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Today's Program.....



Today's speaker, introduced by **Bob Gray** was Jim Doglas, Costco Marketer and with him was his boss, Katie Paul, Costco Membership/Marketing Manager from here in Ann Arbor. Jim was first introduced to Kiwanis when he arrived at the Kiwanis Thrift Sale Warehouse door some months ago and was wondering just what this Kiwanis Warehouse was all about and asked about how Costco could be part of our efforts. Jim has over 40 years of marketing experience and he a UofM grad and supportive of the basketball team.

Some history about Costco Warehouse. Started in the Seattle area in 1980s. First store opened in 1983. In 1993 it merged with PriceClub and took that name. In 1997 it took on the new name of Costco Wholesale. It is now the 2nd largest retailer in the US

and 7th largest in the world with sales of over \$97B, over 170K employees at over 600 warehouses worldwide of which 450 are here in the US. Costco is based on the public joining though paid memberships. There are now over 70M Costco members worldwide. Costco offers low pricing for high quality goods at a minimal mark up because of these paid memberships. In addition to many home goods, electronics, and groceries, Costco offers autos, travel, optical, jewelry, hearing aid services, gasoline, a food court, online purchasing, and pharmacy services. The pharmacy is available to the public without becoming a Costco member. This is also true to buy Costco beer and wine.

The new store here in Pittsfield Township, Ann Arbor opened in June 2012. It is located just south of the world famous and very popular Kiwanis Thrift Sale Warehouse off of Airport Blvd. Since the opening here in 2012, over 30,000 members have joined this Costco site. This site has over 200 employees. The building is designed to be energy efficient incorporating best practices for lighting, heating, cooling, and refrigeration. This store like other Costco's throughout the world features the famous \$1.50 hot dog and drink combo. Try it – you'll like it. A visit to Costco can be like taking on a treasure hunt because while many items are standard stocked, many new items can be found at each visit.

Costco has a planned community support effort to become and sustain involvement in the communities where it is located. It supports the Children's Miracle Network through Beaumont Hospital, the United Way, provides reading mentors, school's student backpack programs here in Ann Arbor and the Red Cross. An important side note that Jim shared was that he actually met his wife at Costco and she will readily share with folks that she is living proof that you can find just about anything at Costco.

Next Weeks Program.....

April 15th - Charlotte Luttrell, Ms. Molly Foundation



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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 	Burt Lamkin
Dockers 	(We still need volunteers – Help Please)
Warehouse 	The next Warehouse Sale is on April 20th
Sorters 	Kathy Stroud (Also requested help for this day).
Hardware 	Steve Pezda, Bill Lynn and Bill Hallock
Furniture 	Mel Williams, Kathy Barden-Perlberg, Cliff Sheldon, and George
Gillian	
Shoes & Sports 	Peter Schork and Bill Tasch
Men's Clothing 	Bob Johnson and Don McEwen
Electronics 	Bill Robb and Associates
Lamps 	Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz and Friends
Antiques 	Sally Lamkin and Carl Williams
Beds & Toys 	Lee Bachman and Gretchen Preston
Office & Medical 	Jim Mattson and Team
Vouchers 	Bob Johnson, Pat Buhrer, Dave Hughes, Bill Lynn, Molly Kelly and Rose Marie Barhydt.
Invocation 	Martha Petroski
Greeters 	Dick Benedek, Claire Dahl, Garry Donner and Don McEwen
Hospitality 	Max Ziegler
Cashier 	Martha Petroski

Guests at our Club.....

Guests today reported by **Claire Dahl** were as follows: from Costco Wholesale Ann Arbor, Jim Dolgas and Katie Paul, from Avalon Housing, Kim Wilcox, Deb Gordon-Gurfunkel, and Emily Marshall, and from Circle K at UofM, Jonathan Pevarnek, Caroline Soyars, and Alex Novo. Welcome to everyone! So glad you were here with us!

Announcements.....

President Mark provided a summary of the Board agenda of April 2nd. Three actions approved included: 1) UofM Circle K President Christina Pechette requested a small space at the KAC Thrift Sale to sell up to 500 handmade bracelets from a village in Tanzania from where another Circle K member did service work. Circle K would return the proceeds back to this village as their service project. This activity, staffing, and proceeds would be kept separate from the Sale/Foundation. The Board approved this request and a small table and space will be provided at the base of the stairs where seasonal items and rugs are sold. 2) An increase to the Voucher Program of up to an additional \$5,000 not to exceed a total for this year of \$40,000. This program ends in late April. Board approved this request. 3) **Larry French** asked the Board's support for setting this Club's goal for 100% participation by 2015 for "The Eliminate Project". This would mean that all members would make a contribution of any size. More details will be forthcoming in the future. Board approved this request.

