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Committee Meetings...

- Townhall Meeting tonight at 7p.m. at KCD
- Budget Meeting immediately following lunch meeting today
- Meetings before next week's meeting include: SMOC at 10a.m. and the Archive Committee at 11a.m.



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Today's Program...

A New Music Opportunity for Kenya's School Students



Larry Dittmar

Dan Burroughs introduced guest speaker **Honorary Member, Larry Dittmar**. Larry presented "A New Music Opportunity for Kenya's School Students."

Larry is a lifelong master musician and music teacher with more than 30 years of experience teaching and leading young musicians in Ann Arbor and at Interlochen Center for the Arts. When he retired from Ann Arbor Public Schools in 2000, Larry was approached with the idea of traveling to Meru, Kenya, to help Bishop Lawi Imathiu start a concert band program. At the time, Larry was doubtful. But after learning more about the initiative, Larry said he knew within ten minutes of listening that he would be going to Africa.

And so began a relationship that would lead Larry to visit Meru many times in the years ahead as he worked with partners and students to establish the only secondary school band in the country of Kenya—one of the poorest countries in the world.

Not sure what to expect on his first trip, Dittmar said he believed he might be in over his head when he arrived and found that, rather than working with school

children, he was working with adult students, none of whom could read music or tell the difference between many of the instruments he had brought. To help introduce the concepts of music to the students, Larry first used recorders. As soon as students showed an understanding of reading music, they were switched to band instruments.

Larry's role in the program has helped create tremendous change in the community.

Next Week's Program...

October 10—*Hire a Vet Program*. Speaker: Don Deatrick. Introduction: **Jim Wight**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **October 17**—*What to Expect on Election Day*. Speaker: Joseph Schwarz, former Representative to Congress and State Legislature. Introduction: **Dale Leslie**.
- **October 24**—*Board & Financial Report*, **President Alan Burg**. *Kiwanis Young Professionals Update*, **Julanne Williams**.
- **October 31**—Happy Halloween! *Kiwanis Honorary Member Presentation*. Master of Ceremonies: TBA. Coordinator: **Jane Talcott**.
- **November 7**—*My Experience in World War II*. Speaker: Vernon Jensen, US Army Veteran. Introduction: **John Sampselle**.



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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day KCD	Crestfallen Cheddar Head John Dahl
Antiques	Sally Lamkin
Beds & Garden	Ken Shaw and Dave Bell
Dockers	We need dockers
Sorters	Max Zeigler
Hardware	Jerry Brown, Bill Milne, and Fred Miller
Men's Clothing	John Bassett and Dick Smit
Books/Records	John Schenk
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Jockey Gentlemen
Lamps	Dennis Power and Hanes Hustlers
Electronics	Bill Robb, Ray Argyle, and the Carhart Crew
KCW Cashiers & Sales	<u>Friday</u> —Ray Argyle, Nick Dever (OD), Dave Drake, Bob Gray, Eloise Lavin, Bud Roberts, and Fred Sanchez <u>Saturday</u> —Gordon Beeman, Mike Dabbs (OD), Nick Dever, George Gilligan, Bob Gray, Evan LeRoy, Bud Roberts, Cliff Sheldon, Ellen Webb
KCW Sorting & Pricing	<u>Tuesday</u> —Bob Gray <u>Wednesday</u> —Carol Bagchi, Bob Gray, Mike Harback <u>Thursday</u> —Page Caufield, Jack Ford, Bob Gray <u>Friday</u> —Janet Bloom, Marianne D'Angelo, Gary Kavanagh, Sharon Keyes, Margaret MacDonald, Glenda & Ralph Maten, Sandra Rabidoux <u>Saturday</u> —Marianne D'Angelo, Pamela Brown
Vouchers	Ellen Webb, Bob Carr, Jean Robinson, Dot Cattell, Jack Ford, Susan Smith, and they need one more.
Invocation	Lynne Lande
Greeters/Attend.	Ann Mattson, Jerry Brown, Bill Tasch, Bryce Babcock (A)
Hospitality	Dale Leslie
Newsletter Editor	Nicole Zollinger
Cashier	Martha Petroski

Guests at Our Club...

Larry Dittmar, **Honorary Member** and Guest Speaker. **Gary Kavanagh**, Sales Volunteer and inducted as New Member. Sandy Rabidoux, Sales Volunteer and guest of Gary Kavanagh Christian Wire, Circle K. Welcome all!

