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Today's Program...



John Kidle

John Kidle introduced our guest speaker Nolan Finley, the Editorial Page Editor for the Detroit News. He presented on the 2014 Michigan Election: An Analysis & Possible Outcomes.

Mr. Finley explained he has been covering Elections in Michigan for 40 years and gubernatorial elections since the early 1990's. He found the most recent gubernatorial race most curious! The fact that Governor Snyder and his opponent Mark Schauer were head to head in the polls as voting day approached was contrary to "normal" expectations (particularly in light of the



Nolan Finley

strong economic recovery of the State under Snyder's tenure). Mr. Finley opined several possible influences, leading with his feeling the Governor is the worst politician he's seen (mentioning the Governor had probably assumed his record would sway the day, rather than needing to play politics to win)! This, plus the lack of a strong campaign staff appeared to result in a "terrible re-election campaign". He also felt there was a great deal of anger in the electorate ("change is difficult"). And finally; detrimental backwash toward the Governor from the Terry Lynn Land campaign ("which was worse than the Governors!"). Despite a race closer than it should have been, Rick Snyder was re-elected as Michigan's Governor.

Mr. Finley pondered how a new and more conservative legislature will be a "much tougher" group for the Governor to work with than those in the previous four years.

He thought Governor Snyder's biggest first term accomplishment was stepping in and saving the City of Detroit from financial collapse and how critical it will be for him to keep Detroit on track the next four years. He believes these efforts offer a "real

recovery" to the City, which has seen so many failures over the past 40 years. He is seeing people investing of themselves as well as financially, but the recovery remains tentative, as there must be a commitment to decades of good government. A leadership team is in place and the City will need continued support from the State as well as locally, but "the culture has to change" to ensure success.

Mr. Finley took questions on: The level of Governor Snyder's involvement in Detroit's bankruptcy (extensive), term limits ("the worst thing to happen to the State of Michigan"), road repair funding (now's the time to pass an increase in the fuel tax), Detroit City Council perks (they've been reduced), Shrinking the size of the City of Detroit (great on paper, but a long process to make it work), resistance to a second bridge to Canada (the main opponent's massive spending outweighed common sense).

Next Week's Program...

December 15 - *The Greatest Story Ever Told—Fact and Faith*. Speaker: Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel, Theologian. Introduction by: **Ron Gardner**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **December 22** - *Is Diabetes an Epidemic?* Speaker: Jennifer Nicodemus, AA Y, Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator. Introduction by: **William Hampton**.
- **December 29** - *Hooray! Bring Kids to Kiwanis Day*. Hosts: **Joe Medrano** and Carol Presley; Domino's Petting Zoo display.
- **January 5** - *Work Skills: Training for People with Barriers to Employment*. Speaker: TBA. Introduction by: **Kathy Barden-Perlberg**.
- **NOTE: January 12** - *Ann Arbor's Newly Elected Mayor, Christopher Taylor*.



This is what we call HOME... now in our 94th year.



The Early Days

The Kiwanis Thrift Sale

- Since 1927
- Over \$3.5 Million in Community Service Funding
- Thousands of Lives Touched



The Family Learning Institute "bookmobile" purchased with a grant from our club in 2014.

ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day	Lynne Lande
Dockers	Dockers are needed!
Warehouse	Bob Gray, Martha Petroski, Dough Ziesemer, and Gordon Beeman
Sorters	Joan Masters
Hardware	Andrea Kotch-Duda, Steve Pezda, and John Dahl
Furniture	Mel Williams, Mike Dabbs, Jim Blomquist and Jim Kane
Shoes & Sports	Rip Kinney and Charmin Archer
Men's Clothing	Don Clewell and Jim Couch
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Electric Alligators
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Swamp Lights
Antiques	Carl Williams and Sally Lamkin
Beds & Toys	Steve Hiller and Ken Shaw
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Yellow Belly Sliders
Vouchers	Carl Williams, Sally Lamkin, Marianne Claw, and Ellen Webb
Invocation	Garry Evans
Greeters	Jim Couch, Claire Dahl, Al Engerer, Molly Kelly
Hospitality	Peter Schork 734-417-6733 peterschork@gmail.com
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	Jean Robinson (Primary), Deb Jones and John Schenk (Backup)

