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## CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

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### **Today's Program...**

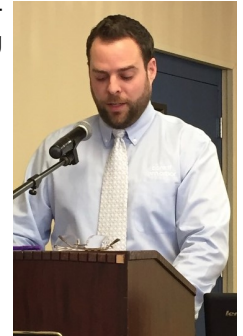
#### **Life Learning Community**

**Evan LeRoy** introduced today's speaker, John Zylka, Founder/Chief Inspiration Officer of Life Learning Community who shared his experience starting a "Christian-blended learning community K-12. In John's words,

*...after 23 years of Christian educational experience, God put on my heart to begin the research on a new and unique type of school. The ultimate result is Life Learning Community. It is the first of its kind Christian blended learning community for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. It combines the personal interaction involved with the traditional teacher-to-student approach with the best of online learning while complimenting both of these with a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities.*



**John Zylka**



**Evan LeRoy**

His presentation was largely about taking chances, believing in oneself, inclusive communication, and faith. It was an uplifting showing, certainly inspirational. For more information on Life Learning Community, click [here](#).

### **Meetings...**

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE met after today's meeting, December 19th.

Next Kiwanis Board meeting is Tuesday, December 20th, starting at 6:30pm at KCW.

### **Next Week's Program...**

- **December 26**—Meeting Cancelled.
- **Tuesday, January 3**—*Kiwanis Family Sing-Along*. Entertainment: Mandy Madagame. Introduction by **Max Ziegler**. This will be a very SPECIAL FAMILY MEETING for the Kiwanis family featuring popular guitarist, singer Maggie Madagame, a family sing-along event, a special menu. Fun for all ages.

### **Upcoming Programs...**

- **January 9**—*Michigan District Kiwanis: Youth Protection Guidelines*. Speaker: Alex Brace. Introduction by: **Don Kossick**.
- **January 16**—*Martin Luther King Day Speaker*. Introduction by: **Dale Leslie**.
- **January 23**—*Board and Financial Report*, **Alan Burg**. Committee Update, TBD.
- **January 30**—*Older Driver Issues*. Speaker: Jeff Pike. Introduction by: **Al Engerer**.

**Next Monday's meeting is cancelled. See you on January 3rd.**

**Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!  
Joyous New Year!**





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**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

**KCD and KCW are closed for sales and donations December 23 and 24. Normal sale and donation hours resume on December 26. See the calendar on page 4.**

<b>KCW Cashiers &amp; Sales</b>	<b>12/30/16</b> —Ray Argyle, Nick Dever (OD), Dave Drake, Larry French, Margaret Krasnoff, Bud Roberts, Fred Sanchez, Cliff Sheldon, Sheridan Springer, Ellen Webb <b>12/31/16</b> —B. Babcock, Bob Barden, N. Dever (OD), A. Engerer, L. French, B. Gray, Jerry McMahon, B. Roberts, Ellen Webb, Doug Ziesemer (OD)
<b>KCW Sorting &amp; Pricing</b>	<b>12/27/16, 12/28/16, 12/29/16</b> —Closed <b>12/30/16</b> —C. Bagchi, J. Bloom, J. Clear, M. D'Angelo, P. Dittmar, L. Harris, P. Haskins-Duynslager, G. Kavanagh, G. & R. Maten, M. MacDonald, L. Nicholas, S. Rabidoux, M. Stewart <b>12/31/16</b> —P. Brown, M. D'Angelo, L. Harris, A. Price, K. & T. Rickelmann, M. Roy
<b>Vouchers</b>	(1/5/2017) Ellen Webb, Sally Lamkin, Gretchen Preston, Greg Meisner, Jean Robinson, Susan Smith, Matt Chaiken, and we need one more person.
<b>Invocation</b>	(1/3/2017) Dale Leslie
<b>Greeters/Attend.</b>	(January) Gordon Beeman, Doug Hanton, Jim Blomquist (A)
<b>Hospitality</b>	(January) Max Ziegler
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	(January) Margaret Krasnoff
<b>Cashier</b>	Martha Petroski

**Announcements from President Alan...**

1. Thank you ALL for your support of Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, Dec 17th.
2. Thank you to **Nick Dever, Mario Gasbarro** and everyone for helping us host the "Magic of Christmas" gift collection and wrapping event here at KCW during the last several weeks. Chair is Debbie William Hoke. Last Friday many A2 public school busses were here picking up over 4,000 wrapped gifts for 575 children. Each child will receive seven gifts. THANK YOU ALL.
3. We met with the UM chapter of "Books for Benefit" It is at UM, UM Dearborn, Wayne St, MSU. They provide tutoring, pen pal program with ESL students, and book clubs including with veterans. They heard about Kiwanis via Community Action Network and asked if we could partner with them to provide books. Mario & I met with the co-founder last Friday. Starting in January they will work with us to ID books for their use.
4. Also on Friday, I provided a tour to the Dexter Rotary who is looking for a space to hold their Spring Bash, they loved the KCW meeting room, but need a space that holds 200. Maybe another event. They loved the Thrift Sale.
5. **Jim Carey**—UM Holiday Toy Store needs volunteers, Wed Dec 21 and Thurs Dec 22.
6. Warm The Children—still need six more shoppers. Contact **Doug Ziesemer** or **Mike Dabbs** for info about duties and contact names of person you will shop with.
7. Pick up your new 2016-17 Membership Digest. Available on our website (Members Only section) and as print copy.
8. Kiwanis Merchandise is now available online at [A2kiwanis.org](http://A2kiwanis.org) or [here](#). Just in time for Christmas shopping or for gifts any time of the year. Your choice of apparel comes with Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and/or Kiwanis Thrift Sale logos.



