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## Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

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### Today's Program...

**David Cramer** introduced today's program, *Developing a Life of Charitable Giving* by Neel Hajra, President and CEO Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. (AAACF). Neel became AAACF's President & CEO effective January 1, 2015. His list of accomplishments in the nonprofit sector and field of philanthropy is extensive. Neel joined AAACF in 2011 as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Community Investment. In that role, he has overseen every aspect of AAACF's operations, served as a key ambassador for the Community Foundation throughout Washtenaw County, and has been instrumental in



*David Cramer*



*Neel Hajra*

leading a number of innovative community initiatives, including Coordinated Funding and Cultural Economic Development. Prior to joining AAACF, Neel spent ten years at Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW) and as its President & CEO for two years. Before NEW, Neel served as a corporate attorney at Ford Motor Company. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Neel holds a BS with honors in Physics from the University of Michigan and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School. He is also currently a lecturer at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School for Public Policy. Neel, his wife and 3 kids live in Ann Arbor.

The Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) enriches the quality of life in our region through its knowledgeable leadership, engaged grant making, and creative partnerships with donors to make philanthropic investments and build endowment. A new area of study by AAACF is to determine the impact that Art and Culture programs make on this region. Initial findings are that in addition to the many positive experiences gained by thousands of members of the community, the economic impact is over \$102 million. AAACF maintains a small staff of about 10 FTE with more than 300 community volunteers who lend their time, expertise, and perspective to support AAACF's mission and work in the community. Since 1963, AAACF has awarded more than \$33 million in grants & scholarships to support hundreds of organizations and programs that have changed thousands of lives. It manages \$78 million in assets and distributes \$3 to \$5 million in grants each year from 475 targeted funding sources. Grants may range in size from \$1,000 to over \$20,000. AAACF typically has two grant cycles each year.

### Next Week's Program...

**April 27** - *From Meteorology to Marketing*. Speaker: Christa Quinn, FOX2 Detroit. Introduction by: **Charmin Archer**.

### Upcoming Programs...

- **May 4** - *Kiwanis Scholarship Day*. Coordinator: **Dan Burroughs**.
- **May 11** - *Judge Steve Rhodes, Detroit Bankruptcy Case*. Introduction by: **Ann Mattson**.
- **May 18** - *Deaf Access to the Media*. Speaker: Larry Lage, ASL Transfer. Introduction by: **Bob Barden, Jr.**



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>Announcer</b>	The recorded voice of <b>Dale Leslie</b>
<b>Officer of Day</b>	<b>Mark Wishka</b>
<b>Dockers</b>	We need Dockers!
<b>Thrift Sale West</b>	Newly scheduled opening date: Saturday, May 9, 2015 (Hopefully)
<b>Sorters</b>	<b>Kurt Schmerberg</b>
<b>Hardware</b>	<b>Ted Brokaw, Andre Kotch-Duda, Dave Hughes</b>
<b>Furniture</b>	<b>Mel Williams, Kathy Barden-Perlberg, Bob Barden Jr., Jim Blomquist</b>
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Andy Houle, Dave Drake</b>
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	<b>Don Clewell, Jocelyn Wilder</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>Bill Robb</b>
<b>Lamps</b>	<b>Dennis Powers</b>
<b>Antiques</b>	<b>Rose Marie Barhydt, Jane Talcott</b>
<b>Beds &amp; Toys</b>	<b>Gretchen Preston</b>
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	<b>Jim Mattson</b>
<b>Vouchers</b>	Starting the new KCW site, Thursday May 7? Check with <b>Ellen Webb</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Kathy Barden-Perlberg</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Arlene Barnes, Dick Benedek, Garry Donner, and Chris Winkler</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Max Ziegler</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Martha Petroski</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Jane Talcott (Primary), Dot McNab-Cattell and Jim Blomquist (Backup)</b>

**Guests at our Club...** Greeter **Garry Donner** introduced today's guests. From UM Circle K, Jenna Militello and Zackery Gizicki. Evan LeRoy (prospective new member) formally with Kiwanis in Livonia. Brian Waskiewicz (prospective new member). Dave Skaff and Troy Briggs (prospective new members) with **Deb Jones**. Honorary Member, **Maryvonne Safati**. Kristy Cooper with **Clare Dahl**. Kristy Meretta, wife of **Jim Meretta**. Kathleen Cramer, wife of **David Cramer**.

