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## CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM...

#### Fire Safety



**Charlie Phibbs**

**Charlie Phibbs** introduced City of Ann Arbor Fire Chief Mike Kennedy. Mike has been Chief for almost a year and was previously the Fire Chief of South Lyon. Chief Mike's presentation was about fire safety services. He said there are fewer fires now than in the past, but they have been deadlier with 135 deaths last year in Michigan. He focused on home safety and said that on average a person only has three minutes to safely escape from a house fire. Kennedy said that 60% of fires originate in the bedroom or living room, and those are primarily caused by people smoking. The #1 cause of house fires in Ann Arbor is cooking related. AAFD has a goal of responding to a call within six minutes, and that is achieved 80% of the time. The department does respond to animal rescue calls, but the main objective is to keep citizens from injuring themselves.

Chief Mike had some good advice for all of us. First make sure that your smoke detectors are in good working order. They should be replaced every 10 years, and lithium batteries are recommended because they will also last for 10 years. He suggested charging items only while you are home, particularly those with larger batteries such as hoverboards. Kennedy shared a video that graphically demonstrated that for better safety bedroom doors should be closed at night. He used the phrase "close before you doze." Finally, he recommended that each house should have a 10 lb. ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher. Store it in a convenient location such as under the sink. Mike said that they last a long time, but they should be flipped over annually to make sure that the powder inside doesn't cake. Mike accepted a Kiwanis coffee mug, which can be used to douse a very small fire.



**Ann Arbor Fire Chief Mike Kennedy**

### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM...

**February 25**—*Brain Fitness at 50 and Beyond*. Speaker: Barbara Bowman. Introduction by Deb Jones.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

**March 4**—*Women's History Month*. Speaker: TBD. Introduction by **William Hampton**.

**March 11**—*Michigan Maritime Museum*. Speaker: Dick Brunvand. Introduction by **Dan Dever**.

**March 18**—*St. Thomas School*. Speaker: Larry Nienhaus, Director of Development. Introduction by **Garry Evans**.

**March 25**—*Member Recognition - Hixson Awards 2.0*. Program Coordinated by **Bob Carr**.

### MEETINGS...

None reported.



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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK...**

All Sale	See the SMOC announcement below.
Vouchers	Vouchers on 2/21: Ellen Webb, Bud Roberts, Dee Smit, Mark Lavin, Claire Dahl, Jim Carey, Bob Carr, and Eloise Lavin. (Two more needed)
Invocation	Dale Leslie
Meeting Greeters	Claire Dahl (A), Mitch Goodkin, Deb Jones
Hospitality	Fred Sanchez
Newsletter	Lynne Lande
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**GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...**

**Bob Gray's** guest was **Tom Welsh**. **Alan Burg** brought **Kathy Duquette** and **Lynne Lande** hosted **Drake Garner**, both for a third time. **Pat Buhrer** presented spouse **Arno**. **Evan LeRoy** brought daughter and Kiwanis volunteer **Lucy**. **Harry Hawkins** was accompanied by **Mamadou**. **Skyler Gleason** and **Melissa Zhou** visited from Circle K.

**HOSPITALITY...**

**Fred Sanchez** reported that **Mike Anglin** has moved into a condo and is staying busy. He hopes to be back with us soon. Thanks, Mike, for organizing the Kiwanis Meals on Wheels route. **Clar Dukes** injured his head in a fall because his pacemaker was not properly adjusted. It has been corrected and Clar is feeling better. Fred Sanchez acknowledged that he was having a bad hair day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

- Interclub Chair Martha Petroski** reported that the club will be hosting a super-interclub next Monday. **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** will be coordinating tours of our building between 11 and 12 and there will also be a KEEP presentation. There are likely to be shopping opportunities for guests and maybe members depending on negotiations between Martha and **Dan Dever**.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Centennial Committee keeps getting bigger and better. **Harry Hawkins** has volunteered to serve on the committee, and there is still room for more members.
- The Ann Arbor City Club is having their annual Flea Market Sale this coming Saturday and Sunday, February 23rd and 24th. The unsold items will be donated to Kiwanis. Four or five volunteers are needed for about an hour at the AACC (1830 Washtenaw) at 4:00pm on the 24th to pack up items. Call **Bob Gray** (734-604-4977) or e-mail him at [rhgray@umich.edu](mailto:rhgray@umich.edu) if you can help.
- SMOC** recommended that the Thrift Sale Volunteer Schedule not be included in the Newsletter since updates are generated 2-3 times each week and the published version in the newsletter is almost always out of date. The Volunteer Coordinator sends a copy of the Thrift Sale Volunteer Schedule to all volunteers by email late Sunday or early Monday morning. If volunteer shortages are known at that time, the details will be stated with the message. An updated version of the Schedule will be sent each week late Wednesday or early Thursday; if shortages still occur at this time, they will be announced. In some weeks, a further update may be sent on Thursday to help insure we have enough volunteers (an optimum number is about 30) to open the store on Friday and Saturday.
- President William** tested our presidential knowledge on Presidents' Day, asking which presidents were born in February?

