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Today's Program...



Ann Mattson

Ann Mattson introduced our speaker: Judge Steven Rhodes. Judge Rhodes attended Purdue University where he received a Mechanical Engineering degree and then went on to the University of Michigan where he graduated from Law School. He and his family have lived in Ann Arbor since 1970.

Judge Steven Rhodes was a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit) for nearly 30 years until his retirement in February, 2015. He



Judge Steven Rhodes

served as chief judge of the Bankruptcy Court from 2002 to 2009. He was appointed the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Sixth Circuit in 1997 and served as its chief judge from 2002 to 2004. He is past Associate Editor of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is past chair of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education.

Judge Rhodes served as Vice President for Research and on the Executive Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute which, in 2009 awarded him its Distinguished Services Award. He co-authored *The Ponzi Book: A Legal Resource For Unraveling Ponzi Schemes* which was published in 2012.

Bankruptcy judges have large caseloads and do difficult, important, and often heart-wrenching work. They generally toil away far from the public eye. And so it was with Judge Rhodes until July 2013, when the chief judge of

the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals appointed him to preside over the City of Detroit's bankruptcy case. This was the largest, longest, and most highly publicized municipal bankruptcy ever filed. When Judge Rhodes began presiding over the Detroit Bankruptcy the city was 18 billion dollars in debt. Settlement of this debt was essential for the survival of the city. In November 2014, after nearly a year and a half of rigorous work, Judge Rhodes confirmed the City's plan of adjustment.

Not surprisingly *Crain's Detroit Business* honored Judge Rhodes as one of its 2014 Newsmakers of the Year and the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* named him 2014 Lawyer of the Year.

Next Week's Program...

May 18 - *Deaf Access to the Media*. Speaker: Larry Lage, ASL Transfer. Introduction by: **Bob Barden, Jr.**

Upcoming Programs...

- **May 26** - *Single Birth Moms: A Forgotten and Growing Minority*. Speaker: Rev. Darcy Crain-Polly. Introduction by: **Pat Buhner**.
- **June 1** - *The Dispute Resolution Center: Working with Youth*. Speaker: Belinda Dulin, Executive Director. Introduction by: **Jim Huck**.
- **June 8** - *Government Redundancy?* Speaker: Mandy Grewal, Ph.D., Pittsfield Township Supervisor. Introduction by: **Marianne Clauw**.



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:

Announcer	The recorded voice of Dale Leslie
Officer of Day	Dale Leslie
Dockers	We need Dockers!
Thrift Sale West	Closed. Tentative opening by end of May.
Sorters	We need sorters
Hardware	Andrea Kotch-Duda, Fred Miller, and do we have a third?
Furniture	Mel Williams, Paul Klinger, and Todd and Deb Jones
Shoes & Sports	Don Kossick and Jim Meretta
Men's Clothing	Jim Couch and Dick Smit
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Buffalo Wings
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Tetrzzini Team
Antiques	Betsy Ford
Beds & Toys	Gretchen Preston
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Frizzle Chickens
Vouchers	Check with Ellen Webb
Invocation	Sally Lamkin
Greeters	Rose Marie Barhydt, John Kidle, Bill Tasch, Jim Wight
Hospitality	William Hampton
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	John Schenk (Primary), Jane Talcott and Dot McNab-Cattell (Backup)

Guests at our Club... Guests were introduced by **Bill Tasch**. They were: Bill Heller, guest of **John Schenk**; Bob Melton and Marilyn Drake were guests of **Dale Leslie**; Bill Gruetzmacher guest of **Max Ziegler**; Evan LeRoy, guest of **Bob Gray**; Carolyn Sampsele, wife of **John Sampsele**; Margaret Kransoff was a guest of **Dan Dever**.

Announcements...

- We are still optimistic that the new Kiwanis Center West will open in May.
- Meetings:
 - ◆ Board Meeting at the regular time
 - ◆ Past Presidents were to meet right after today's meeting
 - ◆ The Eliminate Task Force will meet at the regular time
 - ◆ The membership Growth and Education Committee will meet next Monday, May 18, at 1:15pm
- For the sale on Saturday, May 23rd, **President John Goff** will need assignments for Sporting Goods, Hardware, Garden, beds and toys, and sorting, and of course we will need dockers. Some assignments lists run through the end of May. If submitted assignment lists did not include all of May then please update them and re-submit them as soon as possible.
- **Ron Gardner** stated that the Eliminate Committee is on schedule to meet our goal. It was noted that it is encouraged to exceed that goal.
- **President John Goff** noted that since we are now a landlord that we now need a professional book keeper.
- **Lynne Lande**, Chair of the Membership Committee asked for members to reach out to long standing members who can't routinely attend regular meetings.
- **Gretchen Preston** and Greg Meisner are working on the relocation of each of the departments within the Kiwanis building in Ann Arbor after the move of some merchandise to the new Kiwanis Center West.
- **Mark Wishka** spoke about the relocation to the new Kiwanis Center West.

Fines: Dale Leslie proposed a fine on **Dave Drake** for mispronouncing Sue Petrisin's name. Sue is the International President elect... She will be the first woman to serve as Kiwanis International President. And Sue is from Michigan! She will be speaking at the Manchester Super Interclub announced by **Dave Drake**.

Happy Dollars: Happy Dollars were suspended for this week. However: Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Steven Rhodes, contributed one Happy Dollar which was accepted.

Stuff You Should Know...

Hospitality News:

Judge Sandy Eldon is feeling better. **John Bassett** is to undergo further treatment on Wednesday. May's hospitality news contact is **William Hampton**. Please reach out to members who are unable to attend and let them know we miss them.

