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NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

January 13—Hidden Lake Gardens -Reach for the Sky! Speaker: Paul Pfeifer Introduction by **Evan LeRoy**

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

None, except for those with your friends and family this holiday season.

Reminder—The Kiwanis Center will be closed December 24 - 29 and there will be no sale this coming weekend.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM...WASHTENAW COUNTY LAW UPDATE

Steve Hiller introduced today's guest speaker, Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney Brian Mackie (who also happens to be his boss). Growing up in the 50s, Prosecutor Mackie explained how cases like the Little Rock Nine, the story of Ruby Bridges and his early work at the University of Michigan's Children's Hospital, made a big impact on him and how he viewed the world around him.



Steve Hiller with Today's Speaker, Washtenaw County Prosecutor Brian Mackie

Prosecutor Mackie grew up in Washtenaw County and attended both Northern Michigan and Eastern Universities and received his law degree from Wayne State University. First elected in 1993, he's currently serving his sixth term as Prosecuting Attorney. He's the past president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, past chair of the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Com-

mittee, current chair of the Michigan Crime Victims Services Commission, and co-chair of Michigan Fight Crime; Invest in Kids program.

Prosecutor Mackie talked to us about the various duties of the Prosecuting Attorneys office, including, but not limited to;

- The Child Support Division. This division, 2/3s of which is supported by the federal government, both establishes paternity when parents are not married and issues orders of child support. This is essential in ensuring children are provided for and to provide parental rights for fathers.

- The Probate Division. This division deals with those on probation, those who may be delinquent and/or absconding from justice and with mental health petitions. They also handle cases involving both child and elder abuse. These are considered by the office to be the most important cases they're involved in.

- The Appellate Division. This division both files appeals of cases they've lost and defends appeals filed against cases they've won. They also train assistant attorneys and police officers on the law and how it's applied. It's stressed to trainees the importance of "being right" before bringing charges. They take this very seriously and know that every piece of evidence must be weighed, no matter how big or small the crime. Knowing when to charge and when to not charge is crucial in ensuring the rights of all citizens are protected.

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NEW MEMBER SPEECH

Laura Koch, though not on the agenda and unprepared, graciously agreed to give her 3 minute speech, allowing us to get to know her bit better. She came to Kiwanis through her job at Old National Bank, working with **Mary Stewart** and **Larry French** on the Warm the Children program. She taught pre-school prior to joining the Bank 8 years ago. She's lived in Washtenaw County her whole life, residing now in Chelsea with her husband Jeff (married in May) and their hound dog Otis. Coming from a big family and with her past in education, she was drawn to Kiwanis and the work they do for children in the community. She's been a member since April and has been active promoting Kiwanis on social media. Welcome **Laura**!



GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

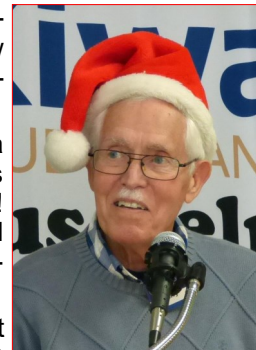
Today's guests included new Honorary Member **Rev. George Lambrides**, speaker Brian Mackie, Jane Kinzinger, wife of **John Kinzinger**, Elissa Benedek, wife of **Dick Benedek** and Ingrid Sheldon, wife of **Cliff Sheldon**. A special thanks to Ingrid Sheldon for delivering the invocation before today's meeting.

HOSPITALITY...