The U. S. presidents with February birthdays are George Washington (February 22, 1732), William Henry Harrison (February 9, 1773), Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809), and Ronald Regan (February 6, 1911). Now you know.



George Washington



William Henry Harrison



Abraham Lincoln



Ronald Reagan



**FINES...**

In honor of Presidents' Day all past and future Kiwanis Presidents were fined. That included all except those taking an oath stating that "if elected I will not serve."

**HAPPY DOLLARS...**

- ☺ **Fred Sanchez** was pleased that the Spartans bested the Buckeyes in basketball.
- ☺ **Larry French** enjoyed two weeks skiing in Steamboat Springs and at the age of 83 is considering retiring from the sport with no injuries or broken bones.
- ☺ **Max Ziegler** said that he and **Kathy Wilder** will have a surprise for us all next week.
- ☺ **Jane Talcott** appreciated a past presentation by the fire department that her daughter watched, and the advice may have later saved her life.
- ☺ **Joe Medrano** told a joke and the punchline was Fiddle D.D.
- ☺ **Claire Dahl** was happy that her firefighter son-in-law had an opportunity to work aboard the Chicago fireboat. Claire thanks all first responders for what they do.
- ☺ **Ken Hillenburg** was happy that no one was in the immediate area when their glass table top exploded. It's on the internet (Facebook) so it must be true.
- ☺ **Alan Burg** thanked **Peter Schork** for his donation of a popcorn machine complete with popcorn.
- ☺ **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** enjoyed seeing Jeff Daniels and Celia Keenan-Bolger (U-M grad) in To Kill a Mockingbird. **Bill and Hillary Clinton** were very impressed when they discovered that Kathy was in the audience with them. Kathy was also happy that **Deb Jones'** son provided her with some restaurant recommendations.
- ☺ And speaking of popcorn **President William** recognized the top popcorn salesperson, **Lucy "free popcorn for only a dollar" LeRoy**.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES...**

Only six months until the annual Tiger Trip on August 10th. **Fred Sanchez** still has a few tickets left.

<b>Ann Arbor Downtown Kiwanis Club &amp; Guests</b>	
<b><i>Detroit Tigers</i></b>	
	
<i>Vs.</i>	
<b>Kansas City Royals</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 10, 2019</b>	
<b>\$70</b>	
Package Includes:	
➤Chartered National Trails, Inc. 56 passenger motor coach with reclining seats, rest room & A/C ➤Bus will be at AA Pioneer High School Parking Lot at 3:30 P.M. Arrival back between 10:00-11:00 P.M., depending on the length of the game ➤5" Club Sandwich, pop, chips, munchies on the bus ➤Driver's Tip ➤Reserved Infield Upper Deck Box Ticket, Section 327, rows 6-10, left field ➤GREAT SEATS - Behind Home Plate (Same as Last Year)	
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Quote Answer: General William Tecumseh Sherman regarding the 1884 election.

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**THREE-MINUTE SPEECHES...**

We heard two great speeches totaling six minutes.



**Len Lofstrom**

**Len Lofstrom** gave his 3-minute speech. Len grew up in Detroit and was President of his High School Key Club. He taught at the U-M Dental School until 1987 and had his own dental practice specializing in crowns and bridges. He has served on the board of the Washtenaw Dental Clinic and the Hope Dental Clinic. Len plays hockey three times a week, enjoys fly fishing around the world and is on the board of Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited.

Len enjoys photography and shares a love of jazz with **Dick and Elissa Benedek**. Len has been ballroom dancing for 20 years which is where he met his wife Betty. We are happy that Len still has time for Kiwanis.



**Carol Presley**

**Carol Presley** is a former honorary member of Kiwanis and recently joined. She is a former teacher but is now a travel consultant. Carole worked the Belle Isle Casino Senior Center and then for 21 years as the Senior Center Coordinator for the Pittsfield Senior Center. She currently operates her own business, Carol's VIP Adventures, which offers everything from day trips to vacations around the world. Open her web site [carolsvipadventures.com](http://carolsvipadventures.com) and click on monthly

update and flyers to see the 25 or so trips scheduled for the rest of the year. Carol's friend **Joe Medrano** invited her to become a member of Dexter Kiwanis and now they have joined our club. **Ellen Webb** gets credit for recruiting Carol to be a sale volunteer.



