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## Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

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### Today's Program...

**Chris Winkler** introduced Peter Sweatman, PhD, who is the Director of University of Michigan Transportation Research Institution (UMTRI) and the Michigan Mobility Transformation Center (MTC). Chris works with Peter Sweatman, who came to Ann Arbor in 2004 to help launch this initiative. Dr. Sweatman emphasized that future mobility systems need to be connected in design and function: roads, manufacturers, and drivers. This initiative focuses on safety of drivers and passengers in automated vehicles, on moving traffic more efficiently through connection to and between vehicles, and on sustainability of energy. The MTC is a public/private research and development organization, with the University of Michigan partnering with 48 private companies who want a stake in connected and automated transportation in southeast Michigan. In Ann Arbor, there are already 3,000 vehicles "talking to each other" in the northeast quadrant of the city. In southeast Michigan, there are 500 "infrastructure nodes" at key intersections, which send back information about traffic flow and other problems. The state of Michigan Dept. of Transportation has created a corridor along I-96 and I-696, to gather information from cars about situations on the roadway. For instance, the information may come in about many brake lights coming on, which would indicate a slow down or perhaps an icy bridge. Another interesting development is the simulated city being laid out south of Plymouth Road, near the blue water tower. There, automated cars will be tested in urban conditions, with close buildings (constructed like the fake store fronts in westerns), traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. Part of the fake city, called M City, is laid out to test merging traffic on highways. This Field Test site will open to the public in July. The wide variety of private companies buying a stake in this initiative include Apple, Google, automobile companies, Verizon, etc....companies who see the future of automated and connected transportation. Some other states are doing similar projects, but Michigan is in the lead and UMTRI and MTC are at the head of the pack. A fascinating program. Go Blue!



*Today's Speaker*  
**Peter Sweatman, PhD**

### Next Week's Program...

**March 16** - "Erin Go Baugh!" Is the Ann Arbor Symphony Irish?" Speaker: Arie Lipsky, Music Director ~ Mary Steffek Blaske, CEO. Introduction by: **Rick Hendricks**. March 17th ~ A Great Day for the Irish!

### Upcoming Programs...

- **March 23** - *Leadership Ann Arbor ~ In Partnership with Kiwanis*. Speaker: Barbara Davenport, Vice President, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce. Introduction by **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** (Leadership Ann Arbor Alumnus).
- **March 30** - *The Hunt for Red October: Suspense Under the Sea*. Speaker: Phil Klintworth, USN Retired Nuclear Submarine Captain. Introduction by **Al Engerer**.
- **April 6** - *Up the Football Staircase*. Speaker: Dick Honig, Football Official, View from Above. Introduction by **Rip Kinney**.



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The Early Days

*The Kiwanis Thrift Sale*

- Since 1927
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The Family Learning Institute "bookmobile" purchased with a grant from our club in 2014.

**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

<b>Announcer</b>	Dale Leslie will send his automated messages over the PA
<b>Officer of Day</b>	Ron Gardner
<b>Dockers</b>	We rely on Circle K, but may have to consider hiring help... we can do it if you help
<b>Warehouse</b>	Bob Gray, Ron Williams, Doug Zieseemer and George Gilligan
<b>Sorters</b>	We need a sorter
<b>Hardware</b>	Bill Hallock, Marianne Clauw, and Dan Dever
<b>Furniture</b>	Mel Williams, Bryce Babcock, Cliff Sheldon, and Jim Kane
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	Jim Wight and Bill Tasch
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	Jocelyn Wilder and Dave LaMoreaux
<b>Electronics</b>	Bill Robb and the Ladder Back Woodpeckers
<b>Lamps</b>	Dennis Powers and the Williamson's Sapsuckers
<b>Antiques</b>	Pat Materka and Jane Talcott
<b>Beds &amp; Toys</b>	Gretchen Preston
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	Jim Mattson and the Red Breasted Sapsuckers
<b>Vouchers</b>	Ellen Webb, Sally Lamkin, Pat Buhrer, and Rose Marie Barhydt
<b>Invocation</b>	Dale Leslie
<b>Greeters</b>	Don Clewell, Sally Lamkin, Burt Lamkin and Kathy Stroud
<b>Hospitality</b>	Dave Hughes
<b>Cashier</b>	Martha Petroski
<b>Attendance</b>	Dick Smit (Primary), Bryce Babcock and Jane Talcott (Backup)

**Guests at our Club...** Sally Lamkin introduced Noel Winkler, wife of Chris; Stuart McCloskey and Zachery Gizicki from Circle K; and noted that **Lloyd Kitchens** was with us today.

