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TODAY'S PROGRAM...



Doug Ziesemer introduced today's speaker, Ryan LaFontaine, Owner of the LaFontaine Automotive Group (LAG). Doug described what a great friend to Kiwanis the LaFontaine Group has been—providing discounted vehicles for club operations and handling the re-sale of donated vehicles while returning 100% of the proceeds to our club's foundation.

It's "The Family Deal" at LaFontaine from the way the business was founded Doug Ziesemer and operates to their values and focus on community involvement. Founded by

Ryan's parents in 1980 with a single dealership in Dearborn, LAG has grown to 20 dealerships and 34 brands employing 1,300 people. Ryan started selling cars at age 15 and has been in the business ever since. 2008 was a pivotal year for the company and Ryan. LAG's flagship store in Highland achieved #1 in the nation sales just as the Great Recession loomed and General Motors faced bankruptcy. That was also the year Ryan was diagnosed with cancer.

Those challenges were met with heart and passion. The business weathered the storm and prospered while Ryan became a cancer survivor. In 2014 he was honored as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man of the Year and he has raised more than \$1 million for cancer research. Ryan and sister Kelley LaFontaine in 2016 founded the U CANCER VIVE foundation which has raised more than \$1.1 million, providing funds for ten research grants in Michigan. 100% of donations to the foundation go to cancer research done at Michigan Hospitals. U CAN-CER's continuing goal is to raise \$1 million for cancer research every year.

Learn more about LaFontaine Automotive Group at this <u>link</u>, and about the U CAN-CER VIVE foundation at this <u>link</u>.



Ryan LaFontaine

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM...

May 6—The Breakfast Club at St. Andrew's. Speaker: Jim Cain. Introduction by Dennis Powers

UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

May 13—Dexter Area Historical Society, Gordon Hall . Speaker: Beverly Hall. Introduction by Max Supica, Dan Burroughs.

May 20—Financial Literacy, UM Credit Union. Speaker: Mark Munzenberger. Introduction by **Deb Jones.**

SCHOLARSHIPS...



The members of the Scholarship Committee want to share with all Kiwanians and Volunteers the fact that we have met and exceeded our goal (\$23,500) for this year's new program to the tune of \$26, 250! This means we can fully provide the 8 scholarships for the first year at WCC for current AA High School Seniors and 10 scholarships for the second year for former AA High School Seniors.

When Dan Burroughs wrote to Phillip Snyder, Associate Vice President WCC Foundation, to give him this news, he had this to say,

...I am absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club, and am in awe of how quickly you accomplished this goal! We are now looking forward to having 18 Kiwanis Scholars at WCC this fall...

So THANK YOU for embracing this new program about which we are all so excited.



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ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK...

All Sale	See the schedule emailed by the Volunteer Coordinator.				
Vouchers	Vouchers on 5/2: Ellen Webb, Jean Robinson, Sally Lamkin, Bud Roberts, Dee Smit, Susan Smith, Gretchen Preston, Greg Meisner and Mark Lavin. One more needed this week and two needed for 5/16.				
Invocation	Max Ziegler				
Meeting Greet- ers	I Francine Bomar, Andrea Kotch-Duda, Fred Sanchez (A)				
Hospitality	William Hampton				
Newsletter	Dave LaMoreaux				
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GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

Garry Donner introduced today's guests: Shad Bennett, Matt Jury, and Jeremiah Alvarado from the LaFontaine organization; Mamadou, guest of **Harry Hawkins**; Arno Buhrer, guest of **Pat Buhrer**; Skylar Gleason, Melissa Zhou, Peter Chen, Kirsten Birman, and Diana Yassin all from UM Circle K. Welcome everyone!

HOSPITALITY...

Kathy Barden-Perlberg gave the hospitality report. She heard for former member and Past President Dick Brunvand who is participating in sponsoring a Past President's scholarship. **Jim and Ann Mattson** are reported to be on their way back to Michigan from their winter in Florida. Sally Springer is also back in town.

