

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Newsletter

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015

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Today's Program: Shataura Clayborne, Past President of Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club, introduced our speaker, Emmanuel Jones, Director of Mentor2Youth. Shataura told us that Emmanuel had spoken at the Ypsi Club and was so impressive she wanted to introduce him and the Mentor2Youth Program to us. While studying at MSU, Emmanuel was engaged in a research project to determine the most effective programs and services for at risk students who are struggling academically. The outcome showed that broad-spectrum services, including one to one tutoring, life skills coaching, new experiences, and career development for older kids, were most effective.. In 2011, Emmanuel Jones founded Mentor2Youth, which has served 350+ students, ages 9-18 in the Ypsilanti area. Emmanuel showed a video of kids receiving tutoring, playing sports, taking field trips, and interacting with mentors. Many of the mentors are young adults from U of M and EMU, providing great role models for the kids. Emmanuel reported that 87% of the high school youth participating in Mentor2Youth have completed high school on time and many are pursuing further training and education. Mentor2Youth is offered at various community centers throughout Washtenaw County, mostly in the Ypsilanti area, because of the high number of at-risk youth. There are many ways to be involved with this vital nonprofit organization, including working with the kids as a tutor, or serving on a Board committee. For more information go to www.mentor2youth.com.

Next Week's Program: March 9 – Michigan's Leadership in Future Mobility. Speaker: Dr. Peter Sweatman, U-M Transportation Institute.

Assignments for Coming Week:

Dept./Activity	People Assigned
Announcer	Dale Leslie, who sounds exactly the same week after week ☺
Officer of Day	Ron Gardner
Dockers	Help!
Warehouse	Bob Gray or Sheridan Springer, Ellen Webb, Mike Dabbs and Al Engerer
Sorters	Kurt Schmerberg
Hardware	Dave Hughes, Fred Miller and Steve Pezda
Furniture	Mel Williams, Jonathan Bulkley, Deb Jones and Bob Barden, Jr
Shoes & Sports	Don Kossick and Charmin Archer
Men's Clothing	Don Clewell and Dick Smit
Electronics	Bill Robb and Texas Outlaws
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Yellow Roses of Texas
Antiques	Pat Materka and Pat Buhner
Beds & Toys	Kathy Stroud and Steve Hiller
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Texas Rangers
Vouchers	Ellen Webb, Carl Williams, Marianne Claw, Rose Marie Barhydt
Invocation	Pat Buhner
Greeters	Don Clewell, Burt Lamkin, Sally Lamkin, and Kathy Stroud
Hospitality	Dave Drake
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	Dick Smit (Primary), Bryce Babcock and Jane Talcott (Backups)

Guests at our Club:

Don Clewell introduced our guests: Charlie Phibbs from Ann Arbor Western, Luke Panning, prospective member, Colin McWalters and Manik Tetarbe from Circle K. Shataura Clayborne from Ypsilanti Kiwanis, who introduced our speaker Emmanuel Jones.

Announcements:

Dale Leslie told a ducky story and then reminded us that the Kiwanis Spring Divisional is coming up this Saturday, 11:00am at Lakeland Golf and Country Club in Brighton. Call Lt. Gov. Julianne Williams or Sec. Jeanette Okuley right away if you want to go along. There will be a luncheon and awards. It will make you proud of our club's service record!

Dan Burroughs made one last announcement for scholarship pledges, which must be firmed up immediately. You can give \$500 to be a sole scholarship sponsor, or pledge \$100 or more to be combined with other gifts to form a group scholarship. The Cross Foundation matches all gifts. Call Dan to make your pledge: 734-663-3831 or Harry Cross: 734-395-8097.

Fred Sanchez assured us that spring will come and he has purchased tickets for the Tiger baseball game against the Boston Red Sox on Saturday August 8. This is always great fun. Bring your spouse, kids, grandkids, a friend. The cost is \$70 per person, which includes a luxury bus trip, box lunch and snacks on the bus, and a ticket under cover of the roof, in case of a sudden downpour. This trip always sells out, so mark your calendars and reserve your seat!

Meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Kiwanis Center **West** on Tuesday March 3, at 7:00pm. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the business of our club and to see the new facility on Jackson Road at the corner of Staebler Road.

Investment Oversight Committee will meet in Ned's Place on Thursday March 5, at 8:30am

Social Activities:

Martha Petroski announced she was able to secure 30 tickets for the sold out performances of "Talley's Landing". We will be going on May 15, with dinner preceding the show. See Martha for your ticket and dinner reservation.

