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Today's Program.....



Amanda Mercer and Bethany Williston described the efforts of six former collegiate swimmers to organize an all-female relay team to swim the English Channel---England to France and back--to raise awareness of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) disease. They were inspired to honor a friend who recently had been diagnosed with ALS. Planning began in the summer of 2009. The team had formed by the summer of 2010, and it chartered a pilot whose boat and expertise would be needed to make the round-trip crossing. During its training, the team needed to spend some time swimming in cold water because Channel water is normally about 60F. To pass the test required to qualify for the

Channel swim, each team member had to show that she could swim for two hours in 62F water. Finding water this cold during the training period was a challenge. Later challenges to be faced included choppy water, adverse current, the neap tide, seasickness in the boat, patches of seaweed harboring jellyfish, hyperventilation, and swimming in the dark (the round trip exceeded 18 hours). Amanda had a special challenge: in March 2012 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. A couple of week after having completed seven bouts of chemotherapy, she and the others team members left for England. (Amanda completed radiation treatments after the swim, and is now free of cancer.)

As the time to begin the swim drew near, the swimmers briefly experienced the thought that perhaps they were being selfish for drawing attention to themselves. A timely letter from the friend who had inspired their undertaking made them realize that they were doing something worthwhile. On 27 July 2012, they began the crossing from England at about 5:30 a.m. The two official observers in the boat ensured that the swimmers obeyed all the rules. (Goggles and caps are permitted, but not wetsuits. Grease is permissible but messy.) The officials gathered lots of data: continual GPS positions, tides, water temperature, arm strokes per minutes, etc. After the team reached the French shore, the pilot encouraged them by saying that the swim back to England was "all downhill." (Continued, Page 5)



Next Weeks Program.....

Joanna Johnson: Black College Tour

Introducer: Jean Robinson



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HOME.....now in our 92nd
year.

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Success”**



We have
evolved....these are our
heroes.

ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer 	Lynne Lande
Officer of Day 	Lynne Lande
Dockers 	Ron Shaw
Warehouse 	Al Dailey, Bob Gray, John Schenk, Larry French, Ray Argyle, Nick Dever
Sorter 	Elena Ermak
Hardware 	Jerry Brown, Burt Lamkin, and John Sampsel
Furniture 	Bob Barden Jr., Mike Dabbs, and George Gilligan
Shoes & Sports 	Don Kossick and Jim Meretta
Men's Clothing 	Don Clewell and Dick Smit
Electronics 	Bill Robb and Associates
Lamps 	Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz, and friends
Antiques 	Alexis and Betsy Ford
Beds & Toys 	Mike Anglin and Lee Bachman
Office & Medical 	Jim Mattson and team
Vouchers 	
Invocation 	Jim Kane
Greeters 	Douglas Hanton, Larry Hill, Dick Smit, Jocelyn Wilder
Hospitality 	Don Clewell
Cashier 	Martha Petroski

Guests at our Club.....

Jonathan Pevarek, Alex Novo, Caroline Sayers, and Diana Choi, from the Circle K Club;
and Joan Masters, guest of John Bassett (prospective member).

Announcements.....

Meetings:

The Milan Kiwanis Club will hold its superinterclub on Thursday, 24 January. Dave Drake will provide details next week.

The next Board meeting will be held on 5 February at 6:00 p.m., John Dahl presiding.

Social Activities:

On Saturday, 26 January, the Pinewood Derby will be held at the KAC, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 131. Convenes at 9:30 a.m.; racing begins at 1:00 p.m.

The 98th birthday celebration of Kiwanis will be held on 26 January at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit (3071 West Grand Blvd); \$48/person (includes valet parking). **President Mark** has details.

Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Fines:

The **Barden clan**, for having a son, grandson, and nephew in the MSU Marching Band; all members who are not attorneys or bill collectors had to pay; finally, all members not previously fined.

Happy Dollars:

Corrected Happy Dollar: To view the OSU band, go to website go.osu.edu/viral-tbdbl.
Make **Ron Williams** Happy!

Dale Leslie, because his grandson will celebrate birthday #2 next month; **Jane Talcott**, for her friendly reception at the Saline Kiwanis Club when she talked about the Washtenaw Camp Placement program; **Jim Kane** and **Joe Medrano**, for playing visible parts in the upcoming production of "Harvey;" **Dave Drake**, for recovery of his keys from the bottom of an elevator shaft; **Jeanette Okuley**, who thanked **Fred King** for his work as Secretary by presenting him with the book "The Greatest Generation;" **John Dahl**, because **Dan Burroughs** covered for him at the sale; **Max Ziegler**, for an upcoming trip to Europe to visit his ancestral home; **Peter Schork**, for the volunteers and Circle K members who work the sale, and for the weekly voucher teams; **Jim Reynolds**, for Bethany Williston's participation in today's program; **Bob Gray**, who gave **Fred King** a "King Pin" badge to wear while he is a Past Secretary; and **Doug Ziesemer**, for being able to announce that the Manager of the new Costco store will help us buy supplies and equipment at low cost, and that the store will donate food for our Golf Outings.



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Hospitality Information.....

Don Kenney, undergoing therapy, is home and welcomes phone calls and visits; **Gene Buatti** faces three more weeks of chemotherapy and is feeling good; **Mike Barrett**, suffering from a painful back, has had steroid shots and is scheduled to see a neurologist; **Tom Lovell** went to the hospital last weekend; **Letitia Byrd**, in rehabilitation at Glacier Hills, is doing well.

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mission"*

Stuff you should know.....

On 8 January, the Grant Policy Committee submitted a report to the Board concerning a major-gift initiative.

The pickup crew now has an iPad that displays scheduled pickups, including maps. There is now a calendar for club committees to reserve meeting times in Ned's Place.

Kathy Griswold has details.

We need 10 club members to help staff the Dock and the Furniture Department during sales. Sign up with **Jim Wolfington**.

Fines Collected: \$ 18.53 **Happy \$ Collected:** \$ 32.00

Attendance today: 82

Last Week Sale Revenue:

KAC \$ 6,772

Last Week Vouchers:

8 families redeemed vouchers worth \$ 980.



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

January 2013

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



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February 2013

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

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The Channel swim was every bit as difficult as they thought it would be, especially the cold water. When the final swimmer approached the English shore, friends and family held up their lighted cell phones to mark where she should exit. They beat the 2007 world record, held by a team from Mexico, by 4 minutes! (Later, a member of that Mexican team sent them a congratulatory message.) Amanda said that fewer people have swum the Channel than have climbed Mt. Everest.

The financial goal of the team is to raise \$120,000 for ALS research; so far, it has raised \$96,400. The World Premier of the documentary "Swimming Toward A Cure" will be held Sunday, 10 February, at 1:00 p.m. at U of M Blau Auditorium (free parking). Questions and Answers with the swimmers will be followed by a reception and refreshments. All ages are welcome. Suggested donations: \$10 adults; \$25 family. Seating is limited. Reserve seats at www.ChannelForALS.org.



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