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OF ANN ARBOR**

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# Kiwanis of Ann Arbor

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## **Today's Program.....**

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**President Mark Wishka** presented the annual "State of the Club Address". Our Club consists of two separate and distinct branches, "The Club" and "The Foundation". Each has a different and supporting mission. The Club may be viewed as the Monday lunch meetings where we gather for fellowship, presentations, and catch up on news of the members, club activities, and the community. The Foundation is our major fund raising arm, primarily through our weekly Thrift Sale. Currently there are 170 members in our Club. The next largest club in Division 10 has 36 members. We have 32 standing committees as well as several ad hoc committees. Between the Club and the Foundation, we have an annual budget of about \$500,000, much of which is given back to the community each year. We operate the weekly Thrift Sale at one location and with the growth of the Warehouse, soon to be two locations. There are 110 volunteers and a large number of members who are the backbone of the Thrift Sales. This year we hired the first Thrift Sale manager. This organization continues to seek to understand what works well, what needs to be improved, while reflecting upon our "institutional" knowledge so we understand why decisions were made in the past, based on a shared vision to move this Club forward. Our Club also sponsors fund raising such as the golf outings, dinners, raffles, social events, volunteers with Meals on Wheels and K-family leadership programs to name a few. Most importantly, we are responsible for the thoughtful annual distribution of funds across our community to support children, youth, and families. This Club demonstrates a culture of commitment. Many members regularly and willingly volunteer. They are also prompt. Meetings and events start and end on time. This draws new members and volunteers who have similar standards.



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## **Next Weeks Program.....**

April 29<sup>th</sup> – **Kathy Griswold** presenting John Seto, the Ann Arbor Chief of Police



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:**

<b>Announcer  </b>	<b>Sally Lamkin</b>
<b>Officer of Day  </b>	<b>Sally Lamkin</b>
<b>Dockers  </b>	<b>Joan Masters</b>
<b>Warehouse  </b>	(Warehouse Sale May 4 <sup>th</sup> with New Hours 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.)
<b>Sorters  </b>	<b>Alan Burg and Ken Hillenburg</b>
<b>Hardware  </b>	<b>John Dahl, Dan Dever and Andrea Kotch-Duda</b>
<b>Furniture  </b>	<b>Mel Williams, Cliff Sheldon, Brice Babcock and Nick Dever</b>
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports  </b>	<b>Don Kossick and Amy Conlin Rolfes</b>
<b>Men's Clothing  </b>	<b>John Bassett and Jim Couch</b>
<b>Electronics  </b>	<b>Bill Robb and Associates</b>
<b>Lamps  </b>	<b>Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz and Friends</b>
<b>Antiques  </b>	<b>Jane Talcott and Pat Materka</b>
<b>Beds &amp; Toys  </b>	<b>Lee Bachman and Steve Hiller</b>
<b>Office &amp; Medical  </b>	<b>Jim Mattson and Team</b>
<b>Vouchers  </b>	<b>Bob Johnson, Andrea Kotch-Duda, Dave Hughes, and Bill Lynn</b>
<b>Invocation  </b>	<b>Nick Dever</b>
<b>Greeters  </b>	<b>Dick Benedek, Claire Dahl, Garry Donner and Don McEwen</b>
<b>Hospitality  </b>	<b>Max Ziegler</b>
<b>Cashier  </b>	<b>Martha Petroski</b>

## **Guests at our Club.....**

Guests today reported by **Garry Donner** were as follows: Alan Oman, who is new member candidate, Graham Leslie from the US Navy and son of **Dale Leslie**, and from UofM Circle K, Alex Novo, Chris Cannon, and Wisam Berry. We are so glad you were with us today at Kiwanis.

## **Announcements.....**

Today's meeting started with a moment of silence in memory of **Gene Buatti**. **Gene** was a long-term member of this Club. Information about funeral arrangements can be found in the Hospitality section of this newsletter.

**Ron Gardner** presented the slate of candidates nominated for 2013-2014 Officers and for 2013-2015 Directors for its first reading. The annual election of Officers and Directors is scheduled for May 6, 2013. 2013-2014 candidates include for Vice President John Goff and for Treasurer Cliff Sheldon. Board Members for 2013-2015 include Dan Burroughs, Alan Caldwell, Andrea Kotch-Duda, Robert Johnson, and Gretchen Preston. Next week this slate of candidates will be presented for a second reading.

**Bob Gray** informed the Club about the outreach to expand the number of providers of donated items for the Kiwanis Thrift Sales. In January over 200 letters were sent to area retailers, in February over 100 letters to local attorneys and trust officers, In March over 200 letters to realtors. And in April 92 letters to apartment and property managers and 178 emails directed at the UofM housing listing. There was a record of 52 pick-ups by Kiwanis staff during the past 2 weeks. We may need to call upon members to assist with future pick-ups as we expect an increase in calls with the end of the semester and spring-cleaning. Thank you in advance for your help.