Lynne Lande reported that **Jeanette Okuley** is feeling a bit better and she has a goal of being home from the hospital at Christmas. We were very happy to see both **Cliff Sheldon** and **John Kinzinger** in attendance today. **Prudy Dittmar** continues to recover from knee surgery and we keep her in our thoughts during this difficult process. **Max Supica** is doing much better and is headed to sunny Florida. We keep them and all of our Kiwanis family in our thought and prayers during this holiday season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- While the Mott Pott was circulated, **President Dan Dever** invited anyone interested to join him after the meeting to discuss a new format for the Mott Pott collection. Results of this informal discussion and any changes will be reported in an upcoming issue.
- **Garry Evan** thanked our Kiwanis bell ringers, who collected a total of \$6,400 in donations for the Salvation Army. This amount was matched by a generous Kiwanian, bringing the total up to \$12,800! The top 3 sites were Macy's inside (\$569), TJ Maxx (\$607) and Busch's on Main (\$1,148). The bucket was then passed with an additional \$3,054 collected at the meeting today. Great job everyone!
- **President Dan Dever** noted we'll have a bag sale similar to last year on Christmas items. Contact him if you know of a charity that can use toys and stuffed animals for kids.



Garry Evans

TODAYS PROGRAM CONTINUED...

Prosecutor Mackie surprised us with the statement that *"the most important defense attorney is the prosecuting attorney"*. He says this because they're responsible for defending the rights of EVERYBODY. Twenty-five to thirty percent of cases brought to the prosecutors office are denied due to the fact that the accused person's rights matter too. And remember - the police arrest, the prosecutors office brings charges, and, if found guilty, a judge hands down the sentence. The constitution must be upheld, even if it seems the wrong thing to do at the time. This can be difficult to explain to victims, regardless of how big or small the crime. To the victim, his/her case is the most important thing happening.

Though general crime has actually gone down, violent crime is still a problem in this state and focusing on rehab, education and job training can be key to turning this around. More police on the streets correlates to less violent crime but the funds to provide these services are sorely lacking. Many things, including public opinion, can determine how we move forward in this area, but progress is being made.

We thank Prosecutor Mackie for spending his afternoon with us and for his service to the citizens of Washtenaw County.

FINES...Not wanting our new honorary member to feel left out, **Nick Dever** proposed the customary fine in honor of new member **Rev. George Lambrides**, which was passed unanimously. He also proposed a fine on any member who wouldn't be honored to be a new member sponsor, which passed with only one dissenter, who will remain unnamed at this time.

HAPPY DOLLARS...



George Gilligan had happy dollars for both an upcoming extended trip to Florida and to pay up the fines he knows he'll miss while there.



Larry Dittmar



John Kinzinger had happy dollars for the Christmas party held at the VFW for veterans and their families, funded by a grant from the Kiwanis Club. A good time was had by all, with children receiving warm clothes and presents.



Don Kossick was happy to share the news that the \$100 certificate winner of our customer survey raffle had to spend the money saved for gifts on unexpected car repairs so the money she won was especially appreciated.



John Shenk, like us all, was just happy to see **Cliff Sheldon** in attendance today.



Larry Dittmar was happy for **Prudy's** continued recovery and for a recent trip to Chicago. **Larry** learned on this trip that the Wenger Company, after 3 years negotiating and for the first time in their history, was donating music stands and chairs to the music program in Africa. Great news, **Larry!**



Chris Winkler was happy for the extra help with the Meal on Wheels program. It's a life saving service and the generosity to assist in January and beyond is much appreciated.



George Gilligan



Chris Winkler

HONORARY MEMBER...

Jerry Brown introduced new Honorary Member, **Reverend George Lambrides**, sponsored by **Dale Leslie**. **Rev. Lambrides**, who lives in Ann Arbor with wife Cindy, has been instrumental in creating a culture of understanding and inclusion in religion and spirituality. He attended the Denver Seminary after graduating from Houghton College in Houghton, NY and also received a Masters from the University of Oregon. He served as a pastor for 30 years and spent 11 years on the Chaplaincy staff of the University of Michigan Health Systems. His time at UM brought about a greater sensitivity and commitment to the diverse religious needs of both patients and staff. He was part of the formation of the Ann Arbor Interfaith Alliance, which later became the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. He calls himself a Religionist whose niche is to "build bridges between religious divides". Welcome to Kiwanis, **Rev. Lambrides!**



Jerry Brown and Rev. George Lambrides

VOUCHERS...