## Hospitality News...

Two deaths to announce: Both died on Monday, December 12th:

Volunteer, Jo Ann Taylor, age 86 died at her home attended by her family. Kiwanis was a really big part of her life working in our Book Department and enjoyed having Circle K providing computer help to her and others at Sequoia Place. Obit [here](#).

Rebecca McCarty, age 52, mother of our UM Circle K leader and friend, Steven McCarty, Becky died unexpectedly at her home in Monroe, MI. She was a very active Kiwanian and a big supporter of Steven's work with Circle K especially in his new role as International Circle K Vice President. Obit [here](#).

The attendees at Monday's meeting observed a moment of remembrance. Our thoughts and prayers to Jo Ann, Becky, and their families.

## Fines...

Fines were levied. For what and by whom is unknown, but it must have been good because we collected \$17.26.

## Happy Dollars...

Some of the happy faces with Happy Dollars:



**Betsy Ford**



**Max Ziegler**



**Garry Donner**



**Andrea Kotch-Duda**

## Hat Still Missing...

A customer placed a personal hat on the shelf week before last in Men's Clothing to try others on—only to have the original one disappear. This hat is solid blue "Stormy Kromer" and worth quite a bit to this customer. If anyone finds an expensive looking blue hat contact **Dave Lamoreaux, Dale Leslie, or Matt Chaiken!**



\*File photo. Not the actual missing hat.

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Thrift Sale

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

Check for Special Items  
on

**craigslist**

and



Every Week!

*Since 1921  
Over \$6,000,000  
in Proceeds from  
the Kiwanis  
Thrift Sale have  
been used to  
Benefit Our  
Community.*



**Lunch Time**

*Lunch is served  
beginning at 11:30am  
Come early... get a  
parking spot and extra  
time to enjoy the good  
food before the  
meeting starts at  
12:10pm*

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	2 Sale & Donations: <i>Holiday Sale</i> KCW 9-1, KCD 9am-Noon Purple Rose	3 Sale & Donations: <i>Holiday Sale</i> KCW 9-1, KCD 9am -Noon
4	5 <i>Sonya Green</i> At KCW KCD Donations 9am-Noon	6	7	8 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	9 Sale & Donations: <i>Holiday Sale</i> KCW 9-1	10 Sale & Donations: <i>Holiday Sale</i> KCW 9-1, KCD 9am -Noon
11	12 <i>Arbor Hospice</i> At KCW KCD Donations 9am-Noon	13	14	15 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	16 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	17 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1 <i>Bell Ringing</i>
18	19 <i>Life Learning</i> At KCW KCD Donations 9am-Noon	20 Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW	21 <i>Club Christmas Party 5pm</i>	22 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	23 <i>Sale &amp; Donations Closed for Holidays</i>	24 <i>Sale &amp; Donations Closed for Holidays</i>
25 <i>Sale &amp; Donations Closed for Holidays</i>  Christmas	26 <i>NO Meeting</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	27	28	29 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	30 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	31 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1 New Year's Eve

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  New Year's Day	2 <i>Meeting Moved to Tuesday</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	3 <i>Family Program</i>	4	5 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	6 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	7 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
8	9 <i>Youth Protec- tion</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	10	11	12 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	13 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	14 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
15	16 <i>MLK Day Speaker</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	17 Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW	18	19 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	20 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	21 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
22	23 <i>Board Notes</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	24	25	26 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	27 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	28 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
29	30 <i>Older Drivers</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	31				



## This Week's Numbers

### Attendance:

62

### Fines:

\$17.26

### Happy \$:

\$36

### Mott Pot:

\$257.50

### Salvation

### Army:

\$2,647.80

### Vouchers:

\$1,157

(7 Families)

### Thrift Sale:

KCD:

\$0

KCW:

\$1,587

eBay:

\$159

TOTAL:

\$1,746





Special Program January 3rd...



*"Wrapped up and ready  
to come to Kiwanis!"*

**SPECIAL  
FAMILY**

**KIWANIS  
MEETING  
PROGRAM**

**Tuesday,  
January 3, 2017  
Noon, Downtown**

*Children of all ages are welcome!  
A fun family event! Music – Hot Dogs – Show off time for dads  
and granddads! Q: Deb Jones @734.327.1139 or  
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- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)  
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- [Kiwanis 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)
- [Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti](#)  
Meets Noon Wednesdays at EMU Student Center
- Ann Arbor Western, Meets Noon Tues. at Quarter Bistro
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### 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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