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## Fines and Happy Dollars.....

### Fines:

**Don McEwen** proposed a fine for any member who did not attend the recent "girl's" softball game against Iowa or the recent Pancake Breakfast event sponsored by the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club. Passed. **Nick Dever** asked to address Past President, **Lynne Lande** for consideration of a fine to change the earlier fine from the "girl's" softball team to the "women's softball team. Passed

### Happy Dollars:

**Bob Carr** expressed sad feelings due to the result of a house fire next door that will cause his neighbor **Ty Knoy** who is a Kiwanian to not return to A2 but remain permanently to Arizona. **John Sampsel** provided **Ron Williams** with a gift from Florida via **Sandy Williams** (this year gummy alligators). This is a tradition? **Ron** usually reciprocates and from years ago gave **Sandy** a saved Michigan snowball. **Mike Anglin** is happy for his wife who after a year long process has had success with two new knees and a happy dollar for members' continued support of the Meals on Wheels program. **Don Clewell** for the UofM winning two national championships in swimming and gymnastics over the last several weeks. **Fred King** had family members in the Boston Marathon who finished 15 minutes prior to the explosion. All are safe. **Clar Dukes** for getting a Kiwanis car sticker from past Divisional Governor **Joe Medrano** and sharing good memories of Kiwanians who are no longer with us. **John Goff** is very happy for every degree below freezing last Saturday night because his Eagle son and he camped outside with the Club Scouts. **Lynne Lande** is happy that all three sons are OK, one from a recent accident in Florida, one who lives near Watertown MA, and one who is in Harbor Springs. **Dan Burroughs** announced the "Measure 4 Measure Concert" on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Because this Club placed an ad in their program, members of Kiwanis can attend for free. A proposal was made that instead, members donate of the cost of the tickets (\$10/\$15) to The Eliminate Project". Great idea. **Ron Williams** returned to share that his wife and he were honored two weeks ago by Motor Meals / Meals on Wheels for their 35 years of service to that program. **Harry Cross** was happy to announce that this year there will be 12 scholarships based on the challenge grants process and it appears that about 30 scholarships in total will be available this year. As a second item, the Haiti Nursing Foundation on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be holding a fundraiser featuring Dick Gordon of NPR as speaker.



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## Stuff you should know.....

### Meetings:

After next week meeting: Communications Committee

Future: On May 6<sup>th</sup> after the meeting: Past Presidents

**Fines Collected: \$26.00**

**Happy \$ Collected: \$98.00**

**Attendance today: 78**

**KAC Thrift Sale: \$6,442**

**Warehouse Thrift Sale \$1,913**

**Last Week Thrift Sale Total Revenue both locations: \$8,355**

**In addition, Vouchers provided: 9 families served last Thursday for a total of \$1,219.50**

### Miscellaneous:

Next Week's Lunch Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Green Salad, and a Surprise Dessert. It just doesn't get any better!



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

### **Hospitality News:**

**Don Kossick** reported the following. We are saddened by the death of **Gene Buatti**. **Gene** died on Thursday evening. **Gene's** family will receive friends at the Nie Family Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor on Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 5-8 PM. A celebration of **Gene's** life will be held at the funeral home on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 11 AM with an hour of visitation prior. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor or the Arbor Hospice Foundation. Please visit **Gene's** personal webpage at [www.niefuneralhomes.com](http://www.niefuneralhomes.com) to leave a memory. **Tom Lovell** Talked with his wife and he likes getting your cards. He is very exhausted and sleeps quite a bit. His condition is unchanged. **Mike Barrett** is doing well and is continuing physical therapy. He has an appointment with his surgeon on June 5<sup>th</sup> and hopes to return shortly after. **Jim Krick** Talked with his daughter, Kathy. **Jim** is not yet able to walk but is getting physical therapy. He is at Towsley Center in Chelsea and welcomes visitors. **Don Kenney** Received an email from his wife Beth. He really enjoyed Max and Lee's visit and would enjoy visits from others. **Jim Wheaton** and his wife visited **Don** and reported that **Don** is in good spirits. He is at Fairfax Manor Bldg. 3, Room 314 on the corner of Geddes and Prospect in Ypsilanti. Visitors are welcomed. Amber McEwen, wife of **Don** is doing about the same. Marie Glysson, wife of **Gene** is continuing her regiment of chemotherapy. Dick Preis died on April 9th. Dick was a former member and pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Paul Tomshany of Dexter died on April 20th. He was was Past Lt. Governor of Division 10 and also Past Governor of the Michigan District. Please remember that your cards and notes are very important and most welcome by all of these folks.

