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## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM...

**June 3—miRcore and Music Scholarships.**

Speaker: Bhuvna Murthy. Introduction by Charlie Phibbs.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

**June 10—Scouts BSA.**

Speaker: Dr. Tim Johnson. Introduction by Evan LeRoy.

**June 17—Street Art: Chalk Edition.** Speaker: David Zinn. Introduction by TBD.



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### TODAY'S PROGRAM...

**President William** began our meeting by announcing that today was our Hixson Awards day and asked **Larry French** to introduce the award recipient. Larry said that today we had the honor of presenting the Hixson Award to **Deborah (Deb) Jones**.

Larry gave a brief history of the award—George F. Hixson was the first President of Kiwanis International. In 1983, the Kiwanis International Foundation, now called the Kiwanis Children's Fund, created an award in his name—the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Kiwanis Clubs and individual members are authorized to designate deserving individuals and organizations for the fellowship by donating \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Children's fund.



**Newest George F. Hixson Fellow Deb Jones (C) recommended by Larry French (L) and award presented by President William Hampton (R)**

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has, in partnership with UNICEF and the Gates Foundation, participated in two International humanitarian projects: The Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Project and the Eliminate Project. The IDD project was from about 1997 to 2002 and has made great strides in eliminating iodine deficiency and related mental retardation by supporting salt iodization, testing and monitoring, plus community outreach and education. The Eliminate Project, from about 2011 through today, has an objective of eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus by providing tetanus shots to mothers. Thus, protecting the mothers and their unborn children. Kiwanis pledged \$75 million for the IDD project and \$110 million for the Eliminate Project. If Our club contributed about \$107,000 to the IDD

project and about \$104,000 to the Eliminate Project. Larry said this means that we have some "money in the bank" for future Hixson Awards and it was his distinct pleasure and honor to participate in the presentation of a George F. Hixson Fellowship to Deb Jones.

Deb is originally from Willis, Michigan, and is married to Steve who is an architect with the nationally known architectural firm of Quinn Evans. Deb and Steve have two sons, Aaron and Brandon. Deb has a bachelors of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University and worked part of the time that she was pursuing this degree. She began her financial services career with the former Huron Valley National Bank, which was located where the Bank of Ann Arbor is currently. For those of us who remember those days she probably helped Jay Delay, bank founder and President, hand out apples to bank customers. She has successfully assisted high net worth individuals and families in preserving and growing their wealth through financial, retirement, estate, and investment advice and planning through her employment with First of America Bank, Comerica Bank, TIAA, and Bank of Ann Arbor.

Deb is currently a Vice-President of Trust and Investment Management with Bank of Ann Arbor and is responsible for 403(b) University Retirement and Advisory Services. She has participated in various continuing professional educational programs and is currently pursuing a CFP (Certified Financial Planning) Certificate. Deb has been a Kiwanian since 2013 and was sponsored by **Ron Gardner** and **Tom Dew**. She has been chair and is currently on the Programs Committee and is significantly responsible for obtaining the great programs that we have each week. In addition, she serves on the Attendance & Reception Committee and is on the Hundredth Year Celebration Committee. Deb was on the Board of Directors for three years and through calm and analytical review, accompanied by reasoned comments, was a very effective Board Member. She has also been responsible for six new members. Larry said it was with great pleasure that he was able to present Deb to President William for the awarding of the George F. Hixson Fellowship



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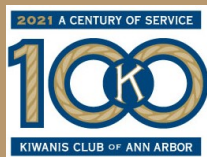
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## ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK...

All Sale	See the schedule emailed by the Volunteer Coordinator.
Vouchers	Vouchers on 5/30: Ellen Webb, Jean Robinson, Sally Lamkin, Bud Roberts, Dee Smit, Bob Johnson, Bob Carr, Mitch Goodkin, Susan Smith, and Mark Lavin.
Invocation	Sally Lamkin
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## GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

**Fred Sanchez** introduced today's guests: Esther Hampton, guest of **William Hampton**; Kathy Modigil, guest of **Harry Hawkins**; Arno Buhner guest of **Pat Buhner**. Welcome everyone!

