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## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

**December 23—**  
*Washtenaw County Law Update* Speaker: Brian Mackie Introduction By **Steve Hiller**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 30—***From Property to Family: Dog Rescue* Speaker: Dr Andrei Markovits Introduction by **Betty Jean Harper**

**January 6—**C.S. Mott Children's Hospital - Child & Family Life Speaker: Lindsay Heering Introduction by **Larry French**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS...

The Board of Directors meets Tuesday, 12/17 at 6:30pm at the Kiwanis Center.  
The Membership Growth Committee met after today's meeting.



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## CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM...FRESH START CLUBHOUSE

Today's speakers, introduced by **Deb Jones**, were Rachel Hanning and Kelley Rivenburgh of the Fresh Start Clubhouse. Fresh Start is a non-clinical program aiding adults living with serious mental illness. The Ann Arbor Clubhouse is one of 47 in Michigan and is part of [Clubhouse International](#) that has over 300 clubhouses in 30 countries. The Ann Arbor clubhouse operates with a staff of six working with about 30 active members on a day-to-day basis and a total membership of 100-120.



**Deb Jones**

Fresh Start is based on the Fountain House model of psychosocial rehabilitation where members provide mutual support and encouragement to celebrate accomplishments and regain self-confidence. The goal isn't specific job training, but imparting skills and confidence that can be transferred to a variety of job and life situations in the outside world. The staff is small to enable greater member opportunities to work in and learn from club operations. This work is divided into units of responsibility:

**THE CULINARY UNIT**—"Fresh Start" may erroneously bring to mind Ann Arbor's latest farm-to-table produce emporium. While it's not that, food is an important part of what they do. The Culinary Unit is responsible for preparing, serving, and cleaning up lunch daily. This includes menu planning, shopping, gardening, sanitation, and wellness programming. The unit also operates the Fresh Way Café, which sells refreshments, meal tickets, and other items.

**THE CO-OP UNIT**—The Co-op Unit is responsible for orienting and outreach of members, tracking attendance, member records, finances, reception, public relations, and other support. The Co-op offers opportunities to learn clerical, computer, and other professional skills.

**EMPLOYMENT**—Employment support includes creating resumes, assistance with applications, job searching, mock interviews, and professional skill development. Employer partners include Driven Engineering, Zingerman's Roadhouse, Zingerman's Cornman Farms, Lucky's Market, and Aramark (food service contractor to Mott Hospital).

In order to become a Fresh Start member an individual must have a primary diagnosis of a serious mental illness, indicate an interest in rehabilitation, be 18 or older, be able to independently meet safety and self-care needs, not currently pose a threat, be a client of Washtenaw Community Mental Health, and complete a formal tour of the Clubhouse. Once a member, an individual remains a member for as long as they like.

Fresh Start is funded through Medicaid, donations, and fundraisers. One of their more important fundraising sources is UM Football parking at their 2051 S. State location where they can park up to 80 cars on a football Saturday. Think about it if you're in need of a new parking spot. For more information on Fresh Start Clubhouse go to <https://freshstartclubhouse.org/>.



Today's Speakers, Rachel Hanning and Kelley Rivenburgh



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**Doug Hanton**, pictured at left. **Max Ziegler** advised he stopped to see **Doug**, who is in hospice care, but ended up not going in as family members already surrounded Doug. Doug is comfortable and surrounded by love.



### VOUCHERS

The schedule for December 19 is Ellen Webb, Fred Miller, Dee Smit, Debbie Rydzor, Claire Dahl, Gretchen Preston, Greg Meisner and Bud Roberts.

**Two More People Are Needed For This Week**

## GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

Today's guests, introduced by **Susan Smith**, included Rick and Joyce Wresche of Ann Arbor Western. Rick asked for some help in covering their Busch's/Plymouth Road bell-ringing location on the 21<sup>st</sup>. One ringer is needed at 2pm and two ringers are needed at 3pm. Other guests were: Barb Goodkin, wife of **Mitch Goodkin**; **Neel Hajra**, honorary membership recipient; Paul Herndon of Ann Arbor Western; Ken Dill; Arno Buhner, husband of **Pat Buhner**; Mamadou, guest of **Harry Hawkins**; and **Diana Yassin**, **Peter Chen**, and **Kirsten Birman** all of Circle K. Welcome everyone!