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

### Community Impact Report

#### Who is the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor?

- We are Members, Volunteers, and Staff who help children, youth, families, & our community.
- February 2019, the Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Ann Arbor had 130 members, 160 volunteers, and 5 full-time and 4 part-time staff. In 2018 we provided over 30,000 volunteer hours. Our Club was chartered in 1921.
- Our KIWANIS THRIFT SALE is OPEN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 9 am to 1 pm.
- Our Thrift Sale first opened in 1927 and is located at 100 N. Staebler Rd. just off the corner of W. Jackson Rd. One mile west of Zeeb Rd. or One mile east of Baker Rd.

*Proceeds from Kiwanis Thrift Sale, gifts from our Members, and the work of our Volunteers Benefit Our Community.*

### Since 1921 over \$6,950,000.

*In 2018, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation supported:*

- \$83,800 in Kiwanis Vouchers for Free Household Goods to 425 Individuals and Families.
- \$74,000 in direct gifts of Free Furniture and Supplies to Non-Profit Organizations.
- \$72,000 in Scholarships: \$1,500 each to 46 college-bound high school graduates and \$500 each to six middle school students for summer music camps.
- \$135,000 Warm The Children as its Official Sponsor. 1,500 families with new winter clothing.
- \$20,700 Salvation Army Annual Bell Ringing campaign.
- \$40,000 in Financial and Material Support for Residential Summer Camperships for Children.
- \$159,000 to support Local Children and Family Agencies and Services through our Annual Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation Grant Process. (See list on other side.)

*Other Services and Gifts from Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Members, in addition to our Kiwanis Thrift Sale, included:*

- Long Standing and On-Going Donations of Volunteer Time and Financial Support to:
  - Meals on Wheels: over 2,500 meals delivered last year.
  - C. S. Mott Children's Hospital's Child & Family Life Services Program.
  - Kiwanis Service Leadership and Youth Programs.
- Continued planning for our new Kiwanis Environmental Education Preserve (KEEP).
- \$50,000 provided by members over the last 5 years to the Haiti Nursing Foundation.
- \$107,000 provided by members over 5 years in a shared effort with UNICEF and our Kiwanis International to Eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) across the world.
- \$104,000 provided by members in the 1990's for the Kiwanis and UNICEF campaign to end Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) across the world.

*"Help Us Help Kids, Families and our Community"*

SHOP and DONATE at our weekly Kiwanis Thrift Sale

BECOME a Volunteer and/or Club Member.

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

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Updated: February 8, 2019



## HELP NEEDED TO PACK UP AACC MERCHANDISE FOR KIWANIS

The Ann Arbor City Club (AACC), 1830 Washtenaw Ave., is having their annual Flea Market Sale next Saturday and Sunday, Feb 23 and 24. The unsold items, as in previous years, are being donated to Kiwanis. We need about four or five volunteers to help box up remaining merchandise at the AACC at 4:00PM on Sunday (Feb 24). The process should be completed in an hour or less if we have enough help. If you can help, please contact Bob Gray at 734-604-4977 or email at [rgray@umich.edu](mailto:rgray@umich.edu).

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	2 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
3	4 <u>Black History Month</u>	5	6 <u>Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm</u>	7	8 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	9 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
10	11 <u>Peace Neighborhood Center</u>	12 Board Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	16 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
17	18 <u>A2 Fire Safety Update</u>  Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	23 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
24	25 <u>Brain fitness at 50 and Beyond</u>	26	27	28		



## This Week's Numbers

**Attendance:**  
53

**Fines:**  
\$17.62

**Happy \$:**  
\$43

**Mott Pot:**  
\$0 Today  
\$768.25 YTD

**Vouchers:**  
\$970  
6 Families  
\$24,329 YTD  
126 Families YTD

## Thrift Sale:

**Friday:**  
\$8,663

**Saturday:**  
\$7,454

**Other:**  
\$409

**TOTAL:**  
\$16,526  
**\$336,516 YTD**  
(Unofficial)



# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	2 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
3	4 <u>Women's History Month</u>	5	6 <u>Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm</u>	7	8 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	9 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
10 DST Begins	11 <u>Michigan Maritime Museum</u>	12 Board Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	16 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 <u>St. Thomas School</u>	19	20	21	22 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	23 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
24	25 <u>Member Recognition—Hixon Awards</u>	26	27	28	29 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	30 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
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**The Kiwanis Center**



**CENTENNIAL MEMORY GEMS...**

*During our 75th anniversary year, several club members shared their own "Memory Gems" in a booklet that included drawings by kids at Mott Hospital. We will be re-publishing some of those gems here...*

**The Christmas Bells Ring in Memories of Colonel Crowell**

By Clarence E. Dukes, November 27, 1995

Our annual Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Project conjures my pleasant memories of a wonderful human being—Colonel Harold L. Crowell. The late, long-time club member was in charge of the area-wide program for many years.

Colonel Crowell had a firm but gentle nature. He was a loyal care-giver to his wife, Gladys, who was ill for many years. I can recall bell ringing on both mild and bitter cold days. In later years I've noticed that those who put money in the kettle often say "Thank you" to us before we can thank them.

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