## HOSPITALITY...

**President William** gave the Hospitality Report. He was going to announce that last week **Bob Gray** received two units of blood but since Bob was present at the meeting today he said he would not make that announcement.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- ❖ **President William** called the meeting to order and called for a brief moment of quiet reflection for the outstanding life lived by **Joe Medrano**. Joe passed away on May 21. A memorial service is planned for July 28. See page 6 for Joe's obituary.
- ❖ We had a different rendition of the singing of *America*. Since **President William** could not find any piano players, **Luke Panning** volunteered to lead us in singing the song a cappella.
- ❖ **President William** said that today was **Jim Wolfington's** birthday and as a gift to Jim, **Bob Johnson** would give today's sales report. Please note that Jim was not in attendance at today's meeting. In order to keep the report as short as possible, Bob cut right to the chase—sales on Friday were \$10,076, and on Saturday \$8,737, for a total of \$18,813 including tax.
- ❖ **President William**, in reference to yesterday's Memorial Day observance, asked that anyone who had served in the military or who had a close family member that served to please stand up. Many club members rose and were given an appreciative round of applause.
- ❖ **Fred Sanchez** reminded us of our fun-filled trip to Tiger Stadium on Saturday, August 10th and requested that if you want to go to let him know. There are still prime seats available right behind home plate. The price includes a deluxe round trip motor coach that will meet us at Pioneer High School at 3:30 PM. Since it is a Saturday evening game, there will not be a fireworks display after the game. Therefore, the post-game bus departure should not be delayed.
- ❖ **Jim Carey** said that we have been invited to serve dinner to the patients and families at Mott Children's Hospital, a week from this Thursday, on June the sixth. Dinner there will include pizza, salad, pop and, he believes, cookies. This will be from 5:30 to about 7:00 PM. Jim then got the six volunteers that he needed to help with the dinner.
- ❖ **President William** said the NAACP's Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th. He mentioned this because the Club/Foundation has a unique opportunity to purchase a table under the vendor tent at this significant African American event. This is yet another opportunity to add some additional diversity to our membership by informing attendees about who we are and what we do in this community.

—Announcements Continue on Page 4—



## FINES...



Not So Fun Fact—Due to inflation, 25 cents in 1921 had the buying power of \$3.57 today.

members. Al further enumerated the advantages to this proposal by saying that this would not interrupt **President William** as he was conducting the meeting and it would be easier to count up by the treasurer, among other things. The fine that he was proposing was against anyone who voted against this proposal. **Dan Dever** noted that this type of proposal would have to be approved by the Board. This proposal was overwhelmingly voted down.

**Nick Dever** said that since the club members already had their quarters out on the table, and since the fine committee, including emeritus members, had not come up with a passable fine he then proposed a fine on that committee including emeritus members. That proposal passed with overwhelming, unanimous, support. **Fred Sanchez** then duly collected that fine.

## HAPPY DOLLARS...

- ☺ **Harry Cross** was happy for three things: First was for his friend **Joe Medrano** who was a fellow math teacher. Joe taught in the Dexter public Schools and Harry taught at the Allen Park High School. Harry said that they enjoyed trading interesting math problems. He also said that Joe organized the 'Iron Butt' ride to raise money to update the Michigan District Kiwanis Building Headquarters. This was a motorcycle ride from one corner of Michigan to another; Monroe to Traverse City. It was a fundraiser where people pledged so much per mile ridden. It raised a lot of money for the building in Mason, Michigan. The second Happy Dollar was for the people at the Red Cross. Believe it or not they were hard at work yesterday, Memorial Day, taking blood donations. He said that **Bob Gray** didn't get any of his blood because Bob needed red blood cells and Harry gave platelets. Harry said that at some point in the future that no one will be donating whole blood. Instead it will be separated at the time of donation into platelets, plasma, and red cells. Harry said that only 38% of the population can give blood. His third Happy Dollar was because he has a whole lot of compost, not mulch. If you want compost please see him.
- ☺ **Bob Gray** was happy to have received two units of blood last Thursday that were a real 'picker upper'. He was thankful for our thoughtful notes and e-mails that he has gotten over the past couple of weeks. While he is not quite back to par yet, the recovery process is taking place but will be slow. Because of this, he is cutting back on some of his Kiwanis activities.
- ☺ **Max Ziegler** was happy for his granddaughter who, as a Junior, attends Creighton-Durham High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. Last week the High School gave out three awards: The Harvard Award, The Yale Award and the Dartmouth Award. First, Second and Third place. His Granddaughter got the Dartmouth Award for having the third best GPA. She is also a hockey player and a softball player. If her softball team wins their game this week, they are going to the state finals.
- ☺ **Dale Leslie** spoke with one of our longtime volunteers, Gloria Bignall, this morning and she said that she was 89 years old and at her next birthday she'll be 90. Dale said he understood that they celebrated Gloria's 90th birthday last week. She told Dale she didn't like turning 90 so now she is going backward. Dale said Gloria is a delight and that she was married to **Dick Bignall** who had been very active in support of our club.

