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Today's Program...



Our own trifecta—**John Goff, Dan Dever and Peter Schork**—headlined today's program. The feature was our Thrift Sale: its expansion this year with the opening of Kiwanis Center West and its enhancements and space

reallocation at the Kiwanis Activities Center.

John Goff walked the sale downtown and at KCW last Saturday and marveled at all the changes. While it's human nature to resist change, John said, he reflected on the absolute need for change that he saw in his work as store manager of a Kmart in Richmond, Virginia during the 1980s. At the time Kmart and Sears were tops in the retail industry while Walmart was just starting. Kmart arrogantly resisted change while Walmart innovated and eventually passed Kmart in market share. John walked into the Ann Arbor Kmart on Maple Road a few years ago and thought "it looks just like my Kmart did in 1982." The Maple Road Kmart is now out of business. Same story with Borders Books and Atari Games. Kiwanis is changing and growing, which will help us to address community needs better than ever.

We will likely break the \$500,000 sales mark this year on the way to a \$1 million sales operation. The Kiwanis Activities Center remains our "bread and butter," John stressed, and we have invested over \$30,000 in our downtown building's renovation. We are not moving from our downtown location!

Dan Dever's remarks focused on the Kiwanis Center West. Dan told us that virtually everyone working at KCW has received thanks from our customers there. There has been no negative customer feedback, and the abundance of parking is a real plus. Sheridan Books has a 1-year leaseback for substantial space at KCW, and negotiations are currently underway for Sheridan Books to retain part of this leaseback space beyond 1 year. Negotiations have also started with others interested in renting space at KCW. There are 3 parties interested in buying our KCW out-lot that has frontage on Jackson Road; sale proceeds would be used to pay down the debt incurred for the KCW purchase. We negotiated our receipt of \$150,000 cash back at closing from Sheridan as part of the overall purchase transaction, and this has been used to remodel and adapt the facility for our use. We also have a \$500,000 line of credit, and approximately \$150,000 of this line has been drawn down for KCW renovations. Remaining renovations and needed upgrades, such as roof work and HVAC unit replacement, will be done incrementally, permitting a focus on paying down debt.

Peter Schork concentrated on the human element and the work our members, volunteers and employees do in gathering product to sell (pick-ups and drop-offs), sorting, selling and handling/counting the cash from our sale. Peter stressed the need for patience as each of these functions evolve, and he also stressed the need to remember the Kiwanis tradition developed through decades of Kiwanis Thrift Sales. Drop-offs and the dock area, as well as the sorting process, are issues to be addressed. Peter thanked a number of long-time and newer Kiwanis members in the audience – as well as volunteers and employees – who spend countless hours handling the day-to-day chores that make the Thrift Sale an invaluable asset to the community!

Next Week's Program...

August 31—KIWANIS SATELLITE CLUBS: IN ORBIT! Speaker: **Jerry McMahon**. Introduced by: **Lynne Lande**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **September 8 (Tuesday)**—BROADCAST HYSTERIA: ORSON WELLES AMUCK. Speaker: A. Bradley Schwartz, author. Introduced by: **Dale Leslie**.
- **September 14**—CRYSTAL BALL GAZING: DETROIT SPORTS. Speaker: Brad Galli, Channel 7 Sports. Introduced by: **Garry Donner**.



This is what we call HOME... now in our 94th year.



Kiwanis Center West

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:

Officer of Day	Dale Leslie
Dockers	We need Dockers
KCW	Friday —Nick Dever (officer of the day), Ray Argyle, Griff Dick, Larry French, Dave LaMoreaux, Jerry McMahon, Max Supica and Sue Supica Saturday —Gordon Beeman (officer of the day), Bryce Babcock, Kathy Barden-Perlberg, Kelly Bertoni, Jim Blomquist, Griff Dick, Evan LeRoy, Gerry Luke, Cliff Sheldon, Sallie Springer, Sheridan Springer, Greg Springstead, Max Supica, Bill Tasch and Ellen Webb
Sorters	We need Sorters
Hardware	John Dahl, Dan Burroughs and Doug Hanton
Shoes & Sports	John Kidle and Jim Wight
Men's Clothing	Dave LaMoreaux and Dick Smit
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Illini Extra Sweet
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the DuPont Pioneers
Antiques	TBD
Beds & Toys	Mike Anglin
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and the Country Gentlemen
Vouchers	No Info
Invocation	Larry French
Greeters	Jim Blomquist, Pat Buhner, Betsy Ford, Bob Greene
Hospitality	Pat Buhner
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	Ray Argyle (Primary), Ken Hillenburg and Sharon Keyes (Backup)

Guests at our Club...

