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Today's Program...



*Cliff Sheldon,
Today's
Introducer*

The history of Wystan Stevens, Ann Arbor Historian extraordinaire, is as interesting as his talks. An Ann Arbor native and U-M graduate, he is the namesake of a family friend, noted poet Wystan S. Auden, who taught briefly on campus in the mid-20th-century. On Monday, he provided an informative and entertaining run down of the foibles of a handful of U-M prexies. James Angell (for whom Angell Hall is named) insisted on a flush toilet inside the president's home before he would consider the appointment. Satisfied, he served as U-M president almost 40 years until he was 82-years-old. And the board of regents did not wish for him to retire! Six U-M presidents are sculpted into gargoyles at archways in the Law Quad. Each piece of art represents the president's legacy. Thank you, Wystan, for a walk down memory lane that few of us have traveled. (The program is video-taped for future airing on the Community Television Network (CTN). We'll announce when it is available to view.)



Wystan Stevens

Next Week's Program...

Monday, November 17 - Hall of Honor Induction, Presider: Bob Carr

Upcoming Programs...

- November 24 - *Hall of Honor Induction II*, Presider: **Bob Carr**
- December 1 - *Is Michigan Best Served by a Politically Elected State Supreme Court?* Speaker: The Honorable Bridget McCormack, Justice, MI Supreme Court; introduced by **Dale Leslie**. Note: the meeting will be held at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, AA because of Holiday Sale preparations at the KAC.
- December 8, 2014 - *2014 Michigan Election Analysis & Possible Outcomes*. Speaker: Nolan Finley, Editorial Page Editor, Detroit News. Introduced by: **John Kidle**. (Note: the meeting will be held at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, AA because of Holiday Sale clean-up at the KAC)

Meetings...

- After the meeting next week (November 17th): K-Family Leadership; The Eliminate Project.



This is what we call HOME... now in our 94th year.



The Early Days

The Kiwanis Thrift Sale

- Since 1927
- Over \$3.5 Million in Community Service Funding
- Thousands of Lives Touched



The Family Learning Institute "bookmobile" purchased with a grant from our club in 2014.

ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day	Lynne Lande
Dockers	IMPORTANT: Jim and Ann Mattson have left for Florida. We need some serious docker volunteers down there on Saturday
Warehouse	Alan Burg, Bob Gray, Ken Hillenburg, and Martha Petroski
Sorters	Kurt Schmerberg
Hardware	Andrea Kotch-Duda, Doug Hanton and Fred Miller
Furniture	Bob Barden, Jr.; Jim Blomquist, (a Larry Hill sub) and Mel Williams
Shoes & Sports	Don Kossick and Jim Wight
Men's Clothing	Jim Couch and Dick Smit
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Banana Peels
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Banana Splits
Antiques	Alexis Ford
Beds & Toys	Mike Anglin and Steve Hiller
Office & Medical	???
Vouchers	Pat Buhner, Marianne Clauw, Sharon Keyes & Ellen Webb
Invocation	Bryce Babcock
Greeters	B. Babcock, D. Kossick, J. Masters, D. McEwen
Hospitality	John Dahl
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	J. Blomquist (Primary), C. Winkler and R. Argyle (Backup)

Guests at our Club... Dr. Wally Niemann joined the club in 1952 (62-years-go) and not too far behind, **George Wild** became a member in 1956. Niemann and Wild were our honored guests on Monday. "It was good to have you back!" Erica Pratt (with "Give 365" that provides volunteer opportunities) and Tina Stephens, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator of the Ann Arbor Adopt-A-Park Program, were the guests of club member **Griffin Dick**. Sean Wallace was hosted by **Andrea Kotch Duda** and Mike Callahan, son-in-law of **George Wild**, accompanied George. Jim Eubank, guest of **Dale Leslie**. Alexa West and Kathleen Hurley of U-M Circle K attended. Catharine Stevens, wife of the featured speaker Wystan, was a guest.

Announcements...

- THRIFT SALE closed November 29th; but KAC dock open for donations.
- Kiwanis Holiday Party, December 12th, KAC, 5pm.
- There are three approaching critical dates when help is needed at the KAC. Many hands make for light work. Why wait to be asked? Call Ken Shaw and say, "Count me in to help!" - 734.971.1445.
 - ⇒ SATURDAY, November 22, 2014 - Assembling and gathering Christmas merchandise to bring upstairs;
 - ⇒ MONDAY, November 24, 2014 - At the conclusion of the meeting, moving tables into sale formation and the Christmas stock upstairs; and
 - ⇒ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014 - striking the set and moving the meeting tables and chairs back in formation.
- A joint service project of our Club Satellite at the Michigan Abilities Center (MAC) and Circle K will be held this Saturday, November 15, from 1-5pm. The program will begin with a presentation to a wounded soldier, who has regained mobility and strength through the therapeutic riding program at the MAC. Then the volunteers will construct and paint structures that will create an obstacle course for riders and horses. Kiwanians are encouraged to come out to participate and see the site of our Club Satellite. Address for the Michigan Abilities Center: 7286 W. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Fines and Happy Dollars...

