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Today's Program.....

Leticia Byrd introduced Faye Askew-King, Executive Director of SOS, an organization helping the homeless in Washtenaw County. Ms. King related that SOS had been operating in Washtenaw County for over 40 years and that it originally was a 24 hour help line that has expanded over the years to meet the growing needs regarding the homeless population of the area. Homeless children, in particular, are a vulnerable population and SOS provides many programs to help these children including arts & education, after school programs, and Summer Days which is a day camp for homeless children that is partially funded through a Kiwanis grant. SOS has also recently become the single-access stop for the homeless population; previously, people were required to go to many different agencies to address various needs. These agencies have come together to provide 'one-stop shopping' for a population that is more widespread as each year passes. SOS has programs to keep families together, to help stave off evictions, to provide subsidized housing to enable people to get on their feet, to help children, and many others. One of Ms. King's philosophies is 'do what you love and it doesn't seem like work'. For anyone hearing her presentation, it was obvious she has taken her own advice.

Numerous questions from the members provided even more insight into the homeless plight in Washtenaw county and the fact that, unlike other people, they are not 'taking flight' to go where the work is and are more apt to stay local to be by family, that while drug use may be relevant in individuals' homelessness, it does not seem to apply for families, that SOS is partnered with the school system to provide education for homeless youth, that subsidized housing stopped being built in the 70's but was not replaced with anything else so that, in our community, it is virtually impossible for a homeless family to find affordable housing, and that the homeless population, unheard of before the 1980's, has become such a part of the national fabric that, while the problem is growing, the recognition is lessening.

Next Weeks Program.....

Scott Boerma, Director of University of Michigan Marching Band

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We have evolved....these are our heroes.

Officer of the Day:	Jerry McMahon
Announcer:	Dale Leslie
Dockers:	Jim Blomquist, Nick Dever & Jim McIntyre
Sorters:	Ann Matson
Hardware:	Bill Lynn, Dan Burroughs & Dave Hughes
Furniture:	Mel Williams, Jonathan Bulkley, Bryce Babcock & Tom Fegan
Sporting Goods:	Jim Meretta & Bill Tasch
Electronics:	Bill Robb & Associates
Lamps:	Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz & Friends
Antiques:	Julie Machak & Carl Williams
Beds and Toys	Lee Backmann & Mike Anglin
Office and Medical	Jim Mattson & Team
Invocation:	Lynne Lande
Greeters:	Garry Donner & Claire Dahl
Hospitality:	Max Ziegler
Cashier:	Dale Leslie
Vouchers:	Clarence Dukes, Bob Johnson, Gretchen Preston, Don Clewell & Andrea Kotch-Duda

Guests at our Club.....

Claire Dahl introduced the following guests: Noel Winkler came as a guest of her husband **Chris Winkler**, **Letitia Byrd** hosted Joe Ha Mial, Ellen Offen and Faye Askew-King, Joi Rencher was a guest of **Chris Winkler**, **President Fred Sanchez** was joined by his son Frederico Sanchez II and his lovely fiance, Jim Cain was there as a guest of **Sally Lamkin**, **Dan Burroughs** introduced and hosted prospective member Bruce Watkins and, representing Circle K, Alex Novo, Charlie Katzman, Jonathan Pevornek and Cindy Chau

Announcements.....

Al Dailey talked about the awards our Kiwanis club had won in the past year and asked for a round of applause for **President Fred Sanchez & Past President Ron Gardner**; **Nick Dever** said that the warehouse was having sales on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and that they were in the process of trying to formalize a roster so the needed positions would be filled ahead of time and that there was also discussion that the warehouse may change it's hours to noon-3 in order to not conflict with the thrift shop sale hours, **Past President Ron Gardner** announced that we have a slate of nominees for Vice-President, Treasurer and Board of Directors. There will be an annual meeting on May 7th when this will be finalized. He also called for any nominations from the floor but there were none. The following have been nominated: **John Dahl** for Vice-President; **Cliff Sheldon** for Treasurer; and for the open Board of Directors seats the nominees are **Gordon Beeman**, **John Goff**, **Sheridan Springer**, **Alan Burg & Phil Chen**. **Jim Wolfington** announced that **President Fred Sanchez** asked that attempts to schedule dockers for the holidays where the sale is closed (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Christmas weekends among others); e-mail invitations will be sent shortly to find this help. **Claire Dahl** told the group that the Gerald Ford Library had been made available on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of 'Black and Blue'; this is a joint presentation by Kiwanis and Rotary and all members, friends, family are invited to attend this important film. The Kiwanis grant has been instrumental in getting this film into all Washtenaw public schools. Black & Blue tells the story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward, and the 1934 Michigan-Georgia Tech Football Game, underscoring the racism that would unfold as a result of this match-up and of the relationship between these two Wolverines, begun before this game but cemented and destined to be life-long after this match.

Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Fines: **Dale Leslie** said that it seemed as though Pioneer High School was so well represented at Kiwanis that anyone who had no association with PHS should pay a fine; it passed. **Dan Dever** said that since we had a guest and grant check recipient named Jim Cain, that our **Jim Kane** should have to pay a fine and, while many voted against that fine in support of our **Kane**, it passed and **Jim** payed his fine Happy Dollars: **President Fred Sanchez** was happy to be joined by his son and his son's fiance, Noel Winkler was happy she finished the 10K BHBH and raised a whopping \$1200, **Dick Benedek** was happy that the A2 Symphony Orchestra last Saturday used captioning in it's performance, which he credited to **Harry Cross, Ron Williams** was also a happy attendee of that same concert, **Garry Evans** was happy that he received a medal for finishing in the top five for runners over 70 years old in the 10K BHBH event (he qualified this honor by relating that there were only 4 runners over 70 in the event), **Jim Kane** had \$2 happy dollars for recent help he received by fellow Kiwanians when he was unable to keep two commitments, Circle K's Cindy Chau was happy that **President Fred Sanchez & Don Kossick** and the rest of our club let Circle K use our facility for the Circle K event last week, **Melissa Tyler** had \$2 for finishing the BHBH 5K, **John McKeown** was happy to be back in A2 after 6 months spent on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, **Dave Bell** was happy that when he was getting his car washed at the dealership after some minor work prior to leaving for Pennsylvania his transmission died forcing him to cancel his trip-PA had over 7 inches of snow and he would have been there if not for the car breaking down, **Don Kenney** reminded us of the 'Lurch & Stumble' event to support Parkinsons and anyone wishing to participate should see him for an application, **Past President Ron Gardner** had \$5 for the 23 members who participated in the BHBH event, for all those who supported them, and for the three top fundraisers: Noel Winkler (wife of **Chris**), **Garry Evans & Kathy Barden-Perlberg**.

Hospitality Information.....

Max Ziegler reported that **Gene Buatti** was up and about and feeling better and appreciated the cards & e-mails and that **Bob Gray** was having minor surgery today. **President Fred Sanchez** reported that he had heard that **Judge Sandy Elden** was not feeling very well.

Stuff you should know.....

Meetings after the meeting next week: Communications Committee

Last Week Sale: \$ 7913 (of which @ \$ 800 was from the warehouse)

Today's Fines: \$ 16

Today's Happy Dollars: \$ 21

Attendance: 89

Vouchers: Assisted 6 families with \$648 in mdse.

Grant Checks: **Garry Evans** presented a \$1700 Community Services Grant Check to Jim Cain of the St. Andrew's Breakfast Club program; Mr. Cain related that they used this grant money to put on a fundraiser at The Ark and turned our \$1700 grant into \$10,000 worth of donations to serve breakfast to homeless residents as well as struggling families of Washtenaw County. **Chris Winkler**, on behalf of the Community Services Committee, presented Joi Rencher of Ozone House a \$2500 grant. Ozone House provides support services for homeless and runaway youth; the grant will be used for the growing population of pregnant and parenting young ladies that they serve to help them become better parents by providing safe equipment for their children. Faye Askew-King, today's speaker, was presented a check for \$2000 by the Children & Youth Services Committee for the SOS 'Sunny Days' program.



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April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7 WAREHOUSE SALE ONLY
8 EASTER	9 Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 SALE
15	16 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 SALE + Warehouse
22	23 Meeting	24	25	26	27	28 SALE
29	30 MEETING					

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