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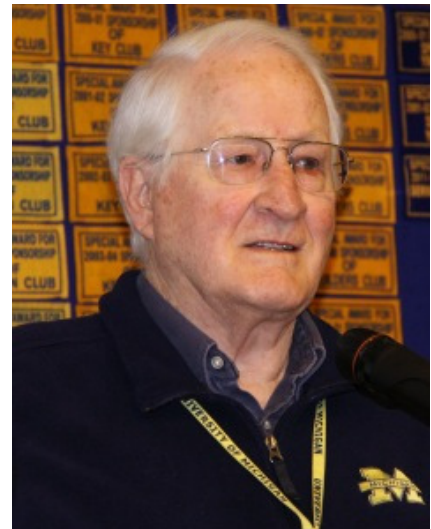
## Kiwaniis Club of Ann Arbor

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### Today's Program...

**George Gilligan** introduced our own **Dave Drake** who is in his fiftieth year as a statistician at UM home football games. Dave grew up in Ann Arbor till his family moved to Battle Creek when he was in high school. Dave happily returned to Ann Arbor as a walk-on on the football team for a couple of years before joining the Navy in 1962. After completing his degree at UM Dave sold pharmaceuticals and then insurance in St. Clair Shores where he also served on the city council. Dave and Marilyn are now happily ensconced on the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway at Stonebridge. An avid golfer, Dave has had two holes-in-one. Dave's dad and older brother both worked as statisticians before Dave. In fact Dave spent many happy childhood Saturdays hanging out at the stadium while his dad worked on the stats crew. For most of his 50 years Dave has recorded rushing yardage. Speaking of stats, Dave has been on the job for all but 4 home games since the 1964 Purdue game. In 1964, Bump Elliott was coach, Harlan Hatcher was President, gas was 30 cents a gallon, and the Dow-Jones was 829. Dave proudly reports that Michigan has won 80% of the games he has worked. He has out-lasting such greats as Bump Elliott, Bo Schembechler, Lloyd Carr, and Rich Rod. He's thinking that this may be his last year in the box. Fifty years is a long time and younger computer geeks are doing most of the work now. If he does decide to retire, the press box will be in good hands. Two of Dave's sons work there now, carrying on the Drake family tradition.



### Next Week's Program...

George Hubbard, Professional Santa: "Santa's Secrets" (No kids allowed!)

### Guests at our Club...

**Don Kossick** introduced Chiara and Zach (sans ponytail) from Circle K; Mary Evans, guest of **Garry Evans**; Fred Miller, prospective member and guest of **Larry Hill**; Marilyn, Bill, and Dee Drake, guests of speaker/member **Dave Drake**; and Darlene Howard, guest of **Garry Evans**.

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year.



### *The Kiwanis Thrift Sale*

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### ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer	Dale Leslie
Officer of Day	Mark Wishka
Dockers	We need dockers! Please show up and lend a hand.
Warehouse	Bob Gray, Martha Petroski, Larry French, Don Clewell, Nick Dever
Sorter	Kurt Schmerberg
Hardware	Burt Lamkin, Dan Burroughs, John Sampsele
Furniture	Mel Williams, Cliff Sheldon, Jim Kane, Jerry McMahon
Shoes & Sports	Gordon Beeman, Amy Rolfes
Men's Clothing	Don McEwen, John Bassett
Electronics	Bill Robb and gang
Lamps	Dennis Powers, Dick Smit
Antiques	Betsy Ford, Alexis Ford
Beds & Toys	Lee Bachman, Steve Hiller
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and gang
Vouchers	Jean Robinson, Claire Dahl, Joan Masters, RJ Taylor, Howard Ando, Gretchen Preston, Bob Johnson, Dave Hughes
Invocation	Doug Zieseemer
Greeters	Bryce Babcock, Don Kossick, Joan Masters, Amy Rolfes
Hospitality	Dale Leslie
Cashier	Martha Petroski

### **Announcements...**

Please stay after the meeting next week to help "break down" the meeting room for the **Christmas Sale**.

**Prospective Members:** Theron (Ted) Michael Brokaw of Ann Arbor, Manager, Financial Reporting, Comerica Bank, sponsored by **Dave Hughes**, co-sponsored by **John Dahl**;  
**Deborah (Deb) Jones** of Ann Arbor, Vice-President, Trust & Investment Management, Bank of Ann Arbor, sponsored by **Ron Gardner**, co-sponsored by **Tom Dew**; and **Frederick (Fred) Miller**, President of Fred Miller Assoc, LLC, a manufacturer's rep company, sponsored by **Larry Hill**, co-sponsored by **Mike Dabbs**.

**The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor** is a member of the AA/Ypsi Chamber of Commerce. Our members can attend chamber events at member cost including the Chamber's annual **Year Ender** on Thurs. Dec. 5 from 4:30 to 8 at the Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor.