### **More Announcements.....**

### **Social Activities:**

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor members and guests have a trip planned to see the Tigers vs. the Chicago White Sox on Saturday, August 3, 2013. \$65 per person includes, bus trip, food and pop on the bus, reserved infield upper deck box seats, behind home base. Contact **Fred Sanchez** 734-277-7077 or email at [fsanchez@aol.com](mailto:fsanchez@aol.com). Some tickets are still available.

**Jim Carey** shared that the C. S. Mott Hospital is asking for Club members to assist with the "Spring Toy Store Shopping" event, which is scheduled this week, April 23, 24, and 25. Two work shifts each day 10:00 am to 1:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Members would help young patients and their families travel from their rooms to shop for free at the Toy Store. **Sally Lamkin** shared the Community Action Network's "Spring into Fun" free scavenger hunt and games for families on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Southeast Area Park (Ellsworth and Platt) from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Dave Drake** announced that the recent Super Interclub at Chelsea was well represented by our Club members. Thank You. Also, he will be the program at the next Ann Arbor Western meeting. He will be sharing stories from his 49 going on 50 years in the press box. They welcome you at their meeting.

**Dale Leslie** shared that the Kiwanis Club of Arbor Western will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to benefit High Point School, which is located at 1735 S. Wagner Rd. from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults or \$25 families of five. This event includes a Silent Auction and Talent Show. Call Rick Wresche 734-395-6174 for more information.

Martha **Petroski** has UofM season football tickets available. Contact Martha for details. The Michigan District of Kiwanis Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Eldorado Golf Course, Mason, MI. \$65 per golfer. Registration due May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact **Larry French**.

**Kiwanis Thrift Sales at the Warehouse** new expanded days of operation will include ALL Saturdays and the new time will be 10:00 am to 1:00 pm effective May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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This Club continues to implement changes. The vision that leadership has provided over the decades is amazing. Just look at the changes regarding our Thrift Sale from an annual event, the purchasing, and rehab of this building, morphing the sale from an annual event to several times a year, to weekly and soon weekly at two locations. It should be expected that change would remain a regular occurrence in the coming decades for this Club.

Our strength comes from this Club's committee structure. The committee chairs deserve our recognition and thanks. It is through the people on the committees that many things happen. With the large number of committees, members have many opportunities to be involved. If you want to provide input on the Club's direction, join a committee as a first step. There is also opportunity for involvement as a club officer or board member.

In the near future we need to focus on the Club's fund raising activities. While we do a fantastic job on the Thrift Sale, the Club's recent and appropriate decision to support the Kiwanis International "Eliminate Project" with our Club's goal to raise \$100,000 by 2015 presents us with new challenges. We will need to explore additional and perhaps more conventional fundraising in order to meet this goal. To this end we have launched the Eliminate Task Force and a special event on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Top of the Park. Also an additional ad hoc committee has been formed to work with Kiwanis International with the potential to train members in the "Art" of fundraising. Please seek these folks out to assist in this important work.

The future of any club is though the continued growth of both current members and gaining new members. Outreach to share in the great experience of Kiwanis must be on going and is all of our responsibility. Looking at new ways to be part of Kiwanis such as the development of "Satellite" clubs to provide greater flexibility for involvement yet be aligned with the work of this Club is important.

Looking around this room, there are many here who drive the important work of this Club. I am humbled each week by the efforts of members and volunteers to make the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor an amazing organization. Thank you all.

Hold this Date! Friday, June 21, 2013. **Martha Petroski** announced that plans are underway for Kiwanis Night at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea for the world premiere of "Miles & Ellie". Is it possible to get a second change at your first love? This charming and funny play will make you wonder. Stay tuned for details regarding ticket prices and dinner.

**Another New Batch of Thank You Letters from Kiwanis Grant Recipients:** We received five new letters thanking us for awarding Kiwanis grants. Each letter describes how the grant monies go towards the important work of supporting children, youth, and families of this community. Copies of the letters are located in the mailbox file on the table next to the member's badges. This list is updated when new letters are received. This week's thank you letters include: Kid's Wings of Whitmore Lake (\$2,250), The House By The Side of The Road of Ann Arbor (\$1,000), UofM Museum of Natural History (\$1,000), AmeriCorps VISTA Community Action Network Ann Arbor (\$2,000), and Our House Camp Retreat (\$2,500).



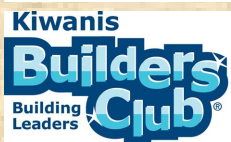
**Chris Winkler** made an early and big Happy Dollar donation to announce that the Dhakal-Winkler family is opening a new restaurant called “Cardamom”. It will provide a full-sensory food experience of modern fusion and traditional dishes from all regions of India. Located in the Courtyard Shops at 1738 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor.



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



WISD Aktion Club



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



Angell Elementary



Huron High School  
Pioneer High School



University of Michigan

# April 2013

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



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# May 2013

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	28	29	30	31	



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