Betsy Ford introduced our guests, including several attending as guests of **Clarence Dukes**: Jill Bartscht Kent, Lynette Dukes, Griffin Bartscht and Karl Bartscht. Betsy also welcomed John Grim, a visiting Kiwanian from Doniphan, Missouri.

Announcements...

- Last Saturday, a statewide meeting of Circle K of Michigan was held at the Kiwanis Center West immediately following the Saturday sale. Circle K members from institutions across the state, including UM, MSU, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Ferris State, shopped the sale (purchases were made) and then held their event. A great example of how the new KCW can be used!
- **Dale Leslie** organized an interclub at Ann Arbor Western for Tuesday, August 25, and reminded new members and their sponsors that attending an interclub is an activity leading to each new member's "regular badge."
- **Jeanette Okuley** announced that perfect attendance awards will be given next Monday. Members maintaining perfect attendance should be sure to wear their perfect attendance pins next week. Last year's pin may then be exchanged for a new pin recognizing one more year of perfect attendance.
- **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.
- Michigan District of Kiwanis is holding a **Kids Against Hunger** packaging event in the Cabot Room at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center on Friday, August 28 from 11:30am to 2pm. For additional information call Lori Stillwell at 586-295-7957 or lori2547@yahoo.com.

Fines: In Monday's invocation, **Doug Ziesemer** gave thanks that our club's "problem" was no bigger than it was. It was quickly explained that the "problem" was a small fire over the weekend caused by a smoldering fan motor in an empty Kiwanis Activities Center. Fortunately, the "problem" was quickly detected by our newly installed fire alarm system. In a seemingly unrelated announcement, **Pres John** urged all of us "not to sell," referring to the recent stock market dive. These announcements caused **Nick Dever** quickly to jump to his feet and to address **Past President Kathy Barden-Perlberg**. Arguing that our club's very purpose is to sell as much as possible to raise funds for the community, Nick proposed a fine on Pres John for his erratic announcement. More than that, it was proposed that the advertising committee be fined for not pursuing a "fire sale." The motion passed. Not to be outdone by his brother, **Dan Dever** told us that he lent **John and Claire Dahl** a quarter for their parking meter, so naturally Dan proposed a fine on the Dahls, and the motion passed unanimously.

Happy Dollars: **Pat Buhner** started happy dollars early when she put \$5 in the bucket during her hospitality report, to honor caregivers of those who are ill and infirm.

Not to be outdone by Pat, **Dale Leslie** also jumped the gun on happy dollars by adding to the happy dollar pot during his interclub report in honor of his parents, who were married 75 years ago, on August 25, 1940. Dale's father, Dick Leslie, was a member and former officer of Ann Arbor Western.

John Sampsele added at least \$66 for several purposes. First, John said 2 customers at KCW told him that downtown Kiwanis workers had told them that only furniture is sold at the Kiwanis Center West. John urged us to be sure all members and volunteers are aware of the wide variety of KCW merchandise and are providing correct information to our customers. John contributed \$46 to commemorate 46 years of marriage and \$20 to celebrate his 28 years as a member of our club. John was happy that this is a tremendous year for KCAA, with the opening of KCW and the successful completion of our ELIMINATE fundraising project.

Jeanette Okuley contributed a happy dollar from **Ron Williams**, who is now settled in Springfield, Ohio. Ron is joining the Springfield Kiwanis Club, which is the 4th largest Kiwanis club in Ohio, but wants to maintain his 27 years of perfect attendance with the Ann Arbor club through the end of this fiscal year. Ron sends his best and would welcome contact from club members. Ron's cell number and email address remain the same, and Jeanette can provide his mailing address in Ohio.

Harry Cross added a footnote to the news about **Ron Williams**. Harry reported to us that Ron's wife, Fern Williams, is doing fine and in good health. When Ron and Fern left Michigan to be closer to immediate family in Ohio, Fern had been hospitalized and was in the Redies Rehab Center in Salline just before the move to Ohio. Harry relayed that he, Ron and other Kiwanians had for many years played golf in the Hillsdale Kiwanis Club outing. As Harry's group returned from the Hillsdale outing this year, they called Ron on the phone, and each person in the car took a turn talking to Ron on the phone.

☺ More Happy Dollars on Page 5 ☺

Stuff You Should Know...

Hospitality News:

Last week Pat Buhner informed us that Jeff Lawther is at St Joe's Hospital undergoing cancer treatment, and this week Pat said Jeff remains in the hospital. Jeff is the spouse of Linda Lawther, Governor-elect of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, and both are members of the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club. To add to the woes of the Lawther family, Jeff Lawther's father died last week. Funeral services have been held.