Hospitality News...

Dale Leslie reported that there are no hospitality items to report. **Bill Robb** shared the passing of Alan Knight who used to play piano at meetings. Alan's funeral was Saturday. He will be missed.

Announcements...

- Installation of New Members by Lynne Lande**—**Gary Kavanagh**, a longtime sale volunteer, was introduced by **Ann Mattson**. Gary volunteered at KCD on Saturdays for the entire summer. He also volunteers at KCW on Fridays. Ann noted Gary as being one of the most dedicated volunteers in our circle. Kiwanis "runs in Gary's family," and he enjoys volunteering with our sales so much that he thought it was time to make a bigger commitment. Gary is known for his "green thumb" and is the owner of Tropical Interiors, a business that provides tropical plans to companies throughout southeast Michigan.



Ann Mattson introducing new member Gary Kavanagh

- Bylaws Committee** (Information shared after the meeting)—**Joe Medrano** shared information about the committee's work on the bylaws. Joe says the Committee is "holding fire" for the decision of a 2nd V.P. or not, and is considering various other changes.

Fines...

Dan Dever issued a fine based on a phone call he received from **Gretchen Preston** informing him that there are two benches at KCW marked "sold" with the name "Dan" on them. Dan declared that not only did he not purchase said benches, but the signs stating such were also marked with smiley face drawings, of which he is not known to use. As such, Dan fined all members named Dan for creating the confusion.

Dale Leslie made a formal announcement honoring the long-time service of **Honorary Member Larry Dittmer** in the Ann Arbor Public School system. In honor of Larry, Dale fined all members who did not attend Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Happy Dollars...

Jerry McMahon is happy because the Kiwanis Mentoring Program has been approved at the state level. This web-based mentoring program is a great opportunity for members to volunteer their time and talent to serve in a mentoring relationship for young people. We have five weeks to put profiles together for this web-based program. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Jerry for more information. **Dale Leslie** is happy because he learned today that **Rip Kinney** hasn't lost his sense of humor. Upon seeing Dale today, Rip exclaimed that Dale looks like one of those construction barrels. (Dale was wearing his bright orange A&W sweatshirt). **Jim Wight** is happy to follow up on a friendly wager with **John Dahl** after the UM victory over Wisconsin on Saturday. **Joe Medrano** had ten happy dollars to share—nine to signify the wonderful nine-day trip he had out west and one for being able to be back with the club.

Gretchen Preston shared ten happy dollars for the ten-plus volunteers who have helped at KCW by clearing out and organizing the warehouse to make room for more sale space. There is one more volunteer session being held from 6p.m.-8p.m. Wednesday, October 5. **William Hampton** is happy because on October 20 he is being honored by the Washtenaw County Bar Association with the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. "I have a Dream" award—the highest honor that can be given to an individual whose work is aimed to eliminate bias in the criminal justice system. **Betty Jean Harper** was happy that the computers were down at work and she could come see everyone's smiling faces.

Stuff You Should Know...

Social Activities:

Martha Petroski presented on the upcoming Encore Theater activity. Due to low participation, Martha needs to return 18 of the tickets she purchased on her personal credit card. She would like to be able to be reimbursed ASAP. She invited the Club to contact her should anyone change their mind and wish to attend. Any interested member should contact her immediately by phone or email. Martha intends to return the tickets tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon.

October Birthdays:

The Club celebrated October birthdays with a wonderful sing-a-long to "Happy Birthday."

President Alan Burg announced the following birthdates:

Bill Robb (1), **Bob Greene** (4), **Bill Heller** (5), **Bob Carr** (13), **John Kidle** (13), **William Hampton** (14), **Mike Dabbs** (15), **Kathy Griswold** (16), **Gary Elling** (17), **Garry Evans** (17), **Doug Hanton** (22), **Perry Schechtman** (23), **Kathy Wilder** (28), **Simon Eaglin** (29), **Brian Waskiewicz** (29).

