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Today's Program...

Dale Leslie introduced today's speaker Bob Dew from the Michigan Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Bob, along with Rich Waldecker, discussed the medical consequences of the use of Agent Orange (dioxin) to Vietnam vets and their children. Approximately three million service members were on active duty in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975. Thousands of others served in Korea between 1968 and 1971.

During these times Agent Orange and other powerful herbicides were used by the military for defoliation of food crops and vegetation that provided cover for the enemy. Herbicides were also used to clear areas around US military bases in many parts of the world. While herbicide manufacturers Dow Chemical and Monsanto were aware of the dangers associated with exposure to these agents, they did not disclose all the potential problems of which they were aware. Even when the military learned of the potential dangers of Agent Orange and its kin, it continued to use them because they were so effective.

There were no safety standards for those who handled, transported, or sprayed Agent Orange. Nor were there safety standards for disposal of the drums that contained Agent Orange or the planes and other equipment which delivered it to defoliation sites. It was not until 1971 that this type of chemical warfare was stopped by order of Pres. Nixon.

By then returning Vietnam vets and Korean vets who served in or near the DMZ were presenting with a wide variety of illnesses traceable to exposure to Agent Orange. Type 2 Diabetes, skin conditions, heart disorders, and many types of cancer were and are prevalent. Many other vets were not diagnosed with Agent Orange related medical problems until middle age or later. It also appears that the consequences of Agent Orange exposure are carried in the DNA for up to seven generations. A number of birth defects and early onset diseases have been found in the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of exposed vets. Work is being done to determine a definitive scientific link so that these people will also be eligible for medical benefits. To this day there are many areas in Vietnam that are still considered to be "hot spots" for Agent Orange. In essence the environment there and millions of service members and civilians in those areas were poisoned.

Next Week's Program...

July 13—*Today's Media Landscape: Good Beat, Easy to Dance to?* Speaker: Mary Ann Watson, EMU Professor of Electronic Media & Film Studies. Introduction by **Dale Leslie**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **July 20**—*German Park Picnics: A2 Quality of Life*. Speaker: Arthur French, Ann Arbor German Club. Introduction by **Marianne Clauw**.
- **July 27**—*50th Anniversary of Radrick Farms Golf Course*. Speaker: Jim Irwin, author. Introduction by a Kiwanian to be named.

Meetings...

None reported.



Bob Dew



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

ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Announcer	Dale Leslie on Tape
Officer of Day	Dale Leslie
Dockers	We need Dockers
Thrift Sale West	George Gilligan, Larry French and Al Engerer
Sorters	Joan Masters and we need more Sorters
Hardware	Doug Hanton, Jerry Brown and Fred Miller
Furniture	Mel Williams, Paul Klinger, Bob Barden, Jr., and Deb Jones —Report to KCW
Shoes & Sports	Jim Meretta and Charmin Archer
Men's Clothing	John Bassett and Jocelyn Wilder
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Minute Men
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Patriots
Antiques	Pat Buhner, Jane Talcott
Beds & Toys	Kathy Stroud and Steve Hiller
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Green Mountain Boys
Vouchers	Bob Carr, Griffith Dick, Don Clewell, Rose Marie Barhydt
Invocation	John Dahl
Greeters	Alan Burg, Garry Evans, Steve Hiller
Hospitality	Claire Dahl
Cashier	Joan Masters
Attendance	Ken Hillenburg (Primary), Jean Robinson and Deb Jones (Backup)

Guests at our Club... Alan Burg introduced today's guests who were all in some way connected to today's presentation about Agent Orange and Vietnam Vets: Tim Driscoll, Kathy Driscoll, John Schmale, Mary Paul Friend, Bill Browning, Richard Waldecker, Bob Dew, and Ken Rogge.

Announcements...

- Vouchers: **Ellen Webb** is seeking additional members and volunteers to assist with the Thursday morning voucher program. 3 volunteers are needed each Thursday from 9:15 – 10:30 am at the Kiwanis Center West. If you can help or if you have questions about the program, contact Ellen at 734-927-4008 or at ellen@ellensquiltcreations.com
- Kiwanis Center Downtown Remodeling: **Gretchen Preston** announced that work continues on the lower level. Lots of work is still to be done. If you can lend a hand, contact Gretchen at 734-260-9027 or at Gretchen.Preston@gretchenshouse.com
- **Pres. John** advised that Kiwanis International now has its own Travel Agency. You may wish to take one of their upcoming trips. He also advised that sales for June of 2015 and for 2014-15 year to date are substantially ahead of last year.
- All veterans are entitled to have to have an Honor Guard present colors at their funerals at no cost. All funeral directors are able to make arrangements for the Honor Guard.
- **Peter Schork** was the surprised recipient of a new (?) blue tie to wear with his brown suit. **William Hampton** may know more about the origins of the gift than he is willing to tell.
- Margaret Krasnoff is looking for volunteers to rehab some potentially valuable antique dollhouses that were donated recently. Contact Margaret at 734-834-7811 or at mjk@dhdwlaw.com
- If you are interested in joining a new coin club in the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County area, contact Bill Bigler at 734-340-6011 or at wwbigler@gmail.com.