Fines:

Dale Leslie proposed a fine on **Clar Dukes and Jean Robinson**, sponsors of Arlene Barnes, who had just given a fine three-minute speech. A brilliant move by Past President **John Dahl** changed and broadened that motion to fine everyone who had NOT sponsored a new member in the past six months: much more lucrative and reasonable....that motion passed in spite of weak protests of the non-sponsors, who were reluctant to identify themselves.

Happy Dollars:

Pres. John is happy to have a source for delicious gluten free cupcakes; **Clar Dukes** feels good about his visit with Jim King, who remembers the **Bardens** being faithful attendees when he played at Weber's for many years.

Larry French had a great trip to Steamboat Springs, where he watched his young grandchildren master the slopes. He, himself, was sidelined with his arm in a sling. **Dale Leslie** proudly announced the recent fourth birthday of his grandson; **Jocelyn Wilder** share the happy news that she and her husband are expecting a baby in September, which surprised and delighted them. She also said that her new position of the Director of Development for the Council will allow her more flexibility in her schedule and she will be able to attend more Kiwanis meetings; **Sally Lamkin** found a nice article about the Detroit Kiwanis Club and their 100 year celebration. **William Hampton** reminded us that March is Women's History Month and that 60 years ago another woman in Montgomery Alabama refused to give up her seat on the bus. This was nine months before Rosa Parks did the same. He also announced that **Sandy Elden** will be 91 years old on March 5, then gave a check for \$91 in **Sandy's** honor toward the Eliminate Project; **Max Zeigler** was thankful for three Circle K female members who were a great help on the dock Saturday and announced that Ann Arbor's sister city Tuebingen, Germany, will be sending visitors in May, and there will be a trip to that city in June, and anyone can come along. **John Schenk** is happy for his granddaughter's great success in hockey, winning the state championship, and for fifty years of marriage to Nancy; **Bill Tasch** and **Bill Hallock** were his

groomsmen; **Joe Medrano** enjoyed women's gymnastics; and **Garry Donner** put in a happy dollar for **William Hampton's** enthusiastic participation on the Human and Spiritual Aims committee and in the life of the club.

Hospitality News:

Dave Hughes reported that **John Bassett** is recovering well from the medical procedure to loosen the tendons in his fingers, and that he came to the KAC this morning to help sort and price men's clothing. Volunteer Thelma Klapper's memorial service will be held this Saturday morning at the First United Methodist Church of Saline at 11:00am. Visitation will be from 10-11am at the church. **Bob Gray** continues to recover from his surgery. **John McKeown** is at the Redding Center recovering from surgery and experiencing much less pain. **Sandy** and **Odie Elden** are living in the Chelsea Retirement Community now and would welcome visitors.

Miscellaneous:

Arlene Barnes, who definitely does not belong in a Miscellaneous category, gave her three minute speech. She started on her membership path last May, and this is the final task for her to complete before she is awarded her blue badge. **Arlene** was drawn to Kiwanis for its mission to provide community service, and its dedication to helping children. An educator, **Arlene** began as a math teacher, became a guidance counselor, then an assistant principal, a principal, and then moved to central administration, working with equity issues. She now serves as an educational consultant. **Arlene** loves to play golf and to travel. She has been to 5 of the 7 continents, but is crossing Antarctica off her list after this winter's blast. She has two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Arlene is enthusiastic about her membership in Kiwanis and has already found places to help out. She looks forward to meeting everyone and working together. Welcome, **Arlene**, you already are a fine Kiwanian and will receive the coveted blue badge next week!

Pres. John read thank you notes from Rosemarie Rowney regarding Kiwanis support of the Haiti nursing school, and from Circle K regarding our support of the Service Day and upcoming District Convention, which will be held in Ann Arbor.

Next Week's Menu: Barbecue Chicken, Roasted Redskins, Tossed Garden Salad, Signature Bar Cookies.

Today's Attendance: 60 It will be good to have our "snow birds" back with us this spring! We miss you! If you are in town and haven't attended a meeting for a while, we are missing you, too! Please join us!!

Fines Collected: \$17.01 (**Dan Dever** has been credited with donating the penny...if so, he either was feeling rich and overpaid, or cheap and just paid the penny)

Happy \$ Collected: \$28 plus a \$91 for the Eliminate Project (see Happy Dollars above for this story)

Last Week's Sale Revenue: \$10,056

KAC:	\$6,562
Warehouse:	\$3,494
Craigslist:	\$
Ebay:	\$2,691
Vouchers:	\$673, serving four families
Other:	\$

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