a political column and appears on Public Television covering news from the Capitol. Kyle brought with him copies of the MIRS 2012 Election Guide with bios of candidates throughout the state running for every state office.

The focus of Kyle's remarks was the six ballot proposals; his purpose was to describe their origins, what they entail, and what a "yes" or "no" vote would mean.

Proposal #1 is the only ballot proposal that is not a proposed amendment to our State Constitution. This proposal is a referendum which, if passed, would uphold the "amped up" Emergency Manager Law. This law allows the Emergency Manager to act in place of local government officials, including modification or termination of contracts. Unions see it as a threat to collective bargaining. Republicans generally see it as an important step to control costs to local governments. If repealed by "No" votes, the Law would revert to the previous form with more limited powers for an Emergency Manager and puts local elected officials back in place.

Proposal #2 is a proposed constitutional amendment to protect collective bargaining. It would grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions. Those who support this amendment want the guarantee of collective bargaining and the protection it provides for workers. Those who oppose Proposal #2 are concerned that it will repeal existing laws that already cover hiring, firing of public employees such as police, fire fighters, and teachers; and that it would limit the state government's ability to regulate state workers. Proposal #3 would amend the State Constitution to establish a standard for renewable energy: it would require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of electricity from renewable sources (wind, solar, etc) by 2025. Current standards are 10% by 2015. The argument focuses on cost, with DTE/Consumers claiming it will cost families thousands of dollars over time. The "green advocates" claim that the cost will be 50 cents per consumer per month. (Continued, page 4).....

Next Weeks Program.....

Jerry Brown will moderate four presentations of past members into the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Hall of Honor: **Ray Cross, Willard Frey, Charles North, and Forney**

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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer:	Bert Lamkin
Officer of the Day:	Sally Lamkin
Dockers:	Bill Lynn and hopefully Circle K
Warehouse:	No information
Volunteer Pick-Ups:	No information
Sorters:	Kurt Schmerberg
Hardware:	Jerry Brown, Andrea Kotch-Duda, Dave Hughes
Furniture:	Mel Williams, Jim Bloomquest, Bob Bardon, Jr. Jim Kane
Shoes & Outdoor:	Gordon Beeman and Al Gallup
Men’s Clothing:	John Bassett and Bob Johnson
Electronics:	Bill Robb & Associates
Lamps:	Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz and Friends
Antiques:	No information
Beds and Toys:	Lee Bachman, Ty Knoy, Dave Bell, Ken Shaw
Office and Medical:	Jim Mattson and Team
Invocation:	Bryce Babcock
Greeters:	Kathy Barden, Jim Blomquist, Dale Leslie, Bill Lynn
Hospitality:	Kathy Stroud
Cashier:	Martha Petroski
Vouchers:	Rose Marie Barhydt, Bob Johnson, Julie Machak, Molly Kelly

Guests at our Club.....

Bill Lynn introduced our guests: **Joe Medrano**, who actually is officially a member now! Deb Jones, guest of **Kathy Barden**; **Karl Fink**, former member, and **Jim Fink**, guest of Cliff Sheldon; Dick Pitcher and Bob Hoepner, members of Kiwanis Western; Alex Novo, Christina Pu, and Jonathan Pevarnek, members of Circle K. We are glad you were here....come back soon!

Announcements.....

It is again time for **“Warm the Children”** and the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has always supported this program to the highest degree. Once again, **Doug Ziesemer** will coordinate the program and will be announcing details and asking for volunteers. Contact him now if you like, at 996-4957 or dfziesemer@aol.com

Dave Drake announced the October Super Interclub will be hosted by Western Kiwanis on Tuesday October 23 at noon at the Quarter Bistro. We expect about seven members of AAKC to attend. More are welcome. The speaker will be Bob Spaly, a local realtor and graduate of Pioneer High School, with an inspiring story of learning to walk again.

Michael Page of Ann Arbor has applied for membership. Michael is a realtor and works for Prudential Snyder. He is sponsored by Harry Cross and co-sponsored by Ron Williams. This is the second printing of Michael Page’s application for membership.

Spaghetti Family Dinner, Friday, November 9, 5-7:30 pm at the KAC. Hosted by AAKC and U-M Circle K in support of the Eliminate Project. \$10 adult - \$7 student

Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Fines: **Ron Williams** reminded us that when President Mark rings the bell, side conversations should stop and attention given to whomever is at the podium. To help us remember this important point of good etiquette, we all paid. **Dale** proposed a fine on **Jim Kane** for oversleeping and forgetting to get on the mic at the Sale last Saturday. Dale, who stopped in at the Sale, was happy to fill in for Jim.

