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### Today's Program...

Between mid-September and mid-December 2013, AA Public Schools' new Superintendent Dr. Jeanice K. Swift visited each of AA's 34 public schools to meet with staff, parents, students, and community members. She reviewed the results of the tour, which have been compiled and analyzed in a report entitled *Listen and Learn: We Are Ann Arbor* (available online at website [a2schools.org](http://a2schools.org)). At each school, the meeting focused on four questions: (1) What do we celebrate at our school and in other AA public schools? (2) What areas need attention? (3) What do we dream that AA public schools will be known for in 10-15 years? (4) What are the top three priorities you would like to see the Superintendent address?



The high academic achievement of AA students was most often mentioned as something to celebrate. As for areas that need attention, respondents stressed two: (a) meeting the needs of individual students (e.g., high-performing, special-need, non-traditional) and (b) increasing funding, restoring funding lost at the state level, and redirecting what funds are available to achieve equality in the allocation of financial resources across school districts and levels. The overarching dream is to prepare students for the world they will face rather than the world their parents faced. Finally, more than 60 percent of respondents felt that a priority for the Superintendent is to balance the district's budget without continuing the cuts and reductions to staff and programs.

The report lists several strategies for achieving goals: (a) Create an excellent educational program that features personalized learning for each student and also meets international standards (b) Provide effective instruction and enhance the district's professional learning system (c) Engage and inform constituents so as to build trust and support (d) Create and maintain requisite physical learning environments (e) Ensure adequate resources.

The report ends with a list of next steps: (a) Establish an Assessment Advisory Board (b) Achieve a clean, well-cared-for learning environment (c) Share the report with the community (d) Create a Blue Ribbon Advisory Board (e) infuse rich programming into buildings with available capacity (f) Ensure an open, collaborative, and clearly defined budgeting process (g) Ensure consistent and ongoing communication, both internal and external to the school system.

In response to questions, Dr. Swift said: (a) Over the next three years the AAPS system will adopt the "common core" curriculum (b) Local labor unions will be involved in planning for AAPS facilities (c) The 5-year graduation rate for AAPS high school students is more than 90 percent (she did not know the graduation rate for high school students over a four-year span) (d) The reduction in guidance counselors is a problem that will require additional funding.

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**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

<b>Announcer</b>	<b>Clar Dukes</b>
<b>Officer of Day</b>	<b>Clar Dukes</b>
<b>Dockers</b>	Dockers are needed. Please help if you can.
<b>Warehouse</b>	<b>Alan Burg, Al Dailey, Bob Gray, Ken Hillenburg, and Martha Petroski</b>
<b>Sorters</b>	<b>Kathy Stroud</b>
<b>Hardware</b>	<b>Jerry Brown, Dave Hughes, and Andrea Kotch Duda</b>
<b>Furniture</b>	<b>Jim Blomquist, Jonathan Bulkley, Jerry McMahon, and Mel Williams</b>
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Gordon Beeman and Dave Drake</b>
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	<b>Jim Couch and Don McEwen</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>Bill Robb</b> and the proletariat
<b>Lamps</b>	<b>Dennis Powers, Rob Schultz, and Dick Smit,</b>
<b>Antiques</b>	<b>Pat Buhner and Carl Williams</b>
<b>Beds &amp; Toys</b>	<b>Mike Anglin and Lee Bachman</b>
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	<b>Jim Mattson</b> and outfit
<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>Rose Marie Barhydt, Bob Carr, Bob Johnson, Molly Kelly, Dale Leslie, Dot McNab-Cattell, R. J. Taylor, and Carl Williams</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Dale Leslie</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Andrea Kotch Duda, Al Engerer, Ken Hillenburg, and Joe Medrano</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Jane Talcott</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Martha Petroski</b>

**Guests at our Club...**

Pam Dabbs, wife of **Mike**; Linda Lawther (former Lt. Gov. of District 10) and husband Jeff , Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club; Lynette Dukes, daughter of **Clar**; Amanda Cayo and Supriya Jalukar, Circle K Club; Liz Newland-Margolis, AAPS; and Skylar Prior, Tappan Middle School student.

**Announcements...**

**Next Week's Program:** February 3: Dr. Robert Pasick, Executive Coach and President of Leaders Connect

**Meetings:**

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet in Ned's Place Wednesday, January 29, at 6:00 pm to discuss business concerning the purchase of the Sheridan Books property. All Club members are welcome to attend. Notify **John Dahl** if you plan to attend so that sufficient pizza will be available.

The Human & Spiritual Values Committee will meet briefly at the piano before next week's meeting.

The Community Services Committee will meet in Ned's Place after next week's meeting.

The Ann Arbor Morning Edition Kiwanis Club will hold its SuperInterclub at 8:30 am on Wednesday, February 19, at Glacier Hills. Speaker will be John Bacon.

**Next Week's Menu::** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, corn bread, coleslaw, chicken-rice soup, and birthday cake

## Fines and Happy Dollars...

### Fines:

Anyone connected in any way with Canada was fined because of the cold air emanating from there. Because this fine generated only one quarter (from **Don McEwen**), everyone else was fined.