**Thanksgiving at Mott Hospital:** Let Jim Carey know if you are able to help serve Thanksgiving dinner at Mott Hospital.

**Off-site meetings:** Club meetings on Mon. Dec. 2 and Mon. Dec 9 will be at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St in Ann Arbor.

**Holiday Sale:** Fri. Dec. 6 and Sat. Dec. 7, from 9 am to noon each day.

**Club Holiday Party:** Fri. Dec. 13 from 5 to 7 pm at the KAC.

**No Meeting:** Mon. Dec. 30

**No Sale:** Sat. Nov. 30 but the **dock will be open** for drop-offs

### Announcements Con't.....

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** **Garry Evans** introduced Darlene Howard, Chief of Volunteers for the Salvation Army who thanked us for all we have done in the past and for our up-coming Bell Ringing day on Sat. Dec. 21. Remember, do it for yourself, for Kiwanis, and for the kids the Salvation Army serves. **Garry Donner** auctioned more of his company's games. Winning bids From **Garry Evans, Cyndi Barton-Spencer, Jim Wheaton, and Claire Dahl** netted \$95 for the Salvation Army.

**Next Week's Menu:** Spaghetti and meatballs, vegetable, salad, garlic toast, and dessert.

### Upcoming Speakers

Nov. 25 – "Santa's Secrets" by George Hubbard, Professional Santa  
Dec. 2 – "Just Exactly What is Circle K" by the Officers of Circle K  
Dec. 9 – Concert pianist Waleed Howrani  
Dec.16 – "Planned Giving to Kiwanis" by Tom Dew, Jim Meretta, Cliff Sheldon, and Larry French

### Fines and Happy Dollars...

**Fines:** Everyone who did not lose power or have a hair cut within the past week and, then, of course, everyone else.

**Happy Dollars:** Deferred till next week

### Hospitality Information...

**Dale Leslie** reported that **John Goff's** daughter is home after a brief hospital stay, **Bob Snider's** daughter-in-law is recovering from a rare infection, and our second most senior member **George Wild** (joined in 1956) and his wife are doing well.

### Stuff You Should Know...

Fines Collected: \$30.25

**Attendance Today:** 80 members and 8 guests

### Last Week's Sale Revenue

**KAC:** \$7066 Canadian  
**Warehouse:** \$2570 Canadian  
**Total:** \$9,265 U.S.  
**Vouchers:** \$1,460 U.S. for 11 families

**Kiwanis Morning Edition Fundraiser:** The Morning Edition Club invites our members to participate in its Scrip Program. The program allows you to purchase gift cards for nearly every store, restaurant and theater. You get the full value gift card and Morning Edition gets a percentage of the selling price to help funds its service projects. A win-win for everyone. Contact Cindy Morgan at 734-355-5025 or at [cindymorgan01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindymorgan01@sbcglobal.net)

**Sales Help Needed:** Contributions of time from each and every able member are vital to the success of our Thrift Sale. If you are physically capable of helping out, please do. If you have free time on a day that you are not scheduled to work, please come to the KAC and offer your services. On Mon or Thurs, ask Glenda Maten or Al Bourk where you can help. On Sat, ask the Officer of the Day. He or she will place you where help is needed.



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The Warehouse Sale  
is now open 10am-  
1pm every Saturday!

**Long Range Planning: Shall we be pro-active or re-active?** Past President Mark Wishka, Dan Dever, and President John brought the membership up-to-date about the efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee to identify suitable and affordable future warehouse and possible meeting and sale space. At this time the KAC and our current warehouse, while not ideal, meet most of our needs. We know, however, that the current warehouse property will be sold, probably in the not too distant future, and that we may soon encounter problems with parking and merchandise drop-off and loading at the KAC. The Committee has identified a property on Staebler Rd between Zeeb and Baker in Scio Twp that may meet our long-term needs. The Board has authorized the Committee to engage in discussions with the owner and to conduct due diligence as the Committee deems appropriate to help determine the feasibility of purchasing the property. The building on the site contains 123,000 sq ft, which is far more than the 40,000 sq ft of warehouse space that we need. The excess space could be leased to cover our costs of ownership, including insurance, maintenance, and a property manager. The site also has a parcel of land with frontage on Jackson Rd as well as more parking than we need so there is the potential to sell or lease either or both. Dan explained that if we rent to charitable or not-for-profit organizations, we do not have to pay real estate taxes. He asks that you contact him if you know of any potential tenants, non-profit or otherwise. The Committee will continue to explore the Staebler Rd. option and will report its findings to the Board and membership. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Dan, Mark or President John.

And speaking of long-range planning, there will be a **Kids Against Hunger** food-packaging day on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Details to follow.