Happy Dollars:

Jim Kane was happy for **Dale** announcing in his place, for the Tigers and the Lions, and for seeing "The Fantasticks" in Dexter. **Sally Lamkin** appreciated **Jean Robinson's** willingness to stay and help a voucher client who arrived late, and was touched by that client giving a \$2 gift to Kiwanis. **Fred Sanchez** had a story about a dog and an MSU fan....you'll have to ask him... I don't repeat such tasteless jokes....MSU fans thought it was hilarious. **Dave Drake** had a great week in Oregon last week, especially enjoyed Crater Lake; also happy that his kids came home to celebrate his 80th birthday. **Joe Medrano** was pleased to attend several special Kiwanis events. **Betty Jean Harper** was happy for her trip to New Zealand, unhappy for an extra long flight that created back pain issues, was very happy to learn that the cortisone shots she received for that pain were not contaminated, and, as always, happy for her Buckeyes. **Garry Evans** brought greetings from the St Ignace Kiwanis Club and is happy to be following the pictures taken by "Curiosity" as it roams around Mars. **Garry Donner** reported that his son-in-law said Valverde had applied for a job at his KFC. **Dale Leslie** thought we might have "The Fink" of World Wrestling Fame with us today and that his first name is Karl. **Jim Carey** was also happy to have a clean bill of health related to cortisone shots, and thanked those who helped with the recent trip to Mott to provide a family dinner: **Queayna Battle, Gretchen Preston, Chris Winkler, Dot McNabb Catell, and John McKeown.** **Bill Hallock** appreciated the help from Circle K at the Sale Saturday, especially Jonathan, who did a great job. **Bill** also told the story of the old tin that was donated to Kiwanis. **Al Angerer** noticed the name Eggleton on the tin, which had a number of small family treasures inside. They traced the tin back to Phyllis Eggleton, who was twelve years old when her father Frank placed the tin in the cornerstone of the new porch on their house on Granger Ave 76 years ago. It turns out **Bill** knows Phyllis; he took the tin to her, and enjoyed her surprise and the stories represented by the family mementos. You never know what is going to turn up at Kiwanis!

Hospitality Information.....

Kathy Stroud reported that our volunteer Tony Jarvis fell; she is living with her son. **Don Kenney** will be at Heartland Center for two more weeks. Hoover Rupert, past Kiwanian and past minister of First Methodist Church Ann Arbor, died October 4. Clar Dukes remembers Hoover writing the Kiwanis Newsletter and referring to himself as "The Shepherd".

Stuff you should know.....

Sale Revenue: \$6135

Vouchers: 7 families served with \$810 in merchandise

Fines: \$23

Happy Dollars: \$24

Attendance: 91



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Position Available.....

Facilities Manager

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor intends to fill the position of Facilities Manager (recently vacated by Carl Dailey). This part-time position is salaried, and will report directly to the Building and Equipment Committee of the Club. Basic duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

Oversees maintenance and repair of all KCAA buildings: including preventive and regular maintenance of the elevator, the heating, plumbing, lighting, electrical and fire protection systems, as well as maintenance of the roof, stairways, doors, windows, walls, the building exterior, including the sidewalks and driveways.

Ensures that the Kiwanis Activity Center is ready and set up for regularly scheduled events, purchases appropriate supplies, and works with the Catering staff as needed. Consults with the Sale Manager to coordinate staff labor as needed, and maintains security information and access to buildings.

To be considered for this position, contact Sheridan Springer at: 734-475-8794 or by email at, Sheridan.springer@springeragency.com

If necessary this position will be posted outside of our members and volunteers on November 1.

Program (con't from page 1)

Proposal #4 would amend the State Constitution to establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care workers. Kyle explained the back-story of this proposal, which centers around the argument of whether in-home care workers are government employees because they are paid with Medicaid funds. Those who support this proposal say the creation of a registry of workers who have had background checks, the training of in-home workers, and the right of workers to collective bargaining would increase the quality of in-home care. Those not in favor say it would force in-home workers to join a union and that it would recognize them as government employees.

Proposal #5 would amend the State Constitution, requiring a 2/3 majority of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order to impose new or increased taxes. The current law requires a simple majority to impose new or increased taxes.

Kyle says that this amendment would make it almost impossible to raise taxes. He said that an outside interest group funded by "Americans for Prosperity" in alliance with Ambassador Bridge owner "Matty" Maroun, is behind this proposed amendment, and the one following.

Proposal #6 would amend the State Constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels. If approved, it would require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election before state funds could be spent on construction of any international bridge or tunnel. "Matty" Maroun funded the campaign to get this proposal on the ballot because he opposes a second bridge to Canada. Kyle said that four governors have tried to get a second span with a freeway-to-freeway connection; the auto industry says it is needed; and those who commute or try to cross the bridge during peak traffic times would agree. Those who disagree with the proposed amendment say Michigan and Canada already have an agreement in place that will not use Michigan tax dollars for construction of a new bridge. Canada has rejected "Matty" Maroun's plan for a new bridge because it will require demolition of neighborhoods. Those who favor this proposal support the idea that any future bridge or tunnel would have to be approved by the voters.

Editor's note: I hope I got most of it right. I will accept and print corrections next week. Also, I have seen a voter alert that says Absentee Ballots must be received by the clerk by Saturday November 2. Make sure your ballot is submitted in time if you are voting absentee.



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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Meeting	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6 Sale plus Warehouse
7	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Sale
14	15 Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 Sale plus Warehouse
21	22 Meeting 11:00 SMOC	23	24	25	26	27 Sale
28	29 Meeting	30	31			

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