**Announcements...**

- **Dale Leslie** announced a Super InterClub at the Whittaker Road Branch Library on Thursday, March 19, at 7pm. The Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club Satellite is hosting this event, which will include several hands-on service projects. There will be refreshments, no meal. Let's have a good turn out for this creative meeting!
- **Pres. John** read a thank you note from the Jean Ledwith King Women's Center for the grant to establish a program for couples at the center.
- **Pres. John** also reminded us that Office Depot cards are available. The cards provide discounts; each purchase generates a contribution to the Kiwanis District.
- **Pres. John** reported on the BOD meeting last week at the Kiwanis Center West: the auditor presented a good report on our financial records. Because our finances and bookkeeping are becoming much more complex, there is discussion about hiring a bookkeeper. The SMOC plans two more Saturday sales at the current warehouse, which will then be closed and emptied. The first Saturday sale at the new facility is planned for mid April. The painting is done at the new center, thanks to **Jerry McMahon** and his crew.
- Finally, **Pres. John** announced that **Jeanette Okuley** will be resigning as Club Secretary. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this position, which is paid, should contact **John Goff** or **John Dahl**.
- **Meetings:** Eliminate Task Force was to meet following the noon meeting. Membership Growth and Education will meet at 1:15 next Monday, the 16th.



**Fines:** **Bob Barden Jr.** called on Past Pres. **Lynne Lande** to call for the vote on a fine for any table not having three **Bob's** and a **Rob**. Seeing no **Bob's** at her table, she wondered aloud who would vote for such a stupid fine...only eight people did....not to be dissuaded, **Bob** called on another **Past Pres Bob Carr**, who **Bobbled** around and got us all to pay.

**Happy Dollars:** **Pres. John** was happy that his wife could go to visit their daughter in Argentina, and that the warm weather allowed him take down the Christmas lights at last; **Jane Talcott** is happy for the campers who will benefit from Kiwanis and Cross Foundation camper-ships, and will get to see the stars and planets; **Ron Williams** is happy to announce his divorce from Comcast is final and he is now dating Dish, which means he has a new email address: ron.williams313@gmail.com; **Pat Buhner** is pleased that her friend with lots of clothes to donate, scouted all the Thrift Shops and chose Kiwanis because it clothes are clean and neatly arranged; **Julanne Williams** is happy for **Joe Medrano**, **John Goff**, and **Betsy Ford** coming to the Spring Divisional, and for the great time she had at the Manchester Kiwanis "reverse raffle" fund raiser, which made \$20,000; **Fred King** happily announced that Friday the 13th comes on a Friday this month, but that **Ron Williams** forgot to remind **Fred** that he already paid for it; **Joe Medrano** was happy for the way **Julanne** ran the Spring Divisional and that we had an Interclub there; **Dale Leslie** is proud that his Michigan born son led the Texas Longhorn Marching Band; **Jean Robinson** shared **Letitia's** pleasure to be remembered by all of the Kiwanians who signed the Thinking of You card, and the thoughtfulness of friends who took Letitia to see "Selma" and then held the film discussion group at Glacier Hills so that she could be part of it.

**Stuff You Should Know...**

**Hospitality News:**

**Dave Hughes** reported that **Letitia Byrd** remains at Glacier Hills, and now her brother is there as well. **John McKeown** continues his recovery from surgery at the Redies Center, Room 1035, in Saline and would love to hear from folks. **Bob Gray** is back from his surgery!

**Awards:**

**Julanne Williams, Lt Gov.**, presented multiple awards for our club from the Spring Divisional last Saturday. **Past Pres. John Dahl** and **Sec. Jeanette Okuley** earned "distinguished" awards for their outstanding leadership and hard work. Our Club also received the KI Distinguished Club Award and the District Outstanding Performance Award. In addition, we received recognition for our sponsorship of Circle K, Key Clubs at Huron and Pioneer, K Kids at Angell School, and Aktion Club, which meets in our building. **Claire Dahl's** creative energy created an award-winning scrapbook outlining the events of the last administrative year. All of these awards are nice recognition of the work we do, but the real value is the amazing amount of service provided by our members and the difference we make in people's lives. So proud to be a member of Kiwanis!

**Julanne** also announced that she will continue as Lt Gov. for another year. She reminded us that the KI Convention will be held in Indianapolis this summer. There will be a bus from Detroit area to the Convention to make it easy to attend the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis. Ann Arbor Western has applied to KI for \$100,000 to build an accessible playground at High Point. This will be a Division 10 project in celebration of 100 years of Kiwanis. We all can help! .

**Social Activities:**

**Fred Sanchez** is taking reservations (and \$70) for the trip to the Tigers Game on Saturday, August 8. Trip includes a bus ride, boxed lunch, snacks and a ticket. See **Fred** to get yours! Friends and family are welcome.

**Next Week's Menu:**

Italian Sausage, Sautéed Peppers and Onions, Greek Bow Tie Pasta Salad, Sugar Cookies.