**Announcements...**

- Please remember to turn off our cell phones during the meeting as well as to focus our attention to announcements when fellow members have the floor and at the mike. Thank you.
- **President John** reported on the most recent Board meeting focused on the preparing our new Kiwanis Center West (KCW) building and getting ready for the opening of the Kiwanis Thrift Sale West. Thanks for continued hard work on this project goes to many folks and specifically to **Dan Dever, Nick Dever, Doug Ziesemer, Peter Schork**, the members of SMOC, and the Kiwanis staff with Mario. It has been a tremendous and exciting effort and we are currently still under budget. As part of the opening of the new KCW site, the Space Reallocation Committee for our KCD (downtown) site chaired by **Mark Wishka** and **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** are very pleased to announce that **Gretchen Preston** and her husband, Greg have agreed to be the Project Managers for the next very important steps of the Space Reallocation of the KCD sale floors. Discussions continue in preparation to refresh, move, and expand departments at the KCD Thrift Sale this early summer.
- Our former Kiwanis Warehouse just north of Costco is now completely closed and all items have been moved to our new 2nd location, Kiwanis Thrift Sale West at KCW. Its tentative soft opening date is now scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 10am. Address: 100 N. Staebler Rd at W. Jackson Rd. One mile west of Zeeb Rd.

**Fines:** Dale Leslie proposed a fine for anyone who had not been or not currently in a Marching Band. Passed.

**Happy Dollars:** John Sampsele and his wife were in Indianapolis where she received a lifetime achievement award from the Midwest Nursing Research Society. Bob Gray needs our help to identify an attendance sheet with a missing name. Clar Dukes regarding his first visit at our new west building. It is impressive and it is looking great. For the Board's work and for Dan, Nick and Doug work on this important project. Bob Carr for the victory at San Jacinto (179 years ago per Jim Wolfington's sales report earlier today) and that Texas annexed the US. Dick Smit for being able to work with John Bassett again today. And for us to remember that when we begin to reallocate space we will need everyone's helping hand. Jane Talcott appreciates Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (today's program) and the challenge for today's campers and families to "limit" devices to paperback or hardcover vs. cell phones and e-games. Dan Burroughs taught at Slauson Middle School where today's program speaker attended and Dan shared that Measure to Measure will provide each Kiwanian with two free tickets to the upcoming concert on Saturday, May 16 at Hill Auditorium at 7:30pm. See Dan, Jim, or Rick. Dick Benedek provided the (it seems) annual traditional Husky hat to President John for UCONN women's NCAA basketball championship. Dale Leslie for all of the great music in this town and that he discovered that Jim Meretta's name is listed as a trombone player on a wall at the UM School of Music, Theater, and Dance.



President John looking dapper in UCONN game gear.

## Stuff You Should Know...

### Hospitality News:

Max Ziegler is April's hospitality chair. Sherry Springer is recovering from a cracked rib. Doug Ziesemer will have ear surgery on Tuesday. Remember, we can all reach out to members who are unable to attend and let them know we miss them.

### Prospective New Members:

Evan LeRoy of Dexter. Portfolio Manager Old National Bank, Sponsor: Robert Gray, Co-sponsor: Bill Robb (First Publication). James Jeszke of Commerce Township. Talmer West Bank. Sponsor: Dan Dever, Co-Sponsor: Nick Dever. (First Publication)

### Meetings:

After today's meeting: Past Presidents, Membership, and Community Services.

### Next Week's Menu:

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

### Attendance Today: 74

### Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KAC:	\$8,159
eBay:	\$ 302
Warehouse:	\$ 0 Old warehouse closed. New Thrift Sale West to open 5/9/15.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 8,461</b>

Note: It was a record sale day for women's clothing department \$1,338!

**Vouchers:** Thursday, May 7 at the new KCW location. Check with Ellen Webb for details.

**Today's Happy Dollars:** \$35

**Today's Fines:** \$16

### Recycling:

Kiwanis RECYCLES and COMPOSTS! Luncheon plates with or without food scraps can now be composted by placing them in the new large BROWN compost container located in the middle of the room. The guide is: TRASH goes in the GREY containers. Trash = napkins, plastic flatware, and foam bowls. RECYCLE goes in the BLUE container. Recycle = plastic bottles, paper cups, and milk cartons. COMPOST = luncheon plates with or without food scraps in the BROWN container.



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The warehouse sale is closed until we open at the Kiwanis Center West, tentatively scheduled for May 9.