Fines: Appropriately, on the eve of Veterans Day, all members not representing past or present service in the U.S. Military paid a quarter. Motion passed without opposition.

Happy Dollars: A sped-up version of member happiness occurred because of the pending program. **Jane Talcott** thanked those who helped with last week's Honorary Member installation: **George Gilligan, Jeanette Okuley, Martha Petroski**, Donna Pezda for calligraphy, and all the excellent presenters. **Jim Meretta** shared a reminder about the next Measure-for-Measure men's chorus performance, December 5th, St. Francis Church. See Jim for tickets. **Dick Smit** expressed sincere thankfulness for his family. **John Schenk** was happy about his granddaughter's prowess in the classroom and on the athletic field. **Bob Snider** recalled his happy swearing in November 10, 1942, in the U.S. Army Air Corps. And **William Hampton** is thankful for the support provided by club members, his family and friends upon the passing of his brother.

Stuff You Should Know...

Social Events:

- Kiwanians are invited to attend (at no charge) the community's largest holiday party with past and present businesspeople: the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce "Year-Ender," Thursday, December 4th, 4:30-7pm, at the Sheraton Ann Arbor Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk, AA. Plenty of parking on-site.
- Club Christmas Party: Friday, December 12, 2014; Members, volunteers and guests; KAC. BYOB

Offsite Meetings:

Remember, the location of our December 1st and December 8th Kiwanis club meetings has moved to the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, just south of the Hill Street intersection. The December 8th meeting is the divisional Super Interclub for the month and, because of the anticipated number of guests, the City Club has asked club members and friends to share-a-ride.

Next Week's Menu:

Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Tossed Garden Salad, Sugar Cookies.

Attendance Today: 86

Last Week's Sale Revenue

KAC: \$7,320
Warehouse: \$3,220
Total Sale: \$10,540
Vouchers: \$981 to seven families
Today's Fines: \$18.97
Today's Happy Dollars: \$33 plus \$100 to the Salvation Army

Miscellaneous:

Dr. Walter H. Swartz (U-M DDS '45, MS '47) (left) was recently memorialized by Laurie & Tim Wadhams, his daughter and son-in-law, with a significant gift to establish a Faculty Professorship in Integrated Special Care Dentistry in the U-M School of Dentistry. **Dr. Swartz**, an U-M dental professor of prosthodontics for 29 years, and his son, **Judge David Swartz**, are past members of the club.



Dr. Swartz



Known worldwide as the place for the "funkiest" gift.

*The Christmas Sale is
 December
 5th and
 6th!*



*Salvation
 Army Bell
 Ringing
 December
 20th!*



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

November 2014



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



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
2	3 John Hanson Menu: Meatloaf	4	5	6 Donations 9am- Noon	7	8 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
9	10 Wystan Ste- vens Menu: Deli Sandwiches	11 Board Meeting 7:15pm	12	13 Donations 9am-Noon	14 Grant Applica- tions Deadline	15 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
16 Kiwanis Day at Breslin	17 Hall of Honor Menu: Chicken Parmesan	18	19	20 Donations 9am-Noon	21	22 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
23	24 Hall of Honor II Menu: Pulled Pork	25	26	27 Dock Closed Thanksgiving	28	29 No Sale Open for Dona- tions 'til 12
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December 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Bridget McCor- mack at AA City Club Menu: Beef Tips	2 Board Meeting 7:15pm	3	4 Donations 9am- Noon	5 Holiday Sale KAC 9-Noon	6 Holiday Sale: KAC 9-Noon Warehouse 10-1
7	8 Nolan Findley at AA City Club Menu: Citrus Grilled Chicken	9	10	11 Donations 9am-Noon	12 AA Kiwanis Christmas Party	13 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
14	15 Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel Menu: Tomato Basil Meatballs	16	17	18 Donations 9am-Noon	19	20 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
21	22 Jennifer Nico- demus Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	23	24	25 Dock Closed Christmas	26	27 No Sale Open for Dona- tions 'til 12
28	29 Bring Your Kids to Kiwanis Menu: BBQ Chick- en	30	31			

Go to <http://a2kiwanisfoundation.org/calendar-2/> and add the Kiwanis calendar to your own Google calendar.
Never miss an Ann Arbor Kiwanis event again!

A Letter from the President...