Susan Smith

## HOSPITALITY...

**Lynne Lande** reported the hospitality news. Christmas cards for those ailing or away were available for signing today. Let **Lynne** know if cards should go to others. **Max Supica** reports he is doing well and not quite sure what all the fuss is about. **Prudy Dittmar** is making progress. **Marilyn Drake** is also reported to be doing well following wrist surgery.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- **Jim Wolfington** announced "pho-nominal" thrift sale results (\$24,205 total sales) in homage to the Fountain Valley Pho Festival held this past weekend.
- **John Sampsele** announced that Alicia Swarthart of Pinckney was the winner of the customer survey drawing for a \$100 Kiwanis merchandise gift certificate. Alicia was a first-time shopper at the thrift sale.
- **Garry Evans** advises that prime locations & hours are still available for **Bell Ringing** on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact **Garry** to volunteer. Sadly, technical difficulties prevent the distribution of coffee and hot chocolate to this year's bell ringers. However, Washtenaw Dairy doughnuts will be provided—bring your own thermos of coffee to wash them down. Again, this year a donor will match all of our kettle collections and donations made at our meeting on December 23.
- **Jim Carey** thanked all those who have volunteered to help with the Mott Toy Sale.
- The gift giving began early when **Peter Schork** noted that last year he was given a very tasteful tie from the Kiwanis inventory and he wanted to continue the tradition. He then presented a mildly disturbing hippopotamus paper-weight/sculpture/doorstop to a very appreciative **Jim Wolfington**.



- **Dan Dever** announced that a mere tie was insufficient recognition for **Peter Schork's** Kiwanis service and went on to present **Peter** with a coat of many colors, warning that additional pieces of the ensemble will be forthcoming.





**FINES...** Nick Dever recognized our newest honorary member by proposing a fine on anyone who had not served on the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Board of Directors or any of its many committees. Passed unanimously.



### HONORARY MEMBER...

Claire Dahl introduced our newest honorary member, **Neel Hajra**. Neel is the CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and an Ann Arbor Townie who has spent his whole life in the area. He holds a JD from the University of Michigan Law School and worked as a corporate attorney for Ford Motor Company. He shifted to the non-profit sector in 2002 with a nine-year stint at Nonprofit Enterprises at Work (NEW), including two years as NEW's President & CEO. Since joining the Community Foundation in 2011 and becoming CEO in 2015, **Neel** has continued his intense focus on producing positive change in Washtenaw County. He considers it an honor to wake up every day thinking about how to make our community a better place for all. Welcome to Kiwanis Neel; see you at the sale!

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## HAPPY DOLLARS...

- **Claire Dahl** had two happy dollars. One in recognition of Boston Tea Party Day, and one for Santa coming to the Yankee Air Museum on Saturday, 12/21. He'll arrive by helicopter at 11am and leave at 2pm. The museum opens at 10am, there'll be many activities, and it's free all day.



Dick Smit

- **Max Ziegler** was happy for **Doug Hanton** being surrounded by family.
- **Dick Smit** was happy for the Thrift Sale, especially Men's Clothing where they were successful in getting rid of Peter Schork's new coat.

- **Chris Winkler** had a happy dollar for completion of the member digest and for **John Bassett, Sharon Keyes, Kathie Wilder, and Bob Gray** who all provided essential help. He had a second happy dollar for Meals on Wheels and asked for additional volunteers to cover gaps during the winter.

- **Mary Schwartz** was happy for the opportunity to work with Kiwanians.

- **Margaret Krasnoff** was happy for **Peter Schork's** good sportsmanship in wearing his new coat.

- **Garry Donner** had a happy dollar for the blockbuster success of his daughter's game *Pencil Nose*.

- **Kathy Barden** was happy for two successful outreach events (Women's Tea and Chamber of Commerce) and for the great assistance she received from club members and volunteers.