# April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Donations 9am-Noon	3  Good Friday	4 No Sale, Open for Donations 9-12
5  Easter	6 Up the Football Staircase Menu: Chicken Parmesan	7	8	9 Donations 9am-Noon	10	11 Sale: KAC 9-12
12	13 What Crash Dummies Say Menu: Beef Tips	14 Board Meeting	15	16 Donations 9am-Noon	17	18 Sale: KAC 9-12
19	20 A life of Charitable Giving Menu: Deli Sandwiches	21	22	23 Donations 9am-Noon	24	25 Sale: KAC 9-12
26	27 Meteorology to Marketing Menu: Citrus Grilled Chicken	28	29	30 Donations 9am-Noon		

## 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

# May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sale: KAC 9-12
3	4 Scholarship Day Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs	5	6	7 Donations 9am-Noon	8	9 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
10  Mother's Day	11 Judge Rhodes, Club Election Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	12	13	14 Donations 9am-Noon	15	16 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
17	18 Deaf Access to Media Menu: BBQ Chicken	19	20	21 Donations 9am-Noon	22	23 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
24	25  Memorial Day	26 Single Birth Moms Menu: Italian Sausage	27	28 Donations 9am-Noon	29	30 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
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**More Announcements...**

- **President John** reported that the Board approved \$150,000 in this year's grant cycle as recommended by the Grant Committee. In addition to those grants, this Club provides support for many summer campers, Warm the Children for over 50 families, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, support to Meal on Wheels delivering 70 meals each week, \$35,000 to \$40,000 in merchandise vouchers to families each year so they can shop with us, and in two weeks on May 4, \$40,000 in scholarships to high school seniors. These are but some examples of the great work and giving by this Club through the work of members, volunteers, and staff. **HELP SHARE THIS GREAT NEWS!**
- Our big fundraiser event to **ELIMINATE** maternal/neonatal tetanus is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 starting at 11am. It will be Golf at Stonebridge Golf Club, Ann Arbor. \$150 per golfer or \$500 for foursome. Includes range balls before golf, 18 holes with electric cart, deli-buffet lunch and special celebration dinner. Non-golfers can enjoy dinner only at \$40 per person. Your \$150 ticker will save the lives of 83 mothers and their newborn babies from death by maternal/neonatal tetanus. Contact **Ron Gardner** or email at [rgardner035@gmail.com](mailto:rgardner035@gmail.com).
- **Dale Leslie** announced the next Super Inter-Club sponsored by the Chelsea Club is scheduled for tonight, Monday evening, April 20 at 6:30pm at the Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room.
- Be on the look out for new Kiwanis Thrift Sale billboards starting mid April at the corner of Dexter and Maple Roads and in late August on Baker Road south of Dexter. Radio ads will start May 4 on 102.9 W4 Country M-F and run for 6 weeks.
- "Where Notables Lived in Ann Arbor," featuring historian Dale Leslie from our club, is part of the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) lecture series, Tuesday, April 28, 7pm to 8:30pm—Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room. A PowerPoint visual depicting the homes and their famous residents is included in his talk. For information: <http://www.aadl.org/events/33771>.
- **Social Activities:**
  - ◆ The next Kiwanis Purple Rose event is scheduled on Friday, May 15 performance of "Talley's Folly". See **Martha Petroski** for details.
  - ◆ Kiwanis Tiger Baseball game Saturday, August 8 vs. Boston Red Sox! \$70 will get you transportation to and from on a luxury bus, a box lunch and snacks, a seat under cover, and after game fireworks. Contact Fred Sanchez 734-277-7077 or [fsanchez@aol.com](mailto:fsanchez@aol.com). Family and friends are welcome.
  - ◆ Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by AA Western Kiwanis this Wednesday, April 22, 5:00pm at Washtenaw ISD, 1835 Wagner Rd. 734-716-3434 or [czahina@yahoo.com](mailto:czahina@yahoo.com). This event is part of a new project for District 10. The goal will be to raise funds for a fully handicapped assessable playground and equipment at High Pointe School. Total cost over \$100,000. More information will soon be available.
  - ◆ Golf Outing AA Western Kiwanis. Thursday, May 21, 8:30am Reddeman Farms Golf Club, Chelsea. 734-549-2341 or [evud@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evud@sbcglobal.net).
  - ◆ This year's Canada-US Goodwill Night Banquet will be held on April 30th, Detroit #1 President Eric Sabree will be the speaker. The banquet hosted by the Port Huron Club. Contact **Secretary Jeanette** for registration.
  - ◆ Circle K Family Picnic is scheduled for June 20 in Shelby Township. Registration and more information on line.

**SAVE THE DATE & CELEBRATE!**

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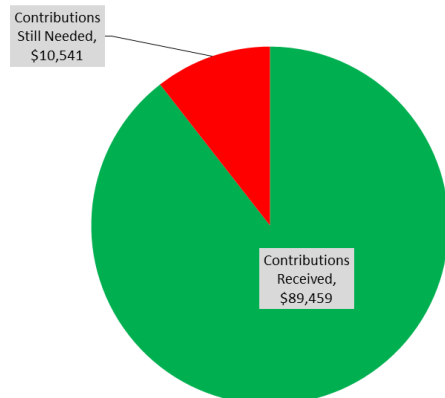
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**ELIMINATE**

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 December 31, 2014

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR**

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Thrift Sale Voice:  
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**"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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