The schedule for January 9 is Ellen Webb, Garry Evans, Mary Evans, Susan Smith, Bob Carr, Bud Roberts, Dee Smith and Francine Bomar.

Two more people are needed this week

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WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing For Needy Children

"Serving the Children of the World" is the Kiwanis slogan, and for the past twenty-five years the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has put the slogan to work serving their community's neediest children with a program called Warm The Children.

It works this way: the successor to the local newspaper, AnnArbor.com, asks its readers for monetary donations. All of the money collected is used to buy new clothing and footwear for needy Ann Arbor area children. Families to be served are referred by area public school staff. Volunteer shoppers (this is where Kiwanis comes in) are assigned families who they meet at an area Walmart store; together they select about \$90 in clothing and footwear for each child. Walmart bills AnnArbor.com for all purchases.

Mary Stewart, program coordinator and daughter of program founder, Mack Stewart., is the club's Warm The Children contact person. In 1997, the Ann Arbor News (now AnnArbor.com) embraced the program. **Doug Ziesemer**, former WTC contact, describes what happened this way, "Cathy O'Donnell, then an editor at The News, asked me if our club's members would serve as volunteer shoppers. My club has always been very careful about committing to any new program that requires member hours because our K Thrift sale is our big fundraising project and requires full member support. When we decided to support Warm The Children it was a big step for us. Looking back it was the right decision. A number of our members have been shoppers since the start. It is a program our community needed and has grown every year."

One of WTC's shoppers is Kiwanian Lynne Lande, who told of her experiences: "I've been a volunteer shopper since our club began participating in Warm the Children. I really enjoy the shopping trips. I often have a family with five or six children. One year I met with a mother with ten children. Each child receives \$90 worth of clothing. It impresses me how efficient and wise the mothers are in selecting clothing for each of their children and in keeping mental tallies of how much they have "spent" for each child. When we get to the cash register, they are often within \$1 of the \$90 limit. It also is fun to interact with the children and see their excitement about a new snowsuit and boots or a pretty sweater and slacks. The \$100 gift certificates for the Kiwanis Thrift Sale introduce more families to the wonderful bargains they can find there year round. Warm the Children also warms our hearts. It is a great partnership between the program, the volunteer shoppers, the Ann Arbor newspaper that solicits monetary donations, and the local stores, which honor the vouchers and work so graciously with the shoppers and families."

Kiwanis in Ann Arbor serves "fifty plus" families each year and takes on special needs families such as those with large numbers of children and ones where the parent doesn't speak English. "Starting some years ago," he said, "the club began giving a \$100 gift certificate to be used at their Kiwanis Thrift Sale. This enables the family to get things they need beyond clothing and footwear for the children, and provides an opportunity for them to learn what the Kiwanis Thrift Sale is all about."

For information about the program, contact **Mary Stewart** at mkcstewart61@gmail.com. You can also learn more and make a monetary donation [here](#)

*Thanks to Doug Ziesemer for providing this article and information on this important program. Amended from an article in the Kiwanis Builder @2012.

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 & 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 Merry Christmas	26 KC CLOSED	27 KC CLOSED	28 KC CLOSED
29	30 <u>From Property to Family: Dog Rescue</u>	31 New Years Eve				



This Week's Numbers

Attendance

50

Fines

\$15.83

Happy \$

\$27

Mott Pot

\$195 Today
\$213 YTD estimate

Vouchers

\$2,697
13 Families
\$24,029 YTD
119 Families YTD

Thrift Sale

Mon - Friday

\$14,007

Saturday

\$12,513

Other

\$0

TOTAL

\$26,520

\$304,585 YTD
(Unofficial)



January 2020

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

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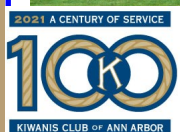
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- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
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- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [Kiwanis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 7pm first Wednesday of Month
- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays 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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