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NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

September 23—
Washtenaw County Update. **Speaker:**
Michelle Deatrick. Introduction by **William Hampton**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

September 30—AA
YMCA/Glacier Hills Grandparents Project. **Speaker:** Melissa Goings. Introduction by **Deb Jones**

October 7—Treeline
Conservancy. **Speaker:** Heather Seyfarth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

September 23
PR and Marketing Committee

Happy Birthday to Next Week's Celebrants!
Mark Wishka - 17th
Griff Dick - 23rd



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TODAY'S PROGRAM...Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County

Dan Burroughs introduced us to today's special guest, Sandy Williams, Executive Director and Director of Development for Foundations Preschool. Foundations Preschool is a non-profit with the goal of assisting at-risk and low-income children in receiving the early education and experiences that will prepare them for academic and social success later in life. And they've been doing this for over 80 years.

Foundations Preschool began as Perry Nursery School, one of four such institutions opened as part of a WPA program in 1934, and was a great help to working mothers during WWII. Of the four schools opened at the time, only Foundations Preschool survives today. The program provides essential resources to children who would otherwise miss out on the basics to building a happy and productive future. Child care can run more than 10k a year and, for a low-income household, is a barrier to employment, health insurance and the general upward mobility that will help alleviate the poverty afflicting so many today.



Dan Burroughs



Today's Guest Speaker
Sandy Williams

Foundations Preschool helps to remove this barrier for many parents by offering quality child care and education at no cost or on a sliding scale for those who can pay a portion. The school is open 5 days a week, 11 hours a day, allowing parents to work full time, all year round. Teachers are highly trained and accredited, with a ratio of 7 or 8 children per adult. A Toddler Room was just added, allowing for children as young as 18 months (oldest are 6 years). An average of 180 children are served each year and are provided with free meals and snacks each day (36k a year!). Parents are also supported with financial programs, social worker visits and intervention, a food pantry and other parent meetings where they learn the skills necessary to help their families thrive. In addition to education and child care, health screenings, including auditory, vision and dental, are provided. With 36% of the clientele speaking Spanish as a first language, translators are also on staff to ensure no one in our community is missing out on these life-changing benefits.

As Sandy notes, many children in low-income homes are starting school already 1-2 years behind academically than those from more well off households. Quality early education is the key to allowing a child to reach his or her full potential in life and Foundations Preschool does a great job of providing it to the most vulnerable in our society. Not surprisingly, there's a waiting list for this highly exceptional program.

During Q&A, **Claire Dahl** asked if Foundations directed families to the KC Thrift Sale and, indeed, they do. Some students live in homes without basic necessities that many of us take for granted. These households are assisted with the Family Emergency Fund, which can be used to purchase beds, kitchen items, towels, etc., at the affordable KC sale prices. **Dan Dever** asked how students get to school and was informed of the car pools many used and the fact that that school is located steps from the AATA Packard bus line.

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Dan Dever

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Greg Meisner

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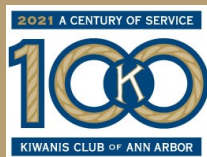
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK...

All Sale	See the schedule emailed by the Volunteer Coordinator.
Vouchers	Vouchers on 9/19: Ellen Webb, Dee Smit, Jerry Brown, Debbie Rydzon, Alan Burg, Francine Bomar, Joan Carr, Laura Koch, Garry Evans.
Invocation	Doug Zieseemer
Meeting Greeters	Bud Roberts, Evan LeRoy, John Dahl, Ken Shaw
Hospitality	Dale Leslie
Newsletter	John Kidle
Cashier	Larry French

GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

We welcomed many guests today, including **Dennis Lopatin**, prospective new member; Elissa Benedek, guest of **Dick Benedek**; Bob Ball and Esther Hampton, guests of **President William Hampton**; Mamadou, guest of **Harry Hawkins**; Circle K members Diana Yassin, Jaylene Gutierrez and Alexa Porter; John and June Williams, guests of **Dan Burroughs** and parents of today's guest speaker, Sandy Williams. We're glad you're here!

HOSPITALITY...

Don Kossick reported that **Mitch Goodkin's** sister-in-law passed away last week. Our prayers go out to their family. **John Dahl** is progressing well with his rehabilitation from recent knee surgery. **Don** heard from **Bob Johnson** who is home and recuperating from his bypass; he'll take calls but no visits yet. We wish them continued healing. **President William** included special thoughts for **Deb Jones**, who has had some health challenges of her own but is at the meeting every week and attending to much Kiwanis business throughout. *Please note that Dale Leslie will be filling in for Don for the next two weeks while Don gets to know his new grandson, Lucas, in Seattle.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- ♦ First and foremost, **President William Hampton** reported that **Bud Roberts** is back with us today at the KC and we're happy to see him here.
- ♦ **Jerry Brown** announced that **Honorary Member Nomination** forms are available (found on page 4). As most of you know, Honorary Members are those in the community who exemplify the mission of Kiwanis in our community. Please send your nominations to **Jerry** in person or by email edgbrown@aol.com by Monday, September 23.
- ♦ **Kathie Wilder** reminded those who haven't paid yet that 2019/20 membership dues should be paid by September 30. Please see **Kathie** with any questions.



Chris Winkler

- ♦ **Ellen Webb** needs more volunteers to assist with the Vouchers Program. This only takes about an hour on Thursday morning and that hour can change a life.