Rip Kinney's wife is hospitalized, but Rip is doing well. Max Ziegler visited Lee Bachman, who does not have much energy but is otherwise well. Lee sends his best wishes to us through Max.

Attendance Today: Pretty Good

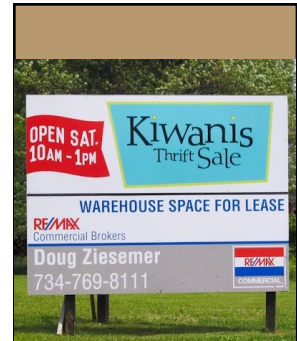
Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KCD:	\$ 5,539
KCW:	<u>7,021</u>
Total:	\$ 12,560

Today's Fines: \$11.50
Today's Happy Dollars: \$80



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Kiwanis Thrift Sale West Announcing...

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOURS

AT KCW

Days:

- August 21 (Friday)
- August 22 (Saturday)
- August 28 (Friday)
- August 29 (Saturday)
- September 4 (Friday)
- September 5 (Saturday)
- September 11 (Friday)
- September 12 (Saturday)

Hours: 10 to 2

We return to normal hours after September 12

Announcing...

NEW DAY FOR KCW

Fridays, Starting

August 14

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

August 2015



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

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			

❖❖❖ The fact that you are taking time to read this indicates a high aptitude for being a newsletter editor ❖❖❖ Email John Kiddle at jkiddle@gmail.com immediately to volunteer ❖❖❖

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



Proposed Dues Increase...

For the third consecutive week, a proposed club dues increase—from the current annual amount of \$150 to \$180—was announced and discussed. Our board of directors recommends the dues increase for two primary reasons: first, a \$10 increase in the annual per member assessment by Kiwanis International and, second, the club's recurring annual operating deficit. Past gifts and donations to the club have been used to cover the deficit for several years but won't last forever.

Pres John outlined the use of club dues, which include the cost of sending our club delegates to Kiwanis conventions, participation by each year's president-elect in the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ann Arbor program, social activities and award expenses. Remember that we have two separate and distinct budgets, one for the club and the other for the foundation (relating primarily to sale revenues and expenses, our sale facilities and our grant-making activities). Foundation funds are earmarked exclusively for charitable purposes and are not commingled with club funds or used for club needs.

The membership will vote on the proposed dues increase at next week's luncheon meeting.

More Happy Dollars...

Deb Jones added a happy dollar to celebrate the July ELIMINATE golf fundraiser at the Stonebridge Golf Club. Deb was happy to report that one of **Cliff Sheldon's** guests at the event has contributed \$500 to the ELIMINATE cause.

Claire Dahl is happy that **John Dahl's** surgery went well. Claire has also been happily wearing her Rosie the Riveter outfit about town in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Hats off to all vets!

Alan Burg contributed a happy dollar as a means of asking for further comments and input about the draft Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Fact Sheet. Alan gives his thanks for comments he has already received. The updated Fact Sheet will be issued in September.

Three-Minute Speech—Greg Meisner...



Greg Meisner

After growing up in southern California, Greg returned to Ann Arbor 29 years ago and, on his first weekend back in town, reluctantly agreed to attend a folk and contra-dancing event at the Pittsfield Grange with a friend. Unbeknownst to Greg at the time, his friend had prearranged for a number of ladies to ask Greg to dance, in an effort to make Greg feel at home. One of them was **Gretchen Preston**. Six months later Greg and Gretchen started to date, and they were married later that year! Greg and Gretchen have 2 sons who live in the Phoenix and San Diego areas and are proud grandparents of 3 girls and a boy.

Greg worked for GM Research and Development, focusing his research on magnets, hydrogen-source materials and thermal-electric materials.

As we all know, Greg and Gretchen have undertaken the huge task of serving as volunteer Project Managers of the KAC Space Reallocation Project. Asked from the floor if Greg had any idea what he was in for in this role, he joked "no more than when I married Gretchen," with howling laughter following from all.

2016 MLK Day Speaker

Dear Fellow Kiwanians: I am pleased to announce that U-M Knight-Wallace Fellow, Danya Bacchus, will give our keynote address in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther



Danya Bacchus

King, Jr.'s birthday at our regular club meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016. A distinguished journalist, she is a member of the National Association of Black

Journalists and serves as the president of the San Diego Association of Black Journalists. We are looking forward to hearing her remarks. For more information on the Knight-Wallace Fellowship, log on to <http://www.mjfellows.org/>.

~Dale Leslie

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and



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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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