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Today's Program...



Lynne Lande

Our club is looking to engage new members and promote community service in non-traditional ways, said **Lynne Lande**, chair of our club's Membership Growth & Education Committee. One way to do this is the formation of club satellites, an idea sparked by Kiwanis International. Lynne introduced our very own **Jerry McMahon** to fill us in on what our club is doing with the club satellite approach.

Jerry, a member of the Membership Growth & Education Committee, has dubbed our club satellite initiative as "XMAS 365." This is an innovative spin on the Kiwanis leadership work Jerry did years ago with the annual Christmas in April project. By developing club satellites that design and implement simple one-time community service projects, Christmas in April can happen many times each year and at any time of the year: hence,

"XMAS 365." A community service project is conceived that costs around \$300 total, the club satellite members complete the project and then report it on Facebook and YouTube. Google "Kiwanis XMAS 365" online, to check it out on Facebook or YouTube!

Currently Jerry has developed one club satellite, which is tied to the work of the Michigan Abilities Center, an equine assisted therapy group located on West Ellsworth Road. **Kathy Hinderer**, executive director of the Michigan Abilities Center, has joined our club and, with Jerry, mentors the club satellite workers. For about \$300, the club satellite purchased ground poles and painted them red, white and blue. These poles enable the horses to assist in building the rider's core strength when riding on a course around the poles.

The club satellite concept appeals to those interested in community service but who are not interested in attending lots of meetings. Young people, in particular, are intrigued by the concept. Club satellite members are full members of Kiwanis and pay dues but are not expected to attend luncheons, join committees and so on. Ask Jerry or Lynne for more details!

Next Week's Program...

September 8 (Tuesday)—*Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles Amuck*. Speaker: A. Bradley Schwartz, author. Introduced by: **Dale Leslie**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **September 14**—*Crystal Ball Gazing: Detroit Sports*. Speaker: Brad Galli, Channel 7 Sports. Introduced by: **Garry Donner**.
- **September 21**—*Michigan Higher Education Elsewhere*. Speakers: Barnaby Pung, Miller College and Sally Rae, Siena Heights University. Introduced by: **Jim Meretta**.
- **September 28**—*Installation of Officers & Board Members*. Speaker: Linda Lawther, Governor, Michigan District of Kiwanis. Introduced by: **Julanne Williams**, Lt. Governor, Division Ten.

Meetings...

Next week's luncheon will be on Tuesday, September 8, since our usual Monday meeting date is Labor Day. The board of directors will also meet on Tuesday, September 8, in Ned's Place at 7pm. Board members and any others planning to attend the board meeting are welcome at a pre-meeting dinner at the Grizzly Peak at 5:45pm; contact **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** if you plan to join the dinner group, to permit an accurate attendance count for the restaurant.



Jerry McMahon



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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day	Mark Wishka
Dockers	We need Dockers
KCW	Friday —Nick Dever (officer of the day), Ray Argyle, Dan Burroughs, Dave Drake, Larry French, George Gilligan, Dave LaMoreaux, Joe Medrano, Sheridan Springer, Max Supica and Ellen Webb Saturday —Bob Barden (officer of the day), Kelly Bertoni, Al Engerer, Paul Klinger, Evan LeRoy, Sheridan Springer, Greg Springstead, Max Supica and Ellen Webb
Sorters	We need Sorters
Hardware	Dave Hughes, Ted Brokaw and Bill Hallock
Shoes & Sports	Al Gallup and Bill Tasch
Men's Clothing	Dave LaMoreaux and Dick Smit
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Goliath Birdwings
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Luna Moths
Antiques	Pat Buhrer and Pat Materka
Beds & Garden	Kathy Stroud and Steve Hiller
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Tiger Swallowtails
Vouchers	No Info
Invocation	Pat Buhrer
Greeters	Tom Dew, Bob Johnson, Deb Jones and Jane Talcott
Hospitality	Don Kossick
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	Sharon Keyes (Primary); Ray Argyle and Chris Winkler (Backup)

Guests at our Club... We were honored to have Al and Sandy Bourk with us (more on this special topic elsewhere in this newsletter). We were also honored to have as guests a host of club sale volunteers, all sitting front and center to wish Al and Sandy their very best.

Don Clewell introduced Arno Buhrer, spouse of **Pat Buhrer**. Don also welcomed 3 Circle K members, Kathleen Hurley, Nicole Potchen and Chiara Sackellares.

Announcements...