- **Susan Smith** was very happy for everyone who helped prepare for and work during the toy and Christmas sales. She encouraged everyone to volunteer for the sale; it's a great time!

- **Peter Schork** was happy for our recent special sale event for the Tom Wall Foundation. **Peter** described the good work done by Tom Wall and made the dubious claim that Tom is one of the few people more boisterous and obnoxious than he is.

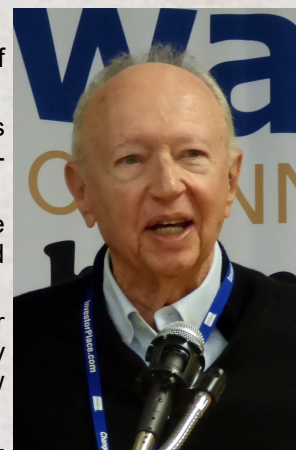
- **Dan Dever** was happy for our outreach events and said coordination with other nonprofits on the use of our building will be an emphasis for the future. In that vein, today's speakers said they intend to re-kindle utilization of the Thrift Sale by Fresh Start Clubhouse members.



Lynne Lande



Garry Evans



John Sampsele



Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas from the three Marys - Hill, Bachman and Ferguson, longtime Kiwanis Volunteers in soft sorting for women's clothing (pictured at left). While Mary Bachman can no longer come to Kiwanis, Mary Hill takes her many donated scarves and she washes and presses them and puts them on hangers. Then Mary Hill brings them back to Kiwanis to be put out for sale when she brings her the next batch of donated scarves. In addition to sorting, Mary Ferguson, keeps the dressing rooms in order on Sale days.

Gloo-oo-oo-ria times three for a Happy Holiday from Gloria Bignal, Gloria Stephens and Gloria Grapentine (pictured at right). Gloria Bignal works with anything she can lay her hands on while sitting down. She sorted and marked all of the Xmas wrapping papers and ribbons this year. Gloria Grapentine helped mark Christmas merchandise this year. Gloria Stephens came to Kiwanis shopping for puzzles with Susan Kramer (not pictured). Now the two of them are hooked and mark most of our toys.

**A BIG THANK YOU to ALL of our VOLUNTEERS.  
YOU make the Kiwanis Thrift Sale ROCK!**



# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <u>MI Supreme Court Update</u>	3	4 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm Sweetwater's on Plymouth Rd.	5	6 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	7 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
8	9 <u>UM Building &amp; Construction Update</u>	10	11	12	13 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	14 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
15	16 <u>Fresh Start Clubhouse</u>	17	18	19	20 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	21 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
22	23 <u>Washtenaw County Law Update</u>	24 KC CLOSED	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 KC CLOSED	27 KC CLOSED	28 KC CLOSED
29	30 <u>From Property to Family: Dog Rescue</u>	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>				



## This Week's Numbers

### Attendance

62

### Fines

\$22.89

### Happy \$

\$34

### Mott Pot

\$0 Today

\$213 YTD

### Vouchers

\$2,357

9 Families

\$21,332 YTD

106 Families

YTD

### Thrift Sale

Mon - Friday

\$13,424

### Saturday

\$10,781

### Other

\$0

### TOTAL

\$24,205

\$278,065 YTD

(Unofficial)



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 KC Closed NO KYP today- see below	2	3 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	4 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
5	6 <u>UM Children's Hospital</u>	7	8 <b>Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm The Earle</b>	9	10 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	11 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
12	13 <u>Hidden Lake Gardens</u>	14	15	16	17 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	18 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
19	20 <u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</u>	21	22	23	24 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	25 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
26	27 <u>League of Women Voters 2020 Census</u>	28	29	30	31 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	



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- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [Kiwanis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 7pm first Wednesday 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 The Sports Bar Westside

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On Christmas Day, the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti is again helping Meals on Wheels with meal delivery. They help unload the food truck and then distribute the meals to the volunteers who deliver the meals. Volunteers should report at 9:30 AM at the First Baptist Church of Ypsilanti as the delivery schedule is earlier for Christmas.

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