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## Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

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### Today's Program...



*Dale Leslie*

**Dale Leslie** introduced our guest speaker: Justice Bridget Mary McCormack. Justice McCormack joined the Michigan Supreme Court in January 2013, having been elected in November of 2012. Her highly credentialed career includes: 5 years working in New York with the Legal Aid Society and the Office of Appellate Defender, two years at Yale as a faculty fellow and then joining the University of Michigan Law School in 1998, where she continues to teach as a lecturer.

Judicial selection was the focus of Justice McCormack's presentation. She explained how of the three tiers of government (Executive, Legislative and Judicial); the Judicial branch operates outside partisan politics and the common personal attacks which plague the other two branches. She expressed how the founding fathers had intended the judicial branch to be the stabilizing influence in our governmental system. Their purpose is to objectively call "balls and strikes" on matters of law. On a national level, Justices are appointed and serve until they are unable, allowing them to operate in a non-partisan manner. At the state level, Justices are elected (for the State of Michigan and most other states). The election process can call into question (in the public's mind) their objectivity, as each major political party puts forth three candidates. In addition to the backing of a political party, Justices may vulnerable to issues ads over which they have no control. In Michigan's 2012 judicial election, 70% of the \$18.5 million dollars spent went to issue ads.

In her time on the Michigan Supreme Court, Justice McCormack has seen great co-operation between all seven members of the court (regardless of party affiliation) and expressed how well they like and respect each other.

She took questions on alternatives to the state election process as well as the potential for term limits on a national level.



*Justice Bridget McCormack*

### Next Week's Program...

**December 8 - 2014 Michigan Election Analysis & Possible Outcomes.** Speaker: Nolan Finley, Editorial Page Editor, Detroit News. Introduced by: John Kidle. The meeting will be held at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue.

### Upcoming Programs...

- **December 15 - The Greatest Story Ever Told—Fact and Faith.** Speaker: Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel, theologian, retired professor, Kalamazoo College. Introduced by: **Ron Gardner.**
- **December 22—Has Diabetes Become an Epidemic? Its Prevention and Treatment.** Speaker: Jennifer Nicodemus, AA Y, Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator. Introduced by: **William Hampton.**



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:**

<b>Officer of Day</b>	Sally Lamkin
<b>Dockers</b>	We need dockers
<b>Warehouse</b>	Bob Gray, Martha Petroski, Alan Burg, and Ken Hillenburg
<b>Sorters</b>	Kurt Schmerberg
<b>Hardware</b>	Bill Hallock, Doug Hanton, and Fred Miller
<b>Furniture</b>	Mel Williams, Paul Klinger, Jonathan Bulkley, and Kathy Barden-Perlberg
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	Peter Schork and Jim Wight
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	John Bassett and Sean Breeden
<b>Electronics</b>	Bill Robb and Crew
<b>Lamps</b>	Dennis Powers and Crew
<b>Antiques</b>	No Information Received
<b>Beds &amp; Toys</b>	Gretchen Preston and Ken Shaw
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	Jim Mattson and his group
<b>Vouchers</b>	Pat Buhner, Gretchen Preston, Don Clewell, Ellen Webb
<b>Invocation</b>	Sally Lamkin
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Couch, Claire Dahl, Al Engerer, Molly Kelly
<b>Hospitality</b>	Peter Schork 734-417-6733 <a href="mailto:peterschork@gmail.com">peterschork@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cashier</b>	Don Kossick
<b>Attendance</b>	Jean Robinson (Primary), Deb Jones and John Schenk (Backup)

**Guests at our Club...**

Al Engerer announced the following guests: Sara King, wife of **Fred King**; Bob Holmes, introduced by **Fred Miller**; David LaMoreaux, introduced by **Lynn Lande**; Susan Smith, wife of **Bob Gray**. Circle K attendees included: Jonathan Pevarnek, Chiara Sackellares and Alexa Wutt.

**Announcements...**

- Next week's meeting (again) will be at the Ann Arbor City Club; located at 1830 Washtenaw Blvd. **Parking is very limited. Please car pool or you may park across the street at the Church** (for your safety, please cross Washtenaw at the light).
- Our Super Interclub is next week.
- **Dale Leslie** announced Kids Fun Day at Kiwanis on December 29th. He passed out a sign-up sheet for the event and will do so at upcoming meetings.
- **President John** updated us on the status of roster for Bell Ringing. **We need more help!** Saturday, December 20th. Help make **William Hampton's** job a success! Please contact him. 734.417.6902 ~ [wvhamp@comcast.net](mailto:wvhamp@comcast.net) to volunteer.
- **Dan Dever** provided an update on our building purchase: We are in the final stages of completing the transaction. The Club is securing a 20 year fixed rate mortgage from Talmer Bank (this is an exceptionally favorable term, as commercial property is typically refinanced every 5 years). Dan expects we will close in mid-December. A move from the current warehouse is expected in the January-February timeframe. **Please note:** The Downtown Thrift sale will remain in place after the purchase. Our warehouse facility is moving to the new site.

**Hospitality News:**

**Bob Snider's** brother passed the morning of our meeting, December 1st. He has our condolences on his loss.

## Fines and Happy Dollars...

**Fines:** **Dan Dever** proposed fining the table hosting a member who's family was not recognized as a Club Guest (it was Dan's table and the unrecognized guest was **Kathy Barden-Perlberg's** husband Rich!). Passed. **Fred Miller** proposed a fine on all those without nametags. Passed.

