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Today's Program...

Jim Huck introduced Charmin Archer, the interim director of the Family Learning Institute. Charmin grew up in Ann Arbor, earned her BA from the U of M and then went to NYC for further education. She has taught in Harlem, Ethiopia, and Angola. She is currently filling **Amy Rolfes'** role as executive director of FLI. Charmin outlined the grim statistics of the impact of failing to learn to read on the rest of a child's life: if a child is not proficient in reading by third grade, they are much more likely to drop out of high school, will earn 63% less money and are more likely to spend time in jail. 30% of the students in Washtenaw County are economically disadvantaged and at risk of falling into the scenario described above. 2000-3000 students are at least one grade level behind.



FLI, which was started in 1999, has helped more than 1000 children in grades 2 – 5 with one-on-one tutoring in reading and math. Programs are individualized through assessments. The outcomes are very positive: 84% of the students improve their reading by one to two grade levels in six months. 95% show similar improvement in math.

The summer camp of six weeks of reading and math activities prevents learning loss; 100% of the campers maintained grade level competency over the summer.

The program relies on community support. More than 100 volunteers are involved, including high school students helping middle school students. We also are invited to volunteer one or two hours a week to read with a child or help with math. The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor gave FLI \$2500 for the purchase of books that feature children of color, so that diverse children can see themselves as main characters in the stories.

Charmin Archer did an excellent job filling **Amy's** shoes.

Next Week's Program...

The membership committee will provide a program of fun and foolishness celebrating the Fifth Monday Frolic!

Thanks to **Cyndi Barton Spencer** for leading the fun.



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now in our 93rd year.



The Kiwanis Thrift Sale

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



ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer	Dale Leslie
Officer of Day	Burt Lamkin
Dockers	As always, we need dockers! We count on Circle K, but they will be leaving next month
Warehouse	Bob Gray, Martha Petroski, Larry Hill, Bryce Babcock, Nick Dever
Sorters	Joan Masters
Hardware	Marianne Clauw, John Dahl, Doug Hanton
Furniture	Mel Williams, Paul Klinger, Todd Jones, Kathy Barden-Perlberg
Shoes & Sports	Don Kossick, Bill Tasch
Men's Clothing	John Bassett, Don Clewell
Electronics	Bill Robb and Wranglers
Lamps	Dennis Powers, Dick Smit
Antiques	Jane Talcott, Carl Williams
Beds & Toys	Lee Bachman, Mike Anglin
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Think Tank
Vouchers	Bob Johnson, Marianne Clauw, Andrea Kotch-Duda, Jim Wheaton, Molly Kelly, Gretchen Preston
Invocation	Doug Ziesemer
Greeters	Don Clewell, Gary Elling, Burt and Sally Lamkin
Hospitality	Kathy Stroud for Lloyd Kitchens
Cashier	Martha Petroski

Guests at our Club...

Charmin Archer of Family Learning Institute, plus her colleague, Daniel Rubenstein, who is director of development for FLI, and his cousin Angel Cocha, were our guests today. We welcome you and are happy that Charmin is interested in joining Kiwanis! **William Hampton**, honorary member, is becoming a regular "guest", which is wonderful!

Announcements...

Dave Drake announced the March Super Interclub, which got snowed out, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, at noon in the Student Center Building on the campus of EMU.

The April Super Interclub will be held Monday, April 14, at 6:15 in Chelsea in the main dining room of the Chelsea Community Hospital. Gretchen Driscoll will speak about the state roads' infrastructure.

Two opportunities for participating in Super Interclubs in April!

Alan Burg shared more good news from the Marketing Committee, reminding us to share the fliers about how the Sale helps the community, and demonstrating how easy that is to do by handing fliers to our speaker Charmin Archer, who received them with a big smile.

Alan also announced that working with Adams Outdoor Advertising, Kiwanis will have great publicity on billboards around town. The company is donating billboard space and we are purchasing the sign.

Social Activities: **Martha Petroski** has tickets for a Purple Rose Theater outing to see "Lovers, Liars, and Lunatics" on Friday, May 2. Tickets cost \$32. She has made reservations at the Common Grill for dinner before the play. See **Martha** or contact her if you would like to participate.

Fred Sanchez reminds us that there are twelve seats left on the bus and in the ball park for the Tigers game against the Colorado Rockies on Saturday, August 2. Cost is \$69 for the bus, a box lunch, the ball game, and a bonus of fireworks after the game!

Fines and Happy Dollars...

Fines: Dale Leslie proposed a fine on Pres John for appearing not once but twice in "Groundcover" street newspaper....the second picture showed someone jumping into Whitmore Lake on a freezing cold Saturday. Dale claims it was John, but John had an alibi...so then the fine grew to include anyone who hadn't read the article about the Kiwanis Thrift Sale in "Groundcover"...and then to include everyone who did not have their picture in that paper...so we all paid.