President Mark announced additional information about the Haiti Nurse Scholarship. **Harry Cross** and **John Sampselle** invite Club members to support a second student for a four-year scholarship. The annual cost is \$4,000 per year. If a number of members can do this together with funds from the Ray & Eleanor Cross Foundation, the donated amount per person can be more manageable.

Larry French provided information about the upcoming Michigan District of Kiwanis Golf Outing. It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th at the Eldorado Golf Course, Mason, MI. \$65 per golfer. Registration due May 22nd.

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Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Fines:

Tom Dew made a motion in honor of the UofM basketball team, that those who did not attend UofM have the privilege to pay a fine. Amended to include also those who did not attend Pioneer High pay a fine.

Dan Dever motioned that anyone who has not provided a massage (See notes under the Hospitality Section) during the last two weeks pay a fine. Motioned passed.

Happy Dollars:

Jerry Brown is happy to be back with us and to report that his son Randy, who is on dialysis 3 days a week and is improving, but very tired. Thank you to all for your prayers, support cards and letters. **Alan Caldwell** is happy. He just got engaged. Wedding planned for March 2014. His fiancée heads Hospice at Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn. **Kathy Griswold** thanked **Alan Burg**, **John Kidle**, and **Dale Leslie** for their help with communications, facebook, publicity, and marketing standards. **Don Kossick** was glad to announce UofM Circle K new officers. Alex Novo is now the Circle K External Vice President and Jonathon Pevarnek is running for Kiwanis Circle K Sub-Region C International Trustee. Congratulations! **Pat Buhrer** shared that she has a new granddaughter, Anna Sophia. She lives in Switzerland and via Skype **Pat** has been able to see her two times already. **Lynne Lande** wants to know if another member wants to share sponsoring a campership with her. **Dick Benedict** shared news from the Washtenaw Legal News front-page headline with picture, "Attorney Spearheads Drive Against Deadly Disease" featuring our own **Ron Gardner** and "The Eliminate Project". **Dick** also was happy that both UofM and UConn basketball teams are in the finals. **Joe Medrano** is "fortunately fiscally favored for frequent funding of federal finances", i.e., he can pay his income taxes. Alex Novo from Circle K is excited about the new Circle K Board starting April 1st and looking forward to a great year. **Fulton Eaglin** provided a very big surprise and a mix of good and sad news. His wife has accepted a job as Dean at Pomona College in Fairmont, CA and this means that today is his last meeting with this Club because they are moving this Friday. Our very best wishes to you **Fulton** and many thanks for your dedication and work with this Club throughout the years. (For more information about **Fulton**, please see another section of this newsletter. **Dale Leslie** was talking with his son about the very good Michigan football kicker named Ali Hajik Shik (sp?) who **Dale** was very much surprised that his 33-year old son couldn't remember this great player. After further conversation and serious thought and checking the record books, **Dale** realized why, his son was only 7 years old when Ali played at Michigan. **Kathy Stroud** made a plea for someone to help at the dock and sorting table this Saturday because she cannot be there. New member, **Joan Masters** is sorting for the first time and would really appreciate your help. **Don McKeown** is happy that Michigan is in the finals and for their great coach. Jim Dolgas, today's program presenter from Costco was happy to be our speaker today and is a UofM graduate, even though he wasn't wearing maize and blue today.



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Hospitality Information.....

Max Ziegler reported the following. Your cards and notes are most welcome.

Gene Buatti No update. **Tom Lovell** is feeling better and thanks everyone for their cards and letters. **Mike Barrett** at home recovering from back surgery. No visits yet.

Jim Krick's daughter, Kathy, reports that **Jim** has dementia and is at Towsley Center in Chelsea and is available for visitors. **Don Kenney** is eligible for Hospice and is moving back to Fairfax Manor Bldg 3, which is located at the corner of Geddes and Prospect in Ypsilanti. Beth is making up a list of tasks that visitors can do to help when visiting **Don**, i.e., simple massage, read to him, and/or take him outside.

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Kiwanis Thrift Sales at the Warehouse will expand the number of days open and change hours of operation effective May 4, 2012. New days of operation will include ALL Saturdays and the new time will be 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Dale Leslie announced the next Super Interclub is scheduled for Chelsea next Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm. The program will feature Dawn Farm. Sounds great, see you there.