Fines:

All those who did not attend a 4th of July Parade.

Happy Dollars:

John Goff, \$10 for his Vietnam Challenge Coin and for **Luke Panning's** Kiwanis musical debut; **Jim Wight**, \$10 in honor of his brother-in-law who served in Vietnam; **Jeanette Okuley**, in memory of four men she knew who lost their lives serving in Vietnam; **Fred Sanchez** because his son and daughter-in-law attended the Tony Awards, because his son treated him to a vacation up north, and because he is as cool as his grandson; **Kathy Barden Perlberg** because her dad is doing well; and **Sheridan Springer** because the power at his house came back on before the Past President's Picnic so he was able to cancel the portapotty order.

Stuff You Should Know...**Hospitality News:**

John Dahl, filling in for **Claire Dahl** advised that: **Bob Barden, Sr.** is doing well and enjoyed his birthday celebration; **Rip Kinney** sends his good wishes. His wife requires a great deal of care so he is not able to be with us as often as he would like; **Joe Medrano** had a knee replacement and is doing well; and **John McKeown** is back with us, walker and all. Contact **Claire** with July hospitality news.

Special Presentation:

Tim Driscoll

Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan VP Tim Driscoll presented **Pres. John** with a Vietnam Challenge Coin. Commanders and unit leaders gave out coins as mementos for services rendered or as mementos of special occasions. Tradition has it if you go into a military bar and are challenged to show your coin and do not have it, you have to buy a drink for the challenger. If you do have it, the challenger has to buy you a drink.

Attendance Today: 65

Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KCD: \$

KCW: _____

Total: \$No Sale on Independence Day

Vouchers: No report received this week.

Today's Fines: \$16

Today's Happy Dollars: \$27

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July 2015



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	2 Donations Closed at KCD	3	4 NO SALE Independence Day
5	6 Agent Orange Donations Closed at KCD	7 Board Meeting	8	9 Donations Closed at KCD	10	11 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
12	13 Today's Media Landscape Donations 9am-Noon	14	15	16 Donations 9am-Noon	17	18 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
19	20 German Park Picnics Donations 9am-Noon	21	22	23 Donations 9am-Noon	24	25 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
26	27 50th Anniversary of Radrick Farms Golf Course Donations 9am-Noon	28	29	30 Donations 9am-Noon	31	

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
2	3 Donations 9am-Noon	4	5	6 Donations 9am-Noon	7	8 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
9	10 Donations 9am-Noon	11	12	13 Donations 9am-Noon	14	15 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
16	17 Donations 9am-Noon	18	19	20 Donations 9am-Noon	21	22 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
23	24 Donations 9am-Noon	25	26	27 Donations 9am-Noon	28	29 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
30	31 Donations 9am-Noon					

Other News...

Social Activities:

- Eliminate Golf Outing and Celebratory Dinner: Thurs, July 23, Stonebridge Country Club. Dinner-only tickets are \$40 each. Contact **Ron Gardner** or **Kathy Wilder** by next week's meeting (July 13) to be an event sponsor, to sign up to golf, or to purchase dinner tickets.
- Tiger Trip: Sat, Aug 8 vs Boston Red Sox. Family and friends welcome. Contact **Fred Sanchez**.

More of Our Guest Speakers:



Guest Speaker Rich Waldecker talked about the history of Agent Orange.



Mary Paul, wife of an Agent Orange victim, told about the debilitating effects of Agent Orange.

Annual Picnic

Max Ziegler and crew are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Kiwanis Picnic for members and volunteers:

Noon, Sunday, July 12

Pittsfield Park, corner of State and Ellsworth.

Bring a dish to share.

Ribs, beverages and tableware are provided by the Club.

If the weather report for the 12th is ominous, the picnic will be rescheduled for July 19.

Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:



Huron High School
Pioneer High School



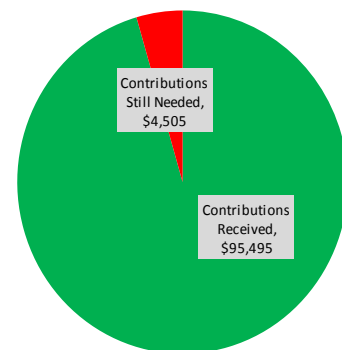
WISD Aktion Club

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



Data as of May 31, 2015

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Web at:**

www.kiwanissale.com
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- [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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at Guy Hollerin's

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