- ♦ **Chris Winkler** is asking those who are able to please consider helping with the **Meals on Wheels** program. This is a vital program for those who are homebound. The program is at a crisis point and they really need some help. This is another program that takes about an hour and you can team up with another member. Please contact **Chris** if you can help. He can answer any questions at cbw@umich.edu Also see the Happy Dollars on Page 3 for the **Dan Burroughs \$5 Challenge!**

TODAY'S PROGRAM CONTINUED...

Alan Burg asked how families find out about the program and we learned that word-of-mouth and referral do a good job there. Marketing can be a challenge since it needs to be targeted to those who have less access to media outlets. They do utilize the Single Point of Entry Program.

Sandy thanked Kiwanis for its recent grant to purchase class kits for the 72 kids who attended Foundation's summer camp STEAM program. We thank you, Sandy, for being with us today. Kiwanians, you can help Foundations Preschool by donating some items from their Wish List, found [here](https://foundations-preschool.org/). You can read more about them and other ways to help at <https://foundations-preschool.org/>

FINES...

Nick Dever, ignoring **President William's** acknowledgement of a woman's strength, wanted to fine every woman who didn't help him set up or take down the tables and chairs at Kiwanis picnic. **Dan Dever** added an addendum to fine any PERSON who didn't help. While we thank **Nick** for all his hard work, it was being proven a woman can pull her weight and a fine was paid by all.

HAPPY DOLLARS...

- ☺ **Max Zeigler** had a very generous donation of happy dollars for 81 years of life, 55 years of marriage to his wonderful wife and for **Bob Gray's** birthday cake that was enjoyed by all at the KC. He also thanked **Mary Stewart** and everyone who helped to make this past weekend's Kiwanis Picnic such a success.
- ☺ **Evan LeRoy** was also happy for the good times had at the Kiwanis Picnic and thanked all those who helped.
- ☺ **Dan Burroughs**, who's thankful for **Chris Winkler** and the **Meals on Wheels** program and wants to see it flourish, has offered to give \$5 happy dollars for each person (up to 10 people) who's willing to go on a run to see what it's all about. Another \$5 goes in for each person who decides to stay. danlbrghs@gmail.com
- ☺ Bob Gray thanks all those who made his birthday special, for his and **Susan Smith's** 17th anniversary, and for our biggest sale day ever on Saturday!
- ☺ **Bill Robb** was happy to tell the tale of the Costco birthday cake and gave credit to wife Phyllis, who picked it out, picked it up, and got it safely stored in **Bob's** fridge.
- ☺ **Kathie Wilder** thanked members for the turnout at the Kiwanis blood drive, where 15 members donated. She's also thankful for all the live music, food for our souls, available in our area, most notably, the artists we see at The Ark.
- ☺ **President William** had happy dollars, first paying back **Martha Petroski's** \$1 loan (with interest).

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER... **Dennis Lopatin** has applied for membership. You can stop by and say Hi back in the testing and repair area with small appliances where he's been volunteering.

INTERCLUB REPORT...

Charlie Phibbs reminded us of the Chelsea Interclub happening that evening with Brian Brill, Emmy Award winning composer. Be sure to look for other Chelsea Programs this year.

- ☞ The **AA Western Kiwanis Club's** meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 17, 12:00pm, at Westside Grill and Sports Bar**, located at the corner of Jackson and Zeeb roads. This will likely be the new regular meeting location. Stayed tuned!
- ☞ On Thursday, September 19, Whitmore Lake is hosting the *Division 6 Council Meeting and Interclub* at 7:00pm. See last week's Newsletter for more details.

Photos from the Blood Drive. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!



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Please return this form to **Jerry Brown**, or email to **edgbrown@aol.com** by **September 23, 2019**.

Please consider _____ for Honorary Membership
(name of nominee)

because he/she _____

prepared by: _____ date: _____

Kiwanis Picnic 2019



Thanks to Mary Stewart, Marianne D'Angelo, Nick Dever and all those who helped to make this such a great day for everyone!

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Meeting on Tuesday this week	3 <u>Jim Brandstatter</u>	4 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm	5	6 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	7 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
8	9 <u>United Way of Washtenaw County</u>	10 Blood Drive at the KC 1pm — 7pm	11	12	13 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	14 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
15 Kiwanis Picnic	16 <u>Foundations Preschool</u>	17 Board Meeting 6:30pm	18	19	20 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	21 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
22	23 <u>Washtenaw County Update</u>	24	25	26	27 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	28 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
29	30 <u>AA YMCA / Glaciers Hills Grandparents Project</u>					



This Week's Numbers

Attendance

58

Fines

\$21.40

Happy \$

\$181

Mott Pot

\$0 Today
\$2,139 YTD

Vouchers

\$1,582
9 Families
\$89,539 YTD
415 Families YTD

Thrift Sale

Friday

\$11,365

Saturday

\$14,330

TOTAL

\$25,695
\$976,838 YTD
(Unofficial)

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm	3	4 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	5 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
6	7 <u>Treeline Conservancy</u>	8	9	10	11 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	12 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
13	14 <u>Gelman Plume Update</u>	15 Board Meeting	16	17	18 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	19 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
20	21 <u>Scholarship Program</u>	22	23	24	25 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	26 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
27	28 <u>Haiti Nursing Foundation</u>	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 		

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Fridays and Saturdays
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- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
Click [here](#) to read the latest *Michigan Builder*.
- [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 Quarter Bistro

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