Also, the Ypsilanti club's Annual Pancake Breakfast is April 20th, 7:30am-1pm at The First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti, 209 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti; tickets are only \$7 and available at the door or online at <http://ypsilantikiwanis.weebly.com/events--calendar.html>

Meetings:

After today's meeting: Membership and Growth

After next week's meeting (April 15th): K-Family Leadership Meeting

Presentations:

John McKeown introduced Deb Gordon-Gurfunkel from Avalon Housing. Avalon Housing "Telling It Program" received a Kiwanis Children and Youth Grant for 2013. Deb thanked the Club for this grant and the important children services that this Kiwanis grant supports. The Telling It Program supports young children through the support of social workers to assist the children to heal from traumatic life experiences and become sound learners. This program is part of Avalon Housing, which is a community-based, non-profit organization that was created in 1992 to develop, own, and manage permanent supportive housing. Avalon's mission is to provide affordable housing and support services for Washtenaw County's lowest income households, with a priority on people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who have a mental or physical disability. For more information: www.avalonhousing.org/

Miscellaneous:

Next Week's Lunch Menu: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Confetti Corn, Chicken Rice Soup, Salad, and for dessert, Brownies.

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

Thank You Letters from Kiwanis Grant Recipients: The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor recently received letters thanking this Club for awarding Kiwanis grants and describing how those grant monies will support the important work of supporting children, youth and families of this community. Copies of the letters are at the mailbox table next to the member's badges. This list will be updated as letters are received.

The current list of thank you letters are from these community organizations and agencies: Food Gathers, Washtenaw Alano Club, HOPE Clinic, Jewish Family Services, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, University of Michigan Museum of Art, and The Arbor Hospice Foundation.

Past President **Fulton B. Eaglin** surprised the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor members at their regular meeting on Monday (April 8, 2013) by announcing his resignation from this club and immediate move with his wife Jan to Claremont, CA. He quickly explained that Jan has accepted a position of Dean there and he believes that her career supersedes his active law practice.

Fulton earned a Distinguished Term Award as Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor President. He became the first African American installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor (Chartered in 1921). At the same ceremony (1987), the first two female candidates, **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** and **Lynne P. Lande**, were installed as members of the Ann Arbor club. And here are some other interesting facts about **Fulton**. He and his wife Jan met standing in line at the service department at the Howard Cooper Volkswagen dealership and their union saw the birth of three wonderful children, now adults, a son and a set of twin daughters. **Fulton** is one of 14 members whose father (Simon) belongs or is a former member of the club. In 1987, as Kiwanis President-Elect, he rode his motorcycle from Ann Arbor to the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, LA (and back!). He twice ran for political office and in 1975, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees. **Fulton** earned a B.A. in sociology from Eastern Michigan University and a law degree from Harvard University. He was elected President of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor for the 1987-88 administrative year after serving on the Club Board of Directors; and **Fulton** is in his 37th year as a Kiwanian, which began with his membership in the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti in 1976 at the age of 34. So we say to **Fulton**: "Never lose sight that Kiwanis needs you. Next, in Claremont, CA!" Thank you **Fulton** and our very best wishes to you, your wife and family!

Stuff you should know.....

Fines Collected: \$23.50

Happy \$ Collected: \$23.00

Attendance today: 84

Last Week Sale Revenue: \$8,886

KAC Thrift Sale: \$7,480

Warehouse Thrift Sale \$1,406

Vouchers: 14 families served last Thursday for a total of \$1,728.30.

Claire Dahl provided additional information regarding **Letitia Byrd** who along with Joetta Mial are to be honored by The Dispute Resolution Center on April 18th at the Ann Arbor City Club with the 2013 "Cornerstone of the Community Awards" for their innovative work as peacemakers and perpetual agents of change. Our community became richer when **Letitia** and her husband David chose to make Michigan their home. **Letitia** hails from West Virginia where she graduated from Bluefield State College. Moved to D.C. and then to Ann Arbor becoming the first African American teacher at Forsythe Junior High. Her career broadened its reach as a counselor at Huron High School, Guidance Director for the Ann Arbor School District and also as Board Secretary at the district's central office. **Letitia's** is the quintessential civic volunteer who shines a spotlight on many who are otherwise under or unrepresented. She has been the founder, president, and ambassador of multiple organizations and initiatives across this community. Known for brining people together to problem solve, she also empowers them to take positive action for themselves and other. For tickets (\$100) or to donate online <http://www.thedisputeresolutioncenter.org> or by phone 734-794-2125.

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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