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**MEETINGS...**

Outreach Committee was to meet immediately after today's regular meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2...**

- ❖ Interclubs—**Martha Petroski** said that she is currently working on an information sheet which will have a list of all of the clubs in our district, their meeting times, costs, locations, and so on. She said there are two new clubs in our district, one in Canton and one in Farmington Hills. As soon as she gets their information she will include it. Her goal is to have us participate in one interclub per month. She will request that this interclub information be included in the newsletter at that time. **Kathy Wilder** added that there will be an interclub meeting on June the third, at the Saline Club. They wanted a head count and six people raised their hands indicating their intent to go to that meeting.
- ❖ Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Charity Golf Outing. It will be on Thursday, June 6, at Lake Forest Golf Club (club link: [www.lakeforestgc.com](http://www.lakeforestgc.com)) 31100 W. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 734-994-8580. The format will be four-person teams, scramble, shotgun start, men/women/senior tees. 8:30 AM check-in/registration (inside the clubhouse) for the 9:00 AM shotgun start. \$60 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis. Mail to Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis, P.O. Box 3126, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Please call 734-649-2341 first or e-mail [evud@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evud@sbcglobal.net) as the official deadline to register was May 24th.
- ❖ All Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor members are members of the A2Y Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber golf outing is coming up on June 3 and an important Early Edition Breakfast on Building a More Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Region is scheduled for June 19. Click [here](#) for details on these and other Chamber events.



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## HAPPY DOLLARS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2...

- ☺ **Claire Dahl** said she was a little sunburned because she marched in two parades on Memorial Day. One in St. Clair Shores and one in Milford. She recommends that if you haven't been to the parade and veterans ceremony in Milford, you should go. It ranks right up there with what they do in Arlington. She had two Happy Dollars: One for the Ypsilanti Watch Fire, held on the Sunday before Memorial Day, where they retire, respectfully, all of the worn-out, tired, ripped, faded, American Flags. She took about 85 flags we had collected at Kiwanis over the past year. Her other Happy Dollar was because she was so happy to see **Bob Gray** at today's meeting. Later, at the very end of the meeting, Claire added that at the Milford Parade there was one of the most moving ceremonies that she had ever seen. About 25 soldiers lined up in an honor guard formation, starting with someone dressed up as George Washington. Next to him was a soldier dressed up as a doughboy from World War I and after that every single military engagement that this country has been involved in was represented—World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Viet Nam war, the Cold War, right up to the present day, including even a military dog dressed up in military garb. They took a U.S. Flag that was folded in the traditional military casket triangle and started with George Washington, who saluted and passed it on to the Doughboy from World War I. He then saluted and passed the flag on to the soldier from World War II. This procession then continued on until the very end where an active duty Marine took the traditional 21 steps, military style, and presented the flag for display. Then they played *Taps*. Clair said that it was a gorgeous ceremony and she wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.
- ☺ **Larry Dittmar** had ten Happy Dollars as ten years ago he went to Kenya for the first time to start a music program. He was happy to tell us the government there has started to put money back into the schools. He said it was 60 years ago that they took this type of funding out of the schools, back when the British were still in charge.
- ☺ **Dan Burroughs** was happy to give us a preview of next weeks program where six Middle School Students who are the recipients of our Music Scholarships for this year will be here. He asked us to greet them with a cheery smile because we are really happy to support them in their musical careers.
- ☺ **Dave Drake** said that he has never been to Kenya but that he has marched in the St. Clair Shores parade. He was happy for all of the support that we have given his wife after her fall in East Lansing where she broke a rib and a foot, cracked two teeth, and got many purple marks on her face. He said they will never go back to East Lansing.
- ☺ **Fred Sanchez** got a text from his son that he had been waiting for a long time. A month ago he sent a message to his son asking if he could come out to visit on Fathers Day. Yesterday he finally got a response from his son saying, "Yes, please come." He had another Happy Dollar for Southwest Airlines because last December when he went out to Burbank, California, the flight was about an hour out and he checked the status of the flight on his phone and it said that it was cancelled. This, obviously, caused him a certain amount of alarm. When he asked the flight attendant about it she said she didn't know, she didn't have any information on it. Later they notified the passengers that a plane had hydroplaned off the end of the runway. Because of that they had to close the airport. His flight was diverted to another airport but Southwest took care of them by giving them vouchers that paid for his upcoming trip out there and for other perks.
- ☺ **President William** was happy for **Luke Panning** being able to lead us in the singing of *America* at the beginning of today's meeting. He was also happy because if we don't have a piano player for next week's meeting he expects that one of the Music Scholarship students will be able to step up and play it for us. He also wants to remind us that if you have a disagreement with someone, here in the club, to contact them directly and to not create an e-mail chain. We at Kiwanis are 'Family' and should take care of any issues directly with that person. That's his advice. On another note: He was happy for his pastor's sermon last Sunday which was from 'Psychology Today'. In his sermon he mentioned that people today complain more than ever. He said that when you think about complaining to think about the fact that 21 million people die every day from hunger or hunger related disease. He also said that somewhere in the world someone dies every two seconds. One of those people who died was **Joe Medrano**. President William said that the last time he saw Joe, was when he in St. Joe's Hospital. Joe was very sick at that time but he was really upbeat. It reminded William that there more serious things in life then what we normally complain about. One of the last things Joe said was that you should be ashamed to die until you have done something for humanity. President William said that Joe had done a lot for humanity. Joe also said to William that 'I love you'. William said that guys aren't supposed to say that, but Joe did. One of the reasons President William seemed more discombobulated today than usual was because there are a lot of things going on in the world today that are a lot more serious than what we are complaining about in our daily lives