Carol Presley reported that **Joe Medrano** had an intermediate heart procedure and is doing okay. He's very appreciative of all the visits and good wishes, but is pooped out for now and visits are limited to family only.

Dale Leslie passed on the news that **Ann Arbor Western President Dick Pitcher** is recovering from a slight stroke and will be having a stent inserted this week.

President William Hampton is the Hospitality contact for May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- Starting the week of April 22nd areas in our main sales floor will be under construction. Koch & White are installing a NEW roof top HVAC. This will take approximately 2 weeks. By Friday of this week, jewelry will be open and the area for our check-out line will be up and running. About a third of the floor space for furniture and one of the docks will be unavailable. Any area that is cordoned off by plastic sheeting is off limits due to safety concerns. Thanks to everyone in helping to improving our sales experience and to all volunteers in working around this project! Tanya Salamin / Facilities Coordinator
- ❖ Past President Alan Burg reviewed the Nominating Committee's report (see pages 5 -7). Nominees for board and officer positions will be announced at next week's meeting. The election is May 20, 2019 with voting staring at 11:30am and ending at 12:30pm.
- **Ken Hillenburg** is working on a project to update the club's online calendar.

MEETINGS...

Annual Meeting and Election of the Board

The Board of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and the Board of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation have approved setting the date for the Annual Meeting and the date and time of the Election of Board Officers and Board Directors for Monday, May 20, 2019 with voting to be held starting at 11:30am and ending at 12:30pm.

Other Meetings:

- Children & Youth Services Committee meets Monday, May 6 at 10:30am.
- Operations Coordination Committee meets Friday, May 24 at 1:30pm.
- President William advised that the June 10 meeting agenda will vary from our usual routine—our keynote speaker will speak first due to a later engagement. The program that day is Scouts BSA.

FINES...

Following the obligatory fine on new member **Kim Streich**, **Emily Allshouse** rose to make her first-ever fine motion. In honor of LaFontaine's presence, Emily proposed fining anyone who had ever driven a car. Passed unanimously.

HAPPY DOLLARS...

- © **Kathy Barden-Periberg** was appreciative of the LaFontaine organization and happy for the car she purchased there.
- © **Dale Leslie's** foot-in-mouth comment about disliking motorcycles to motorcycle-rider friend Betty must have turned out okay as he was happy enough to throw in a Happy Dollar.



- © **Dave Drake** had five Happy Dollars for help with Meals On Wheels while his wife recovers from surgery. **Jerry Brown** volunteered.
- Harry Cross was happy Sally Springer will be funding the Sheridan Springer Memorial Scholarship this year. Harry is also looking for someone with contacts at Ferris State University.
- Al Gallup had a Happy Dollar for wife (and Kiwanis volunteer) Karen's art show success, and another ten Happy Dollars for missing us while in Florida. Al said he did a lot of biking there and was only hit by a car once—he looked fine; no word on the car's condition.



© **Skylar Gleason**, former UM Circle K President, was happy to be graduating this weekend, but sad it would be her last meeting as she is moving to Washington, D.C.



Melissa Zhou also had a happy/sad dollar for graduation. An active Circle K member, Melissa plans to stay in Ann Arbor and to be a part of the KYP.

- © Claire Dahl gave five Happy Dollars for 3 1/2 weeks in Hilton Head, daffodils at the Kiwanis Center entrance, for Circle K-ers Skylar and Melissa, and for WCC's help with scholarships.
- © **Emily Allshouse** was happy to have attended Ann Arbor Western's successful spaghetti dinner with several other KCAA members.
- Luke Panning happily reported wife Katherine passed step three of her medical boards.
- Peter Schork had three Happy Dollars for LaFontaine, a Game of Thrones pool where he came in last, and for the \$22,000 in member scholarships received to date versus the goal of \$23,500. Today was the deadline, but Peter says there's still time for those last-minute donations.
- Bob Johnson is happy to be over the flu, and asked for help in disposing of numerous foreign coins that have been donated to the sale. Volunteers promptly appeared.