**Attendance Today:** 66

**Last Week's Sale Revenue:**

<b>KAC:</b>	\$6,790	<b>Ebay:</b>	\$861
<b>Warehouse:</b>	\$1,918	<b>Vouchers:</b>	\$1,089
<b>Total:</b>	\$ 8,708	<b>Today's Fines:</b>	\$22.89
		<b>Today's Happy Dollars:</b>	\$31



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

# March 2015



## 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	2 Mentor2Youth Program Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	3 Board Meeting	4	5 Donations 9am-Noon	6	7 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1 K Spring Divisional
8 DST Begins	9 UM Transportation Institute Menu: BBQ Chicken	10	11	12 Donations 9am-Noon	13	14 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
15	16 Is A2SO Irish? Menu: Italian Sausage	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Donations 9am-Noon Ypsi Satellite Interclub	20	21 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
22	23 Leadership Ann Arbor Menu: Meatloaf	24	25	26 Donations 9am-Noon	27	28 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
29 Palm Sunday	30 The Hunt for Red October Menu: Deli Sandwiches	31				

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Donations 9am-Noon	3 Good Friday	4 No Sale, Open for Donations 9-12
5 Easter	6 Up the Football Staircase Menu: Chicken Parmesan	7	8	9 Donations 9am-Noon	10	11 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
12	13 What Crash Dummies Say Menu: Beef Tips	14	15	16 Donations 9am-Noon	17	18 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
19	20 A life of Charitable Giving Menu: Deli Sandwiches	21	22	23 Donations 9am-Noon	24	25 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
26	27 Weather Prediction Menu: Citrus Grilled Chicken	28	29	30 Donations 9am-Noon		

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!



**Other News...**

**Larry French** told the story of the "Shaken Baby" campaign created by the Washtenaw Area Council for Children, in partnership with U of M athletic department in 1998. Posters were distributed with star athletes holding babies and reminding readers of the danger of shaking a baby. Larry presented some posters to the Club and suggested we display them at the Sale. Our club provided funding for the production of the posters.

**Arlene Barnes** received her regular member badge after completing the new member requirements. She is already engaged and working on projects.

**Remembering Thelma Klapper...**

For those who missed it, here is the eulogy of **Thelma Klapper** shared by **Dale Leslie** at her Memorial Service on Saturday, March 7, 2015.



*Thelma A. Klapper enjoyed a good joke. Although, I'm not sure she heard one from me! She was the best audience for a story. Her friendly smile was in place before any words were shared. And, she remained smiling, while listening intently, right through her hearty laugh. A year ago, if you traveled to her residence in Saline, at this hour, her clocks would already be set an hour ahead. (A reminder to spring ahead before bedtime today.) The loves of her life were her late husband and family, son Scott and Peggy Klapper and daughter Susan Klapper Ladd and her wonderful grandchildren of which she felt extremely blessed: Kristi, Jeffrey, Kimberly, Stephen, Samantha and Mark and lovely great grandchildren Colton, Peyton, Noah, Luke, and Riley and Thelma's faithful sister Maxine Forbes. And, then, at the top of her popularity poll, were each of us who knew her, even ever so slightly, seated in the sanctuary this morning. It may sound like a cliché, but the Kiwanis building was her home away from home. Did you know her dedicated volunteerism at the Thrift Sale traces to the mid-part of the last century! Before the Kiwanis Activities Center was born, the Thrift Sale- Rummage Sale as it was known then- was staged in the National Guard Armory, which is now a condo palace. Moving the collected goods from storage in outlying areas to the sales floor was a major task. I've always said, "How appropriate!" that Thelma working in Women's Clothing, literally and figuratively wore the pants in that department. Here's some comments of those who weekly worked side-by-side with Thelma: "She knew what she liked, and liked what she knew," "A dedicated, delightful and a reliable worker who could be counted on," and "Stubborn and composed, organized with a loyal following of Kiwanis Thrift Sale customers." A volunteer worker commented last Saturday, "Every week, our shoppers ask, 'Where's Thelma?' Christmas was a special time: she would prepare jars of seasonal candy and peanut brittle for each worker in the department. Thelma was known as the personable "Tootsie Roll" lady. She was fond of ceramics and shrimp! And, dolls dresses too. In conclusion, here's an amazing piece of information about Thelma Klapper. First, close your eyes. Imagine, in heaven, there is a big store of second-hand household goods that stretches infinitismally. And God, in his or her wisdom, has placed Thelma in charge. She is sorting and hanging, straightening and organizing and enjoying every minute of her new tasks while waiting for us to join her. Can't you just envision it? Amen.*

**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.

[WWW.AZKIWANIS.ORG](http://WWW.AZKIWANIS.ORG)

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**ELIMINATE**  
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 Still Needed, \$10,541

Contributions Received, \$89,459

Data as of December 31, 2014

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
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**Meetings:**

Mondays at Noon  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
[www.a2kiwanis.org](http://www.a2kiwanis.org)

Building Phone:  
734-665-2211  
Thrift Sale Voice:  
734-665-0450

**"Ann Arbor Kiwanis  
Thrift Sale" is on the  
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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