- **Joe Medrano** reported that **Pres-Elect Betsy Ford, Kathie Wilder, Julianne Williams** and he attended the District Convention held in Detroit last week. Since every meal at the District Convention is hosted by one Kiwanis club or another, each meal counted as an interclub for us thanks to our 4 members who were in attendance throughout the convention. A new Michigan District bylaw was adopted at the convention, Joe said, which prevents a Lt Gov from serving more than 2 consecutive terms. There is an existing bylaw, Joe told us, requiring a Lt Gov to serve until a successor is elected. Since **Julanne Williams** is in her second term as Lt Gov of Division 10, we must find a successor for her, or we will be in violation of one bylaw or the other.
- **Pres-Elect Betsy Ford** enjoyed herself and said the convention was the best Kiwanis convention (International or Michigan District) she has attended over the past 2 years. The Michigan District per member allocation was raised by \$5, from \$40 annually to \$45. Gov Elect Linda Lawther, member of the Ypsilanti Club, and Sue Petrisin, President Elect of Kiwanis International and member of the East Lansing Club, were in attendance. Our club newsletter won a second-place award. **Luz and Bob Snider** joined the fun and were seen on the dance floor, with Bob reportedly dancing with 5 women at the same time.
- **Remember, our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 8.**

Fines: **Dan Dever** rose to present **Martha Petroski** with a large sack that Dan claimed to contain 4,000 individually wrapped toothpicks. Dan's peculiar behavior was prompted by **Al Engerer's** request 2 weeks earlier that we have toothpicks as part of each luncheon table's accoutrements (that's Al's word choice – ask him about it). Dan was able to acquire the toothpicks from the Village Kitchen, and he said the individual wrappings cost 50 cents. To compensate for this, Dan moved that both Al and Martha pay 25 cents. Motion passed. The success of this motion prompted **Dale Leslie** to claim that Dan paid way too much. Dale asked that Dan be fined, along with all bankers and attorneys. Again motion passed.

Later in the meeting, **Dan Dever** noticed that **Secretary Jeanette Okuley** was handing out a dues invoice to each member, even before the outcome of the dues increase vote had been announced. Dan asked that anyone not as efficient as our secretary, as well as anyone who hasn't already paid their dues, be fined. Motion passed once again.

Happy Dollars: **Sherry Springer** presented 61 happy dollars to **Pres John**, one happy dollar for each year of marriage to his lovely wife, Sallie. Happy 61st anniversary, Sherry and Sallie! Due to our luncheon's already crowded agenda, there was no time for further happy dollars, which will resume next week.

Stuff You Should Know...

Hospitality News:

Pat Buhner reported that Dr. Thomas McFadden, father of past member Tom McFadden, has passed away. Lloyd Zill, past member of Ann Arbor Western, died on August 28 at the age of 91. Pat showed us a group photograph of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis membership that was taken at Weber's Restaurant in 1965 and that includes Lloyd Zill. **Don McEwen** has given up his apartment at Lurie Terrace. He is living with his daughter, Ana, and expects to move into Hillside Terrace, although there is a long waiting list. Don still visits us during the Saturday sale when he is able.

Pat circulated a greeting card for **Gary and Liz Elling**. Liz requires full-time care from Gary. Their daughter occasionally brings Liz to the sale. **Sherry Springer** reported that Thelma Johnson recently died at the age of 104. Thelma survived her husband, Clyde Johnson, who was president of our club in 1973-74. **Bryce Babcock** reported that **John McKeown**, who is recovering from back surgery, will be discharged from the Redies Center in Saline this Thursday and will return to his home.

Awards:

Members with perfect attendance were recognized and received perfect attendance tabs to display with their Kiwanis lapel pins. Dozens of Kiwanians were recognized, led by the stellar example of **Sherry Springer** who has 56 years of perfect attendance! Sherry, a past Lt Gov and club president, received a standing ovation. **Dale Leslie** presided over the perfect attendance awards and reminisced about **Bud Stein**, who had many years of perfect attendance himself before his death in 2013. Bud had urged all of us to achieve perfect attendance, telling us how easy it is to do through club participation make-ups.



Cliff Sheldon presided over Legion of Honor Awards, which are conferred upon completion of 25 years of Kiwanis membership and upon completion of every five additional years of membership thereafter. Each Kiwanian honored received a certificate and a Legion of Honor lapel pin. Once again, **Sherry Springer** tops the list with more than 55 years of Kiwanis membership!

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Attendance Today: Perfect

Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KCD: \$ 7,164
KCW: 7,176
eBay: 200
Total: \$ 14,540

Today's Fines: \$8.75
Today's Happy Dollars: \$61



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Kiwanis Thrift Sale West

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOURS

AT KCW

Days:

- September 4 (Friday)
- September 5 (Saturday)
- September 11 (Friday)
- September 12 (Saturday)