Happy Dollars:

Lynne Lande is delighted that her son and family living in Boston are moving to Ann Arbor this summer; **Alan Caldwell** announced that he is getting married to Deb this Saturday, that Deb's sister will perform the wedding ceremony, and that all of his siblings will be coming to the wedding. Congratulations **Alan!** **Dick Smit** is grateful that his wife's surgery, though more complicated than expected, was successful, and she is recovering well at home...that his own surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff incurred in a fall on the ice, has been scheduled in April. **Ed Conlin** brings happy news of his daughter **Amy Rolfes**, doing well working at an orphanage in South Africa, and that she is happy to have our speaker Charmin Archer take her place for today's program. **Ron Gardner** is happy to report that there is a bracket that predicts U of M and MSU meeting in the NCAA final game! **Max Ziegler** had a great weekend: saw The Million Dollar Quartet and Disney on Ice....then a fellow member of the 24th Infantry Band called from the past. **Jeanette Okuley** was proud and happy that her daughter Anne and her partner Kelly were able to be married Saturday and that she hopes someday soon everyone will have the freedom to marry whom they love; **Sally Lamkin (and Burt)** are delighted to announce they have become great grandparents; **Claire Dahl**, dressed in purple and white, is happy to have seen a robin today, and that the Pioneer

Baseball Pancake Dinner is tonight...both signs of spring; **Pat Buhrer** is proud of Alonzo Long, who works downstairs, for completing his Associates Degree at WCC. **Peter Schork** reminds us that it is time to make donations for Scholarships (\$500) and Camperships (\$250), which will be matched by the Cross Foundation. **Pete** also was surprised and happy to hear that **Rip Kinney** spoke well of him last week, although he wasn't present to hear it himself; **Mike Anglin** is grateful for the ongoing efforts and service so many members of our club provide in delivering Meals on Wheels. He is happy for four new deliverers: **Cliff Sheldon, Gordon Beeman, Jim Huck, and Fred Miller. John Sampsele** compliments the Marketing Committee for all they are doing, including placing an ad in great position in the Ann Arbor News; **Ann Frey** is proud of her four children and how well they are doing in their lives' **Fred Sanchez** is happy for the picture of his son in NYC and for his two favorite teams, U of M and MSU making the Sweet Sixteen, and for the success of the MSU Women's Basketball team.

Hospitality Information...

Kathy Stroud reported that **Don Kern** is in St Joe's Hospital with a serious case of pneumonia; he is too ill for calls or visits. Cards and prayers are welcome. Honorary member **William Hampton** reported that **Letitia Byrd** continues to recover at Glacier Hills,

Stuff You Should Know...

Meetings:

Next week, March 31, after the meeting:
Building and Equipment Committee
Major Gift Committee

Fines Collected: \$23.87

Happy \$ Collected: \$50

Attendance Today: 81

Last Week's Sale Revenue

KAC: \$6,318; Warehouse:\$1,432; Ebay:\$ 543

Vouchers:\$2,076

Other: \$10,083 worth of vouchers for 380 families on Green Road
\$1,490 from police department



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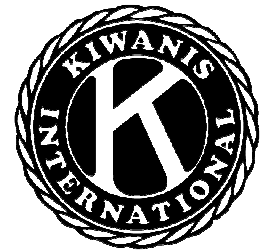
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Children of the
World... our
motto, our
mission"*



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

March 2014

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



Planning Calendar

March
Spring Divisional

May
Club Annual Meeting
Elections
Attendance Awards

June/July
International Convention
Club Family Picnic

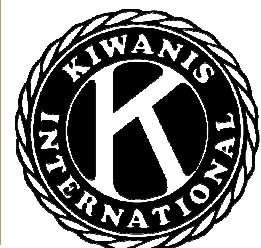
August
District Convention

September
Installation of Officers & Directors
Legion of Honor Awards

December
Christmas Sale
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Club Christmas Party

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Meeting	1	2	3	4	5 Sale + Warehouse
6	7 Meeting	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 Sale + Warehouse
13	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 NO SALE Today
20 EASTER	21 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 Sale + Warehouse
27	28 Meeting	29	30			



Other News...

Larry French talked about the challenges facing the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, which provides financial support for the Child and Family Life Programs at three hospitals in Michigan. These hospitals include Mott, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, McClellan Hospital in Petosky, and the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Our club started the Child Life project at the University Hospital in 1922. Recognizing that hospitalized children need "normalcy" while in the hospital, our club provided funds for a teacher and supplies to help children keep up with school. This project has grown in size and scope: while still providing education services, the program staff help children as they go through painful or scary procedures, distracting them with iPads and other things to focus on. There are many other activities and resources these programs offer children and families.

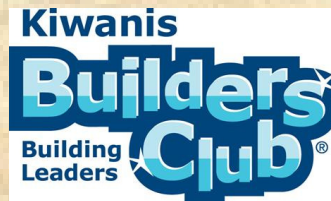
Annual support by the district Foundation has been about \$300,000. Decline in Kiwanis membership statewide, however, has meant decline in per capita support of the Foundation, resulting in a budget shortfall of \$28,000 and probably much more. **Larry** asks that we all consider ways to raise funds for the Foundation and to share our ideas and energy with him.

Repaving Washington Street from First St to Fourth Ave will happen during April and May 2014. There will be a walking tour of the construction project this Thursday at 9:30 starting on the NW corner of Washington and Fourth Ave. All are welcome. Details are on fliers at the Building.

Our Sponsored Programs... Service to Youth:



Angell Elementary



We need to start one of these for middle schoolers!



WISD Aktion Club



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Pioneer High School



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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 Calen-
dar 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
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