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Today's Program...

Lynne Lande Kicked off our program as co-chair of the Membership Growth and Education Committee! The goal of the committee is to find way to grow the club through finding new members. So far this (administrative) year, they have seen some success. They are always looking for new strategies to help draw in prospective members. The best way, overall is through the referral of friends and colleagues.

Lynne acknowledged the team approach of the committee and thanked co-chair **John Bassett** for his help and talent for keeping things on track!

The presentation was handed off to **Gordon Beeman** who provided an update on the membership survey which took place earlier this year. He expressed his appreciation for the clubs active participation: There were 110 responders! At the December 3rd, board meeting, the results were reviewed. Two items stood out which the board felt needed immediate attention, they were:

- 1). Meals: An ad-hoc committee was formed to explore meal options.
- 2). Attendance tracking: For meeting makeups, committee meetings & assignments and participation in the sale and other community activities, shall morph to a program of self-reporting by mid-year. Lunch meeting attendance tracking will remain in place. 85% of the membership indicated this as their preference.

At our regular lunch meeting on February 17th 2014, the Survey will be the presentation. Mickel Hyman (the UofM graduate student who has helped with development of the survey) will assist in the presenting the material. Should you have questions prior to February 17th, please contact **Gordon**.

The meeting closed with **Julanne Williams** and **Cindy Barton-Spencer** (two or our most recent members!) leading the club in a game of Buzz Word (a game developed by **Garry Donner's** game company!). It was great fun and revealed the competitive nature of our members and the lead shifted between the Red and Green Teams!

Thanks to the Membership Growth and Education Committee for team effort in putting together a great program and a wonderful send off to 2013!

Next Week's Program...

There will be no lunch meeting on the 30th of December. January 6th: Susan Beckett, Publisher of Ground Cover January 13th: Paul Schwimmer, "Finding the Fallen"



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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

The sale will be closed December 28th.

Guests at our Club...

Jim Couch introduced our guests:

Noleye Fatou. Diouf. Guest of Cathy Stroud

Fred Miller. Guest of Larry Hill and prospective member

Fred Sanchez introduced his son Federico (Rico), grandson Federico Nishimoto Sanchez and daughter-in-law Christine Nishimoto Sanchez. We were honored to have three generations of Federico's in attendance!

Announcements...

President **John Dahl**, per the board's approval, presented holiday gift cards of \$100 to each of our employees as tokens of our appreciation of their hard work this past year: Al Bourk, Chris Corr, Mario Gasbarro, Ralph Kennedy, Jay Larsen, Fred Sanchez and Susan Soth.

Martha Petroski: Announced she as secured 30 tickets to the Purple Rose Theater for Friday February 7th 2014 at \$20 each. She will be available to collect funds on the 20th of January and reminded; all payments must be complete by the end of the month of January.

Garry Evans reported on the success of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing initiative which took place last Saturday:

He witnessed a lot of love in the community, much of it "wet"! The rain was a factor, but most bell ringers were sheltered from the rain. \$5,020 was collected from the kettles, plus the collection from the club at the meeting (an update will be provided at our first meeting in January).

Garry provided "rewards" for the top three sites: #1. Busch's @\$620, #2. Kroger on S. Industrial @\$531 #3. Sears @\$478.

Garry expressed a special thanks **to Burt and Sally Lamkin** for their service in running the refreshments of coffee, hot chocolate and donuts to all the bell ringing sites. They weren't sheltered from the rain!

A Letter of Interest has been submitted on the Sheridan Book Building, outlining the basis of which we may enter into a sales agreement. The board will be meeting January 7th at 6:30 and discussion of this item in on the agenda. Members are welcome to attend.

Meetings: The Sales Management Oversight Committee will meet on January 13th at 10:45 in Ned's place.

January 7th 6:30 Board of Directors meeting in Ned's Place.

Fines and Happy Dollars...