- © **Harry Cross** was again happy for an exhibit of his collection of Molas—hand-made textiles of the Kuna people of Columbia—at a museum near Seattle. A PowerPoint of the exhibit is available for those who can't make it to Washington. Follow these links: PowerPoint or MP4.
- Simple Finally, President William was \$5 happy for the timely completion of Happy Dollars today!



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NEW MEMBER INDUCTION...

Kim Streich was inducted as a new member today by **Lynne Lande** and sponsor **Deb Jones**. Kim lives in Canton, also volunteers at the Huron Valley Humane Society, and appreciates the Kiwanis mission. She was fined before the ink was dry on her induction papers, but was prepared with the requisite quarter like a good Kiwanian.



Lynne Lande inducts new member Kim Streich, sponsored by Deb Jones. Kim works for Ann Arbor Hospice. Welcome Kim!

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS...

Paul Gallagher has applied for membership. He is sponsored **by Dan Dever** and **Peter Schork.** Second publication.

The Ann Arbor Women's Group has applied for a business/corporate membership. Cathy Freeman is President of the Ann Arbor Women's Group. The membership application is sponsored by **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** and **Kathie Wilder**. The group's website is https://a2womensgroup.org/. First publication.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER AND COMPANY...



George Gilligan, Ryan LaFontaine, Shad Bennett, Max Muncey (Senior Manager, Corporate Communications), LaFontaine Automotive Group, Doug Ziesemer and William Hampton in front of one of our vehicles obtained from LaFontaine.

Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Ann Arbor 2019 Nomination Committee ELECTION STATUS REPORT to the Boards as of Wednesday, April 16, 2019. (amended after Board approval, item 6.c)

The 2019 Nominating Committee members are Past Presidents and current Board Members. They are Kathy Barden-Perlberg, Gordon Beeman, Michael Dabbs, Lynne Lande, Peter Schork, Cliff Sheldon, Ellen Webb and Alan Burg Immediate Past President as Chair. Also invited to attend the committee are current President William Hampton and President-Elect Dan Dever.

- The first committee meeting was on February 11, 2019. A list of 15 possible candidates was developed by the committee at that time and the process of outreach to those candidates began then and continues. The committee has met three times and its next meeting is April 22nd to begin to prepare for the election day.
- March 13, 2019, committee member Gordon Beeman received an email request from Martha Petroski. Martha shared her interest in joining the Board in part due to her role as Chair of the Inter-Club Committee. The Nominating Committee acknowledged and thanked her for her interest.
- 3. The Club and Foundation Boards at their Board meeting in February and March provided the Nominating Committee with additional direction by supporting a series of motions to change the Board Officer positions of Treasurer and Secretary into the following four Board Officer positions: Foundation Treasurer, Club Treasurer, Foundation Secretary, and Club Secretary. The Nominating Committee then incorporated those changes in this election.
- The Board Officer Foundation Secretary and Club Secretary positions will continue to be not elected by the general membership, but through the bylaw and policy manual process of being identified by the President-Elect (designate) and supported by the Board designate.
- All other Board Officers and Board Directors are elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in May.
- 6. The process for identifying and setting the date for the Annual Meeting and Board Election.
 - A review of our two sets of bylaws (Club and Foundation) as well as our two sets of policy manuals indicated a similar process with some different parameters regarding providing notice to members
 - The following dates and election process are recommended to the Boards.
 - c. At the April 16th Boards' meeting. The Boards approved the date and time for the Annual Meeting and the Election for the two Boards to be Monday, May 20, 2019 with voting starting at 11:30am and ending at 12:30pm.