**Origins of the Thrift Sale:** *"The Frank Davidson Venison Dinners"* by the late F. Roy Holmes (via Dale Leslie's Archives) Kiwanian Frank Davidson, a hunter of no mean ability, succeeded in bagging one of the largest bucks of his hunting experience in the season of 1924...Frank is also an excellent cook, especially of wild game, and the thought occurred to him to give venison to some of his Kiwanis friends. After a little thought he sent out invitations to all the old officers, those recently elected, the Board of Directors, and the chairmen of the standing committees...and a few others. The dinner was complimentary and held at Frank's Whitmore Lake cottage. Thirty-five attended. Frank...did the cooking and preparing. It was a banquet royal and the variety, abundance and tastiness of foods served is still remembered by all those who can say, "I was there." After the dinner was served and the tables cleared, the crowd gathered around a roaring stove fire and swapped yarns for a time, and then turned to the discussion of Kiwanis problems...It was agreed that this had been one of the most helpful meetings in the history of Ann Arbor Kiwanis. At these (annual) venison dinners, held always in the early part of December... members expressed their opinions openly and freely, on the year that had passed and just as freely, made suggestions for the future...**It was at one of these dinners that Harry Nichols suggested the Rummage Sale as a money-raising project.** It was soon thereafter adopted and time has proven the suggestion to be wise. The venison dinners were discontinued, but the memory of them lasts.



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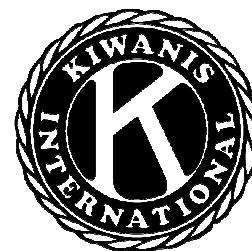


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## November 2013

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



### Planning Calendar

March  
Spring Divisional

May  
Club Annual Meeting  
Elections  
Attendance Awards

June/July  
International Convention  
Club Family Picnic

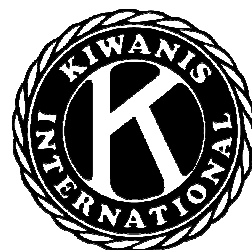
August  
District Convention

September  
Installation of Officers & Directors  
Legion of Honor Awards

December  
Christmas Sale  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Club Christmas Party

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



## Other News...

**Letter of Thanks:** Judy Lynn, wife of recently deceased member **Bill Lynn**, sent a letter to the club in which she thanked us for the flowers we sent in Bill's memory and thanked those members who attended the visitation and funeral. She also wrote, "Kiwanis meant a lot to Bill. As the one who knew him best...I knew immediately when he became active in Kiwanis that he did it because he felt it was doing such a great service for the community. He always thought of other people first and loved helping those in need. Kiwanis was an avenue for him to do that, as well as a welcoming community to become involved in when he retired. I recall that nearly every week...he would tell me he was either doing hardware or dock on Saturday, vouchers on Thursday, Meals on Wheels on other days, or a meeting with...the cub scouts. And all that in addition to his Monday meetings! Along with his church involvement and spending time with his grandchildren and family activities, Kiwanis was a major part of his retired life. Thanks to all of you for providing the support as well as the avenue for giving that meant so much to him."

### **Kiwanians Helping Families in Need in the Philippines: A plea from District Governor Stan Nelson and Executive Director Al Dailey**

If there was ever a time to step up to help the most vulnerable in the world, this is it. Our fellow Kiwanians and their families in the Philippines need our help. The Michigan District is blessed to have several clubs with strong ties to the Philippines who have a long tradition of sharing the benefits of life in the US with those in need "back home". These clubs have been providing direct financial and medical help for years. The District has been in contact with those club leaders and has identified a direct and effective way to provide help. Please consider a tax-deductible financial contribution to:

FILAMCCO Foundation  
17356 Northland Park Ct.  
Southfield, MI 48075

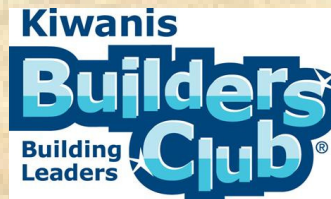
Mark your check: From KCCD, Typhoon

As progress is made, we will be seeking material donations in addition to cash. Efforts to collect clothing, housewares, and other items will be required once there is a plan for transportation and delivery. This information will be sent as specific needs develop. Thank you.

## Our Sponsored Programs... Service to Youth:



Angell Elementary



We need to start one of these  
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WISD Aktion Club



Huron High School  
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Web at:**

[www.kiwanissale.com](http://www.kiwanissale.com)  
and



**Other Links:**

- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [U of M Circle K](#)  
Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM  
Union or League (Check Cal-  
endar on Website)
- [Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti](#)  
Meets Noon Wednesdays at  
EMU Student Center
- Ann Arbor Western  
Meets Noon Tuesdays at  
Quarter Bistro
- Kiwanis of Ann Arbor -  
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