**Happy Dollars:** **Ron Williams** \$21 for Saturday's UoM/Ohio State game, Devin Gardner's compassion for the injured Ohio State Quarterback, for bringing home some historical items from Ohio, and for a positive turnabout for his granddaughter's canceled trip to Nepal. **Bob Snider** for the unexpected but full life of his brother Tom. **Harry Cross** for Cheryl Elliott of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. **Jim Kane** for 45 years of marriage! **Bill Hallock** for the Aktion Club and our club's approval to allow them to shop our Christmas Sale prior to the opening. **Sheridan Springer** for seeing grass after two weeks of being buried in snow in the U.P.! Susan Smith, welcoming us to the Ann Arbor City Club. **John Dahl** for 44 years of marriage to Claire and the winning games for the Packers and Badgers (both football and basketball). Alexa Wutt, a happy \$5 for her successful fundraiser for Eliminate for cutting and donating her (previously) long locks. She raised over \$1,000 total, and \$450 came from our Kiwanis club! **John Goff** for five days with his daughter at home. **Fred Sanchez** for a week with his grandson.

## Stuff You Should Know...

### Social Events:

- Annual Club Holiday Party will be on Friday December 12th, from 5-7pm at the Kiwanis Activities Center! Hearty appetizers, sandwiches, desserts, tea, and coffee will be served. If you would like to have a glass of wine, please bring a bottle to share with others! Please come and celebrate.
- AA-Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce Year-End party, Thursday, December 4th, 4:30-7:00pm, Ann Arbor Marriott - Ypsilanti, 1275 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti. All members may attend as our club is a member of the Chamber.

### Presentations:

Greg Fleming, the General Manager of the Ann Arbor City Club welcomed our group to their facility. The City Club was founded in 1951, has 400 members, and resides in an updated building originally a private home built in 1886. They have a long history of community service and fellowship.

### Next Week's Menu:

Grilled Citrus Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Tossed Garden Salad, Double Chocolate Cookies.

**Attendance Today:** 68

### Last Week's Sale Revenue

**KAC:** \$No Sale  
**Warehouse:** \$No Sale  
**Vouchers:** \$No Vouchers Last Week  
**Today's Fines:** \$15.05  
**Today's Happy Dollars:** \$46



Known worldwide as the place for the "funkiest" gift.

*The Christmas Sale is  
 December  
 5th and  
 6th!  
 Salvation  
 Army Bell  
 Ringing  
 December  
 20th!*



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: TBD	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!

As Seen in the December/January 2015 Issue of the *Michigan Builder*...

## KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR



Simon Chafetz

Simon Chafetz (U-M, MBA '16) is serving on the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor as a non-voting member as a fellow of the University of Michigan Center for Social Impact (CSI) in the Ross School of Business.

The AA Kiwanis club president, John B. Goff said he will work closely with Chafetz and the board to assure the fellowship has a maximum impact for both parties.

"In 2015, we expect to finalize the purchase of a large warehouse building as a site for storage and the future sale of our Thrift Sale goods. Chafetz has demonstrated excellent marketing skills in his past employment and we intend to apply his multiple talents to promote this major acquisition."

For many years, the club has a goal of authorizing an Impact Study of its forward-thinking Kiwanis club and the community. The organization annually awards nearly \$250,000 in stipends, scholarships and grants through qualified area social agencies, who complete a grant request, and \$30,000 in college academic scholarships and camperships to Ann Arbor area eligibles.

"This program appears to have the potential of making a dramatic effect on club achievement and growth," Goff states, "A Fellow earns practical leadership and promotional experience and we benefit from his/her hard work and dedication to our club."

### Kiwanis AAATA Bus Ad—Now Running!

The intrepid Ken Hillenburg snapped the below photo on a recent frosty evening. It shows our Thrift Sale ad now running on bus 2C—a student-centered route from Green Rd, to Plymouth Rd, and downtown to the Center Campus Bus Station. This ad will run November thru mid-December. Then again next fall, but on the back of the bus. Thanks to Ken for the photo, and to Alan Burg for placing the ad!



### Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:



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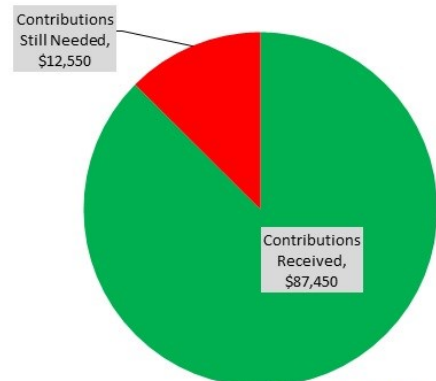
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## ELIMINATE

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



Data as of September 28, 2014

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
ANN ARBOR**

**Meetings:**

Mondays at Noon  
200 S. First Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
[www.a2kiwanis.org](http://www.a2kiwanis.org)

Building Phone:  
734-665-2211  
Thrift Sale Voice:  
734-665-0450

**"Ann Arbor Kiwanis  
Thrift Sale" is on the  
Web at:**  
[www.kiwanissale.com](http://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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