"Young Children: Priority One" (Kiwanis emphasis):

Do you know a child struggling with language? The U-M Core PACT Program through the Center for Language and Literacy is designed for children 18-36 months (under three years old). The next session begins October 10th. For further information, call 734-764-8440. ~Dale Leslie

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food before the
meeting starts at
12:10pm*

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
2	3 <u>Larry Dittmar</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	4	5	6 KCD Donations 9-12	7 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	8 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
9 3pm Encore Theater <u>The Full Monty</u>	10 <u>Hire a Vet</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon Columbus Day	11	12	13 KCD Donations 9-12	14 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	15 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
16	17 <u>Joe Schwartz</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	18 Board Meeting 7pm	19	20 KCD Donations 9-12	21 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	22 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
23	24 <u>Board News</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	25	26	27 KCD Donations 9-12	28 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	29 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
30	31 <u>Hon. Members</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon Halloween					

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	5 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
6	7 <u>WWII Experience</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	8	9	10	11 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1 Veterans Day	12 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
13	14 <u>Honored Volunteers</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	15 Board Meeting 7pm	16	17	18 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	19 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
20	21 <u>Board News</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	26 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
27	28 <u>Wash. Council for Children</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	29	30			



This Week's Numbers

Attendance:

77

Fines:

\$17.38

Happy \$:

\$31

Mott Pot:

\$0

Vouchers:

\$1,055

(6 Families)

\$59,705 YTD

Thrift Sale:

KCD:

\$6,258

KCW:

\$4,750

Other:

\$269

TOTAL:

\$11,277



President's Annual Goals...

President Alan Burg presented his goals for the coming year at today's meeting:

Kiwanis Club/Foundation of Ann Arbor President Alan Burg's 2016-2017 ANNUAL GOALS

I plan to support the following goals:

- 1) **Support everyone through a respectful sharing of ideas and offering of solutions throughout the year.**
 - a) Live and be guided by the Six Objects of Kiwanis.
 - b) Honor the Past and Plan for the Future.
 - c) Foster Development and Growth of Members and Increase Total Membership.
- 2) **Continue Strategic Planning.**
 - a) **Our Identity:** Help the Strategic Planning Committee identify resources and persons to lead the membership and volunteers through a formal process to discuss, review, identify, and renew how our Club can best support the KIWANIS (KI) MOTTO, DEFINING STATEMENT, and VISION - by February, 2017.
 - b) **Increase Our Financial Stability:** (both Short and Long Term)
 - i) Help the Board identify and develop a process for the Sale of KCD and seek input for the design and implementation of expanded sale floor space at KCW.
 - ii) Help the Board continue and expand our efforts to lease KCW spaces and the sale of the out lot.
 - iii) Help the Board to support a return to increased Gifting ASAP when financially able.
 - (a) Ask our granting committees to review our Gifting Model and the Impact of our Gifts/Grants in alignment with the KI Purpose/Defining Statement and Vision by April, 2017.
 - (i) Review and determine the impact of providing many small gifts, grants, and scholarships vs. the possible impact of providing larger dollar amounts for perhaps fewer gifts, grants, and scholarships. Determine the best balance to gain the greatest impact by April, 2017.
 - (b) Make recommendations for the Board's consideration by June, 2017 for implementation in 2017-18 Kiwanis year.
- 3) **Foster Improved Governance** of Club and Foundation and plan for continued growth and change.
 - a) The Club membership will be asked to consider and vote on what specific steps to take regarding the approved Recommendations from our Board and the Re-Organization Committee, regarding size of Board, terms of service, adding a Vice President position, the use of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and when in our future to consider the hiring of an Executive Director. This vote will be scheduled no later than January, 2017.
 - b) Ask By-Laws Committee to update By-Laws in time to gain KI approval by March, 2017
 - c) The President-Elect will update all Committees' purpose statements by June, 2017.
 - d) Ask the By-Laws Committee to Update our Club Manual of Administrative Policies & Procedures by August, 2017.

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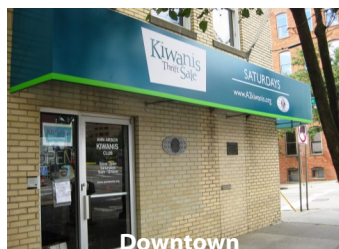


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- [Kiwaniis International](#)
- [Kiwaniis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 6pm first Thurs. of Month
- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM Union or League (Check Calendar on Website)
- [Kiwaniis Club of Ypsilanti](#)
Meets Noon Wednesdays at EMU Student Center
- Ann Arbor Western, Meets Noon Tues. at Quarter Bistro
- [Kiwaniis Ann Arbor Morning Edition](#), Meets 8:30am 2nd & 4th Weds. at Guy Hollerin's

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