**JOE MEDRANO...**

Joseph C Medrano was born on September 24, 1932 to parents Joe and Irma and passed May 21, 2019. After graduation from Pontiac High School he proudly served our country in the United States Air Force. Joe graduated from both Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan and was an avid Wolverine fan. Joe married Shirley Pengilly and later married Runelda Clark. Joe taught at Allen Park High School. He was an actor and active member of Ann Arbor Civic Theatre for many years and was a member of the Ann Arbor Gold Wings, enjoying many cross country motorcycle trips. He was an active member and past President of

Pittsfield Seniors. Joe loved to travel the world and contributed much to group tours with his kindness, humor, drawings, and poetry.

Joe's passion was serving children through Kiwanis, beginning with the Dexter Kiwanis and moving to the Ann Arbor Kiwanis. Joe held many leadership roles over his 50 years of Kiwanis membership including Kiwanis Michigan District Governor in 1992-93.

Many will cherish his memory including children Joe Medrano (Theresa), Linda Lamoreaux, Nola Heatley, Keith Clark, Laura Baker (Art), and partner Carol Presley. Joe had many grandchildren, great grandchildren and many, many friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 28 at Weber's in Ann Arbor from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.. Due to limited seating, please RSVP to Carol Presley at 248-390-2340 or [presleycarol@hotmail.com](mailto:presleycarol@hotmail.com), or to Jen at [JenSymansic@gmail.com](mailto:JenSymansic@gmail.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation to continue Joe's work serving the children of the world. Memorials can be sent to 100 N Stabler Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Joe wanted us to "love the world, it's a beautiful place." He will be greatly missed.

# May 2019

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5	6 <u>Breakfast Program at St Andrews</u>	7	8	9	10 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	11 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
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19	20 <u>Financial Literacy</u>	21	22	23	24 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	25 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
26	27 No Meeting Today Memorial Day	28 <u>Hixson Award &amp; Club Business</u>	29	30	31 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	



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## Harry Hawkins' Thoughts on Memorial Day

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday yesterday, **Harry Hawkins** wanted us to know about a little war we had going on in Korea. They happened to send him over there for a couple of years. He served as a second lieutenant. They couldn't seem to find anyone else to command a particular unit so they put Harry in charge of a company of 200 troops. During his command, six people were injured and he never lost a troop. Not one of his men ever died. Unfortunately, during the Korean war we lost 38,000 troops. More recently in Vietnam we lost 58,000. And, of course during the Second World War we lost an awful lot of people, some 405,000 military deaths from all causes.

He said that there are a lot of good soldiers out there and they appreciate everything that Kiwanis does for them. We should appreciate these soldiers as they come back. The soldiers that came back from Vietnam were not treated very well. When he came back from Korea he was given two or three different banquets and so on. He was very proud of the fact that he never lost a man. With that he thanked us kindly and then added that he stayed in the Reserves for another 33 years. Over that period of time, he had 4,500 troops under his command and ended up as a colonel. When Harry had finished speaking, **President William** called for another round of applause for Harry which the club was happy to do.



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