### Happy Dollars:

**Dale Leslie**, for AAPS's highly-rated music program; **Jeanette Okuley**, in appreciation of the volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels; **Bob Carr**, for being back home after a visit to southern climes; **Kathy Stroud**, for (a) being to report that **Ann Frey** is enjoying Houston and (b) because a Grammy-winning album was entitled "Thrift Shop"; **Joe Medrano**, because his doctor detected a pre-stroke condition while examining him for his upcoming knee replacement; Jeff Lawther, in appreciation of our Club's support of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation (\$40/member) and our \$100,000 commitment to the Eliminate Project; **Clar Dukes**, for the efforts of his four children in planning Meg's funeral and delivering moving eulogies; **Jim Kane**, for help he received getting to Meg's funeral; **Al Engerer**, for finding a book entitled *Fiesta* for **Harry Cross**, who used to drive a Ford Fiesta (but now drives a Ford *Festiva*); **Mike Dabbs**, because his wife Pam has just retired after 24 years as a kindergarten teacher in the AAPS system; **Bill Robb**, although possessing Scotch blood, happy that the bagpipers were not able to get to Meg Dukes' funeral; and **Fred Sanchez**, although a Spartan, willing to acknowledge UofM's basketball victory over MSU.

## Hospitality Information...

Mary Hewett, wife of **Armand**, broke her hip two weeks ago and is now doing well at a rehab facility; Walt Messer, husband of volunteer Joan Messer, died on Sunday, January 19 (condolences may be sent to her at 3105 Elmore, Ann Arbor, 48105); **Gene Glysson**, diagnosed with bone cancer, is having monthly injections and needs help walking.

## Stuff You Should Know...

### Social Activities:

A spaghetti dinner, hosted by our Club and the Circle K Club, will be held on Friday, January 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. at the KAC. \$10 per person, with net proceeds going to the Eliminate Project.

**Martha Petroski** reminded us of the February 7 play (*Redwood Curtain*) at the Purple Rose Theater (8:00 pm). An option for attendees is dinner at the Common Grill (6:00 pm).

**Dave Drake** reported that our Club succeeded in having two interclubs in January.

**Fines Collected:** \$ 22.90    **Happy \$ Collected:** \$ 172.00

**Mott Pot \$ Collected:** \$ 197.75    **Attendance Today:** 77

### Last Week's Sale Revenue

<b>KAC:</b>	\$ 5,266		
<b>Warehouse:</b>	\$ 2,014		
<b>Vouchers:</b>	\$ \$1,095 for 6 families	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,280</b>

**Kathy Griswold** and **Jeanette Okuley** are updating membership email addresses. If you are not receiving the Newsletter in your email mailbox, let one of them know.

**Kathy Griswold** reported that on Saturday, January 25, we gave \$250 worth of clothing to two school-age children whose home recently burned.



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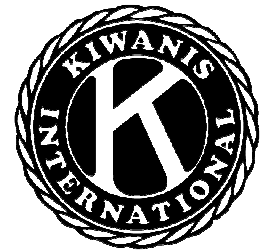
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The Warehouse Sale is now open 10am-1pm every Saturday!

# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Sale + Warehouse
5	6 Meeting	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11 Sale + Warehouse
12	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Sale + Warehouse
19	20 Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 Sale + Warehouse
26	27 Meeting	28	29 Long Range Plan	30	31	



## Planning Calendar

March  
Spring Divisional

May  
Club Annual Meeting  
Elections  
Attendance Awards

June/July  
International Convention  
Club Family Picnic

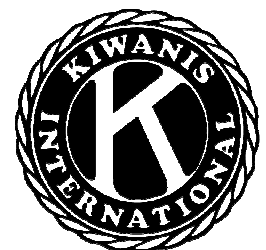
August  
District Convention

September  
Installation of Officers & Directors  
Legion of Honor Awards

December  
Christmas Sale  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Club Christmas Party

# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Meeting	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8 Sale + Warehouse
9	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Sale + Warehouse + KAH
16	17 Meeting	18	19	20	21	22 Sale + Warehouse
23	24 Meeting	25	26	27	28	



## Other News...



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR "UNDER THE GUN" - It was a war year (1943) and the Ann Arbor Jaycees, backed by the shotgun-toting Washtenaw County Sheriff Auxiliary, mocked a serious persuasion of club members to buy War Bonds. Looks pretty persuasive, eh? Actually, the Kiwanians set a pace in War Bond purchases and encouraged other members of the community to follow their lead. Photo taken at a weekly luncheon meeting head table of the club at the former Allene Hotel on Huron Street. Club members I can identify, seated right to left, John Carver, Lou Hollway (fourth seated in the row) and Viggo Nelson (seated to the right of Hollway). Also, seated at the table, third person from the right is Ed Barnard, a member of the Jaycees. Oh, it looks like an Auxiliary member is stealing our sacred bell! "Hold on

guys!" =;-) ~Dale Leslie

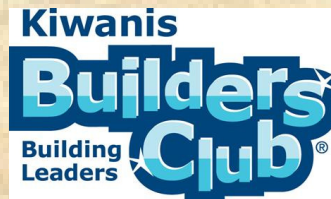
**President John Dahl** reported that Sheridan Books, Inc. has accepted our Foundation's Letter of Intent to purchase the real property located at 100 North Staebler Road. At the Club meeting on February 10 the membership will vote on the following resolution: "The Membership of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. hereby approves the purchase by the Foundation, or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof to be formed, of the real estate and personal property commonly known as 100 N., Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 (Scio Township Tax Parcel No. H-0821-200-018) from Sheridan Books, Inc. The terms of the purchase shall be generally consistent with the terms set forth in the mutually signed Letter of Intent dated January 16, 2014, with specific terms of the Sales Agreement, any modifications, and subsequent removal of the contingencies to be approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors."

The vote will pertain only to the purchase of the real estate. If the membership approves the purchase, the Foundation will draft a Sales Agreement that contains contingencies that must be met before we agree to buy the real estate. Approval requires a majority of the membership present and voting. Our Foundation bylaws do not allow proxy votes.

## Our Sponsored Programs... Service to Youth:



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**Other Links:**

- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [U of M Circle K](#)  
Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM  
Union or League (Check Cal-  
endar 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 -  
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