Hello Fellow Kiwanians,

How exciting it is to be a part of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis as we continue to grow and step outside our comfort zone and plow ahead to better serve the children of our community. After my first month as your president I have found it to be challenging and very rewarding. We have a lot going on and the board is busy. We successfully passed a budget for this coming year which has \$217,000 going towards our grants, scholarships and families in need. In addition we will give, through the Voucher program, an additional \$35,000 to families who are brought in from the social services programs every Thursday. All of you can be proud as we continue to make a very large impact to serve Greater Ann Arbor.

The board will meet on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM in Ned's Place to review and approve the purchase of Sheridan's Book Building. This will be our Kiwanis Center!! There has been a lot of work, many hours, lots of meetings up to this point to bring this vision and dream to a reality. It is exciting and provides a lot of promise for our ability as a Club and Foundation to reach out even further into our community. We will be able to offer other non-profit organizations space to rent for office or warehousing. We have a vision to develop a Preserve on about seven acres of the land on the property which can be used by the local schools and universities for research and observation. It will be a lot of work to get this location up and running but in the end we will be able to see great results.

As the holidays approach you will be asked to step up and help in a couple of areas. Our Christmas Sale is Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th. We need help with many aspects of the preparation, setup and during the sale. Ken Shaw will be set up during lunch each Monday with a sign-up sheet for volunteers to fill the needed times. Please consider giving some time to this very successful event.

Our commitment to The Salvation Army to ring the bells is approaching; we are scheduled to work on Saturday, December 20th. Garry Evans and William Hampton are working hard to coordinate the day. They will be asking for volunteers for bell ringing and refreshment delivery. We have been very challenged the last couple of years to fill the locations so please see if you can open up some time to help with this important event.

Finally, our club is unique at being able to give so much to our community. The vast majority happens through the sale on Saturday. Please consider working on the sale. You don't have to work every Saturday, but if we get every member to commit to a Saturday a month or once a quarter we would develop and grow even stronger. We need more hands, please consider this. Also recruit new members to join our club and we will go even further!

Thank you for your commitment to serve. It has been incredible to see the many hands do such great work.

Thank You,

John Goff

President Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club

Hospitality Information... Just when we were blessed by a trio of members being released from the hospital, **Chris Winkler** writes he is scheduled for surgery this Thursday (11/13) at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Chris states, "I am told to expect to be in the hospital 3 to 5 days with 4 to 6 weeks recovery ...but I don't intend to miss more than two meetings." Next week, **Jim Kane** is scheduled for surgery. **Dorothy McNab-Cattell** suffered a serious back injury in a fall. **Bob Simmons** is recovering from surgery and promises a return to the club at the first-of-the-year. The club extends its sympathy to **Don and Karen Kossick** on the passing of her mother. **Ray Argyle** continues to recover at home from surgery. Also back with us after a brief absence, **Deb Jones!** Friend of club, Al Renfrew, former U-M hockey coach, died on Monday at the age of 89. Nie Family Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. **John Dahl** rides herd on our club's health the remainder of the month: <jedwardd20@gmail.com> 734.395.3840.

Special Appearance: Past Club Member **Amy Conlin Rolfes**—our correspondent in the field (South Africa)—will be visiting her Ann Arbor family over Thanksgiving and plans to attend our November 24th meeting. Plan to give her an old fashioned Kiwanis hug to take back to her humanitarian workplace in South Africa.

More Good News...

A tip of the Kiwanis bonnet to:

- **William Hampton** for agreeing to help recruit a full roster of Salvation Army Bell-Ringers for our December 20th annual club project.

- And to **Garry Donner** who looked right at home as an auctioneer (to benefit Eliminate) of the games his company designs and produces.

- And to **Lynne Lande** for welcoming **Wally Niemann**, who joined in 1952, and **George Wild** who joined in 1956.



Wally, Lynne, and George



Garry Donner, Auctioneer



Garry Evans kicked off the bell ringing signup process

Great Furniture – Great Cause!

Help Us Help Kids!
Find your perfect accessory piece at the Kiwanis Furniture Warehouse Sale! Give back to the children of our community with great values on new merchandise weekly.

Items shown are representative of typical sale items, not actual inventory.

Kiwanis Thrift Sale

Kiwanis Thrift Sale
Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Washington at First St.

Kiwanis Warehouse Sale
Saturdays, 10am-1pm
840 Airport Blvd.

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Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus

Make a contribution today.
Contact Past President Ron Gardner for information on how to help.

Progress Toward Our Club's Eliminate Goal:
\$100,000 by 9/30/2015

Contributions Received, \$87,450

Contributions Still Needed, \$12,550

Data as of September 28, 2014

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
ANN ARBOR**

Meetings:

Mondays at Noon
200 S. First Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
www.a2kiwanis.org

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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](#)
- [U 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
Meets Noon Tuesdays at Quarter Bistro
- Kiwanis of Ann Arbor - Morning Edition
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