Interclubs:

Dave Drake told us that there are two upcoming interclub meetings:

- Manchester Kiwanis May 20
- Saline Kiwanis June 1

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. Family and friends are welcome.
- Golf Outing AA Western Kiwanis. Thursday, May 21, 8:30am, Reddeman Farms Golf Club, Chelsea. 734-549-2341 or evud@sbcglobal.net. Also you can check with **Max Ziegler** for information.
- Circle K Family Picnic is scheduled for June 20 in Shelby Township. Registration and more information on line.
- Annual Past President's Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 starting at 3pm with dinner at 5:30pm. It will be held at **Sherry Springer's**. Dues: \$25, payable to Kiwanis and give to **Kathy Barton-Perlberg**.
- **Max Ziegler** announced the golf outing on July 23 to raise funds for the Eliminate Project and **Chris Winkler** noted that we are still open to corporate sponsorship of this event. Please see **Ron Gardner** for further information.

Next Week's Menu:

Barbecue Chicken, Roasted Redskins, Tossed Garden Salad, Signature Bar Cookies.

Attendance Today: 89

Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KAC:	\$6,951
eBay	198
Warehouse:	\$ 0 Old warehouse closed. New KCW to open late May.
Total:	\$ 7,149

Vouchers: Check with **Ellen Webb** for details.

Today's Happy Dollars: \$1

Today's Fines: ?



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

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sale: KAC 9-12
3	4 Scholarship Day Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs	5 Board Meeting at KCW	6	7 Donations 9am-Noon	8	9 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
10 Mother's Day	11 Judge Rhodes, Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	12	13	14 Donations 9am-Noon	15	16 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
17	18 Deaf Access to Media CLUB ELECTION Menu: BBQ Chkn.	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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June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dispute Resolution Center Menu: Meatloaf	2	3	4 Donations 9am-Noon	5	6 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
7	8 Government Redundancy? Menu: Deli Sandwiches	9	10	11 Donations 9am-Noon	12	13 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
14 Flag Day	15 AAPD Youth Programs Menu: Chicken Parmesan	16	17	18 Donations 9am-Noon	19	20 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
21 Father's Day	22 Women's Center Menu: Beef Tips & Noodles	23	24	25 Donations 9am-Noon	26	27 Sale: KAC 9-12 KCW TBD
28	29 WWII French Resistance Menu: Deli Sandwiches	30				



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



Old News from Days Gone By...

By the Late Ernest (Ernie) C. Laetz (Via Dale Leslie's Story Archive)

Editor's Note: Ernie Laetz is the legendary club member who greeted customers at the front Sale door wearing a tux and a sombrero; the latter is preserved in a display case near the elevator.

My Fondest Memories Center Around Our Members and Club Activities

I joined the club in 1953. We met in the old Allenel Hotel—on the corner of Huron and Fourth Avenue—on the second floor, in the L-shaped Brindle Room. Lunch was \$2.50. Ike Stein—Bud's dad—would greet us in the lobby at the foot of the stairs with an open dry cleaning bag for any clothes we wished to donate to the rummage sale. He would take them back to his dry cleaning business and have them cleaned for the next sale.

The Mott Hospital School Program at U-M began in our club (it is now a statewide Kiwanis project) in 1922. At first, we provided Sunday school teachers for the children. Then, we funded a half-time teacher and furnished funds for instructional furniture. The project grew from that point. Ashley Clague—a local grocer and a past president of our club—made toys for the children and remained a pillar in our Mott program. Children could now attend school even though they were hospitalized.

Other Kiwanis members that come to mind are Fred Jaeger (who did a lot of work around the club), Early Risky, and Russ Sharpe. Whenever we had a close vote on a fine, Earl would stand up and count "yeas" and "nays". His tally would be "official" although the result was subject to his interpretation. Sharpe could never get his motions for fines passed. However, at one meeting he slyly asked if everyone in favor of his motion would stand and then signaled our piano player to strike up the National Anthem. Everyone stood and the motion passed!



**Annual Meeting and Election of Next Year's Officers and Directors
May 18, 2015**

- ⇒ President: **Betsy Ford**
- ⇒ President Elect: **Alan Burg**
- ⇒ Two year terms are proposed for the five people recommended by the election committee: **George Gilligan, William Hampton, Joe Medrano, Bill Robb and Ray Argyle.**
- ⇒ **Martha Petroski** was nominated from the floor and will be on the ballot.
- ⇒ **Jim Carey** has resigned from the board and the Nominating Committee recommends that Mr. Carey be replaced by **Ellen Webb** effective May 18 thru September 30, 2015.

Please address any questions to **John Dahl.**

Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:



Huron High School
Pioneer High School



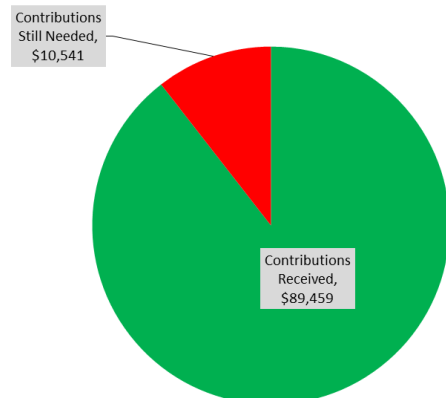
WISD Aktion Club

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 December 31, 2014

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734-665-0450

"Ann Arbor Kiwanis Thrift Sale" is on the Web at:
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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