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- This recommended date of May 20th will miss the Kiwanis target date for the annual meeting of May 15th by five days.
- However, the recommended date of May 20, 2019 will provide our general membership with proper notice of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Club requires 30-day notice and the Foundation required 14-day notice for the Annual Meeting.
- Both the Club and Foundation requires at least a 14-day notice to the general membership of the scheduled Board Election Day.
- iv. After receiving Board support of the May 20, 2019 date and in order to meet the 30-day timeline, an email to all members must be sent no later than Friday, April 19, 2019. Alan Burg offers to work with Bob Gray to get this done.
- d. The Nominating Committee will develop the election ballot which will show two separate lists of candidates, one for the Club Board and one for the Foundation Board.
- e. The Nominating Committee, per bylaws and policy, proposes to announce to the general membership at two regularly scheduled meetings the list of candidates and the date of the election. Those announcement dates would be Monday, May 6 and Monday May 13.
 - i. As part of the election process on those two dates, nominations from the floor can be received from the general membership. Those being nominated through this process must have been previously aware that he/she is being nominated and his/her name would then be added to the election ballot.
 - However, no nominations from the floor can be honored or included on the election day of May 20.
- f. The Annual Meeting and Election would occur at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, as part of the business portion of the meeting and results announced prior to the end of the meeting, after the program.

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The List of Officers and Candidates from the 2019 Nominating Committee for the 2019-20 election process

Board Officer Immediate Past President: William V. Hampton

Board Officer President: Dana A. Dever

Board Officer President-Elect candidate: Margaret Krasnoff

Note: Immediate Past President, President and President-Elect serve on both of the two

Boards; the Foundation Board and Club Board

Board Officer Foundation Treasurer candidate: Greg Meisner

Board Officer Club Treasurer candidate: Evan LeRoy

Note: These two Treasurer positions, as identified, serve only on either the Foundation Board or the Club Board, not both.

Three Board Director candidates.

Note: Each of the six Board Directors (current and to be elected) serves on both of the two Boards, the Foundation Board and the Club Board.

One Board Director for a one-year position (2019-2020) candidate: Emily Allshouse.

Note: This one new Board Director is needed to fill Margaret's remaining term through Sept 30, 2020 as she would need to resign as a current Director upon her election as President-Elect.

Two Board Director three-year term each (2019-2022) candidates: Kenneth L. Hillenburg and Larry Dittmar.

Note: These two positions are needed due to end of service of two current Directors (Ellen Webb and Peter Schork).

Note: The process to identify additional members to fill the two Board Officer positions of Foundation Secretary and Club Secretary, as well as, the possible support positions of Assistant Secretary, and two Assistant Treasurers are not part of the nominating committee's assigned work or the general membership election process. Dan Dever as our current President-Elect is tasked with talking with current and future persons to fill these positions per bylaws and policy manuals.

/end of the report from Nominating Committee Chair, Alan Burg

April 2019

5	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>Chasing Tor-</u> <u>nadoes</u>	2	3 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm	4	5 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1	6 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
7		8 <u>Scio Township</u> <u>Update</u>	9	10	11	12 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	13 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
14		15 <u>Red Cross</u>	16 Board Meeting 6:30pm	17	18	19 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	20 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
21 E		22 <u>Children's</u> <u>Literacy Network</u>	23	24	25	26 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	27 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
28		29 <u>LaFontaine</u> <u>Program</u>	30				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm		3 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1	4 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
5	6 <u>Breakfast</u> Program at St Andrews	7	8	9	10 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	11 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
12	13 <u>Dexter Area</u> <u>Historical Socie-</u> <u>ty</u>	14	15	16	17 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	18 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
19	20 <u>Financial</u> <u>Literacy</u>	21	22		24 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	25 Sale & Dona- tions: TKC 9-1
26	27 <u>Music Schol-</u> <u>arships and</u> <u>Hixon Award</u> <u>Memorial Day</u>	28	29		31 Sale & Do- nations: TKC 9-1	



This Week's **Numbers**

Attendance

Fines \$16.15

Happy \$ \$40

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