Hours: 10 to 2

We return to normal hours after September 12

NEW DAY FOR KCW

KCW is Now Open Fridays

TIME: 10 to 1

DONATIONS: 10 to 12:30

SCHEDULED CLOSURES

FOR FRIDAY

Friday, December 25 for Christmas

Friday, January 1 for New Years Day



Bob Gray says, "Hallo!" from Starbucks in Bergen, Norway

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Donations 9am-Noon	4 Sale: KCW 10-2	5 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-2
6	7 Labor Day	8 Broadcast Hysteria	9	10 Donations 9am-Noon	11 Sale: KCW 10-2	12 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-2
13	14 Detroit Sports Donations 9am-Noon	15	16	17 Donations 9am-Noon	18 Sale: KCW 10-1	19 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
20	21 MI Higher Ed. Donations 9am-Noon	22	23	24 Donations 9am-Noon	25 Sale: KCW 10-1	26 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
27	28 Installation of Officers & Board Donations 9am-Noon	29	30			

October 2015

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



Planning Calendar

March
Spring Divisional

May
Club Annual Meeting
Elections
Attendance Awards

June/July
International Conven-
tion
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

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Dues Increase...

Ballots were circulated for members to vote on the proposed club dues increase—from the current annual amount of \$150 to \$180. The proposal had been announced and discussed at the preceding three club luncheons. **Pres John** asked if there any questions, but there were none. We all knew that the proposal had passed when **Secretary Jeanette Okuley** began handing out dues invoices for our next fiscal year in the increased amount. Near the end of the meeting Pres John confirmed that the proposal had indeed passed, with 96% voting for the dues increase.

Honoring Al Bourk...



Al and Sandy Bourk

A host of Kiwanis volunteers were front and center in our luncheon setting, surrounded by the Kiwanis membership, to welcome back and honor our past Merchandise Manager, **Al Bourk**, and his wife Sandy.

Peter Schork was the first to thank Al as a good person and as a tireless and dedicated worker. Peter laughed about how Al once put him in charge of younger workers on the dock: Peter could boss them around but Al had the last laugh as he could then boss Peter around. In his 12 years as Merchandise Manager, Al mentored our paid staff. He loved working with the volunteers, Peter said, to which our volunteers applauded their agreement. Peter presented Al with a George F. Hixson Award on behalf of our club, recognizing Al as a person of great character.

Ann Mattson followed and wondered how to pronounce "Bourk." After mulling over the possibilities, Ann decided its best just to refer to Al as "Big Al." This is not just a reference to Al's height but to how big his heart is. Big Al knew the importance of taking time with those who donate, those who purchase and those who sort.

Ann tried to collect some embarrassing and funny stories to tell, but all she heard back was how helpful, nice, affable, knowledgeable, and reliable Al was and still is.

Next **Cynthia Hammerschmidt** spoke on behalf of the volunteers. The volunteers stood up to honor Al while Cynthia told Al "we think the world of you." Al knew how to make us feel important, Cynthia said. He knew when to give a pat on the back, take away a cart, or ignore laughing and joking by volunteers about odd items of clothing in the sorting pile. **Sue Supica** presented cut flowers to Al on behalf of the volunteers.

Al Engerer was the final speaker to welcome Sandy and Al and to thank Al for his fine service since he began work at Kiwanis in 2003. Al was hired by **Carl Dailey** and trained by **Will Frey**. **Al Engerer** showed us a video of the early days when Big Al was a pitcher in the big leagues, playing first for the Washington Senators and then the Cleveland Indians. Later, Al coached a group of Ypsilanti youth and lost only 3 games over a 7-year period. Big Al got his start in programming at Southern Illinois University, and programming brought him to Michigan where he worked for Cummins Engine in Willow Run. After 28 years at Cummins, Al retired and began his service at Kiwanis.

At the end of our meeting, Al gave us all a big thanks. We appreciate your fine work, Al, and it's great to see you again!

Social Activities...

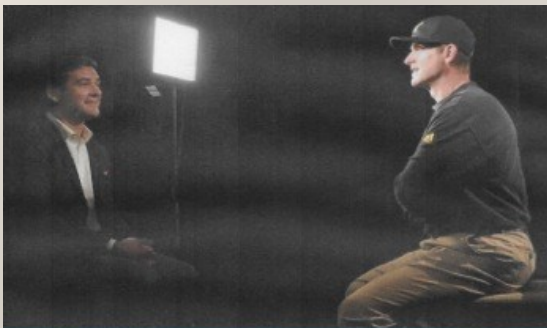
George Gilligan is coordinating the annual Kiwanis golf outing. The outing will be at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea on Thursday, September 17, with a shotgun start at 9am. A continental breakfast will precede golf, and lunch and dinner are included. Cost is \$75 per golfer, and George is now accepting sign-ups (either foursomes or individual golfers, whom George will organize into foursomes). Volunteers are also needed to help run the outing. See George for more details.

Galli is Coming! September 14

Crystal Ball Gazing: Detroit Sports

Speaker: Brad Galli, Channel 7 Sports

Introduced by: **Garry Donner**



Brad Galli (left) WXYZ Channel 7 sports.

Our featured speaker, September 14th

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- [U of M Circle K](#)

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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
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