Fines:

Dale Leslie: For the **Lamkin's** service on refreshments during last Saturday's Salvation Army Bell Ringing and all attorneys for any short changing anyone received. Passed. **Don McKewen:** Fine everyone else! Passed.

Happy Dollars:

Sally Lamkin: \$2. For witnessing Dick Smit's caring response to a an unhappy patron and for the hard work Garry Evan's put in on the Salvation Army Bell Ringing initiative. Bob Carr: For his best moment during the Bell Ringing was witnessing Garry Evan's walking normally. Dale Leslie: Reflecting on difference a year has made in his family celebration of the holidays; last year his son was at anchor in Dubai during the holidays. Garry Donner: \$2. For Garry Evan's going "above and beyond" in heading up the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and for being mistaken for Bill Gates-twice! John Dahl: For his son's 34 birthday and for a happy celebration and holiday. Clar Dukes: \$2, for Dan Dever stepping up to ease his schedule conflict of Officer of the Day and Bell Ringing. Dan worked the balance of Clar's OD shift, so he could do Bell Ringin. Andrea Kotch-Duda: For her experience Bell Ringing on Saturday with her 18 year old son & his friends and for the happenstance of their shift followed the family of our lost member Tom Lovell. Don Kossik: For Bell Ringing with Bill Tasch and his two grandchildren. Rico Sanchez: For the safe birth of his son, his beautiful wife and safe travels here, from New York. Fred Sanchez: Thrilled to have his son and family with him for the holidays. Al Gallup: \$20 for 20 year of marriage to Karen as of winter solstice (Karen said if they ever married "it would be a cold dark day"!).



Peter Schork updated us on R.J. Taylor. He is in Glacier Hills rehab and is expected to be there a couple weeks. His direct line there is 734-213-9156.

We were sorry to hear of the loss of **Ken Hillenburg's** brother Tim, to a heart attack last week.

Stuff You Should Know...

<u>Miscellaneous</u>: Jim Wolfington requested any updates or corrections to 2014 Sale Assignments (at KAC & Warehouse), Officer of the Day and Announcer schedules.

Attendance Today: 63

Last Week's Sale Revenue Jim Wolfington provided updates:

KAC: \$6,795 Warehouse: \$1,325

Total Thrift Sale proceeds: \$9,000

Ebay: \$759 Police Lost & Found: \$124

Vouchers: \$2,066.75, serving 16 families



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December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Meeting Westside Methodist	3	4	5	6 Chrrist- mas Sale	7 Sale + Warehouse
8	9 Meeting Westside Methodist	10	11	12	13 Christ- mas Social	14 Sale + Warehouse
15	16 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 Sale + Warehouse
22	23 Meeting	24	25 Christ- mas Day	26	27	28 CLOSED
29	30 NO Meeting	31				

January 2014

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



Planning Calendar

March Spring Divisional

May
Club Annual Meeting
Elections
Attendance Awards

June/July
International Convention
Club Family Picnic

August
District Convention

September
Installation of Officers
& Directors
Legion of Honor
Awards

<u>December</u> Christmas Sale Salvation Army Bell Ringing Club Christmas Party



Other News...

WANTED:

Volunteers for "Kids Against Hunger" food packaging sponsored by our Club.

Saturday, February 15.....Westminster Presbyterian Church, Scio Church Rd.

Contact Al Dailey for information. Our goal is 30,000 meals and we need your help to accomplish that.

Our Sponsored Programs... Service to Youth:







We need to start one of these for middle schoolers!

WISD Aktion Club



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Make a contribution today. <u>Contact Past President Ron Gardner</u> for information on how to help out.

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Building Phone: 734-665-2211 Thrift Sale Voice: 734-665-0450

"Ann Arbor Kiwanis Thrift Sale" is on the Web at: www.kiwanissale.com and



Other Links:

- Michigan District Kiwanis
- Kiwanis International
- II of M Circle K

Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM Union or League (Check Calendar on Website)

- Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti
 - Meets Noon Wednesdays at EMU Student Center
- Ann Arbor Western
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