Guests at our Club... Claire Dahl introduced our guests for our Super Interclub. From Manchester: Jerry Humitz, Cindy Kenney, and Bill Chizmar. From Milan: Daniel Fromm, Sue Fromm, and Gordon Parker. From Ann Arbor Western: Charles Phibbs, Paul Herndon. From Ann Arbor Morning Edition: Judy Connor. Other Guests: Mary Evans, wife of **Garry Evans**, Arno Buhrer, husband of **Pat Buhrer**, Rich Perlberg, husband of **Kathy Barden-Perlberg**, Susan Smith, wife of **Bob Gray**, and Bill Grutzmacker, guest of **Max Ziegler**.

Announcements...

- The next Super Interclub will be hosted by the Milan Club on the 22nd of January.
- **Dale Leslie** announced Kids Family Fun Day at Kiwanis on December 29th. He let us know the catering group can provide a bag lunch of those children in attendance (at a reduced price) and hoped to get a count of those who may be coming (a signup sheet was passed around).
- **Garry Evans** announced the need for more Bell Ringers for Saturday December 20th! Please contact **William Hampton** at 734.417.6902 ~ wvhamp@comcast.net to volunteer
- **Jim Carey** announced the Gift Wrap program for Mott Children's Hospital on December 17th and 18th.
- The Kiwanis Board of Directors met last Tuesday December 2nd; **President John** covered a few highlights:
 - ◇ **Dan Dever** reviewed with the board the financing for the building on Staebler Road. The deal is expected to close prior to December 31st.
 - ◇ The board approved an increase in the Marketing Budget to help provide a smooth transition from the old warehouse to the new site.
 - ◇ Treasurer **Bob Johnson** brought to the board's attention the need find an individual who can incorporate Quick Books into our system. The new site will require additional accounting skills to track and manage the rental income and expenses.

Fines and Happy Dollars...

Fines: Given the extensive efforts of our volunteers at last week's Christmas Sale, a 25-cent fine was levied on all those who are not volunteers!

Happy Dollars: **Dale Leslie** told Al Renfrew's favorite joke, honoring his recent passing. **Bob Gray**, a happy \$5 for the collective effort to pull off a tremendously successful Christmas Sale, Karen Gallup's showing at the Ann Arbor Art Center December 12th through January 4th, and origami which was set out for sale for potential Holiday Gifts. **Dan Dever** was happy to have secured a "safe" ride back to his office. **Jeanette Okuley** for the birth of her Grandson at 3am the morning of our meeting: Nolan Douglas Gray! **Max Ziegler** \$5 for the volunteer's efforts on Christmas sale and in particular the help provided by **Martha Petroski, Max Supica, and Don Kossick. Ron Williams** \$2 for the Buckeyes win over Wisconsin (59/0) and the favorable final four selection for National Champs. **Garry Donner** for hearing for the fourth time this year of his resemblance to Bill Gates! **Al Gallup** for his wife Karen's upcoming showing at the Ann Arbor Art Center and for the weeklong efforts of our volunteers in preparation for the Christmas Sale. **Lynne Lande** for the music of Advent, celebrating Measure for Measure's Friday concert and Sunday's presentation of the Messiah. **Chris Winkler** for UoM Basketball team's recent invitation to play a game in the Bahamas next Thanksgiving (which he will be attending!). **John Schenk** who is looking for a substitute to cover his shift at the Warehouse on the 20th of December ((he has a commitment to Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army). **Harry Cross** for the Ann Arbor Symphony's Holiday Pops concert at Hill Auditorium, Friday December 12. Its 8pm start time won't interfere with the Kiwanis Holiday Party!

Stuff You Should Know...

CORRECTION: Last week's update on the property purchase misidentified the financing as a 20-year, fixed-rate loan. Actual terms are a 10-year, fixed-rate loan, with a 20-year pay-back amortization.

Meetings:

December 15th - Prior to the meeting: SMOC at 10:30, Membership Growth at 11. After the meeting: The Eliminate Task Force, Marketing, and Community Services. The time for the Children and Youth Services meeting will be provided to the members of the committee by **Dan Burroughs** via email.

Social Events:

Max Ziegler gave the final reminder for the Kiwanis Holiday Party this coming Friday December 12th from 5-7! There is no cost to attend.

Presentations:

Greg Fleming again welcomed the Downtown Kiwanis Club to Ann Arbor City Club. He encouraged our group to explore their award winning facility.

Hospitality News:

Peter Schork reported that former Southeastern Kiwanian, Bill Baylis, passed away.

Next Week's Menu:

Tomato Basil Meatballs, Spaghetti Noodles, Caesar Salad, Blueberry Crisp

Attendance Today: 89

Last Week's Sale Revenue

KAC Friday:	\$12,912
KAC Saturday:	10,810
Warehouse:	<u>\$ 4,379</u>
\$28,101 Two-Day Christmas Sale Total!	

Vouchers: \$1,261

Today's Fines: \$24.65

Today's Happy Dollars: \$26



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The Warehouse Sale is open 10am-1pm every Saturday!

December 2014



Planning Calendar

March
Spring Divisional

May
Club Annual Meeting
Elections
Attendance Awards



June/July
International Convention
Club Family Picnic

August
District Convention

September
Installation of Officers & Directors
Legion of Honor Awards

December
Christmas Sale
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Club Christmas Party



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bridget McCormack at AA City Club. Menu: Deli Sandwiches	2 Board Meeting 7:15pm	3	4 Donations 9am-Noon	5 Holiday Sale KAC 9-Noon	6 Holiday Sale: KAC 9-Noon Warehouse 10-1
7	8 Nolan Finley at AA City Club Menu: Citrus Grilled Chicken	9	10	11 Donations 9am-Noon	12 AA Kiwanis Christmas Party 	13 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
14	15 Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel Menu: Tomato Basil Meatballs	16	17	18 Donations 9am-Noon	19	20 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
21	22 Jennifer Nicodemus Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	23	24	25 Dock Closed Christmas 	26	27 No Sale Open for Donations 'til 12
28	29 Bring Your Kids to Kiwanis Menu: BBQ Chicken	30	31			

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dock Closed New Year's Day	2	3 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
4	5 Work Skills Menu: Italian Sausage	6 Board Meeting 7:15pm	7	8 Donations 9am-Noon	9	10 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
11	12 Mayor Christopher Taylor Menu: Meatloaf	13	14	15 Donations 9am-Noon	16	17 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
18	19 Helen Maynard Menu: Deli Sandwiches	20	21	22 Donations 9am-Noon	23	24 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
25	26 Dr. Steven F. Bolling Menu: Chicken Parmesan	27	28	29 Donations 9am-Noon	30	31 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1

Go to <http://a2kiwanisfoundation.org/calendar-2/> and add the Kiwanis calendar to your own Google calendar. Never miss an Ann Arbor Kiwanis event again!

Holiday Sale Pics...



'Twas the day of the sale, and all was at ready. Early patrons arrived, the line-up was steady.



Now shopping and shopping! Now paying, and packing! Then dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!



Kiwanians exclaimed 'ere they drove out of sight, Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



Sale workers enjoyed a well-deserved lunch at the end of the day—many others not pictured were no doubt finding rest where they could after a busy week.

Thanks to all the members and volunteers—especially the volunteers—who helped at the sale and in the days leading up to it. We owe our success to you!

Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:



Huron High School
Pioneer High School



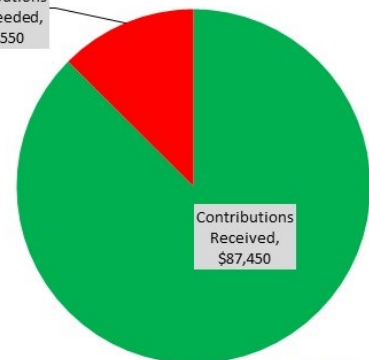
WISD Aktion Club

ELIMINATE
Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus

Make a contribution today.
Contact Past President Ron Gardner for information on how to help.

Progress Toward Our Club's Eliminate Goal:
\$100,000 by 9/30/2015

Contributions Still Needed,
\$12,550



Data as of September 28, 2014

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ANN ARBOR**

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734-665-0450

**"Ann Arbor Kiwanis
Thrift Sale" is on the
Web at:**
www.kiwanissale.com
and



Other Links:

- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [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 Tuesdays at Quarter Bistro
- Kiwanis of Ann Arbor - Morning Edition
Meets 8:30am Wednesdays at Guy Hollerin's

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