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Today's Program...



Bob Grese

Al Engerer introduced Bob Grese, Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Michigan and Director of the University's Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. A national expert on the "prairie style" of landscape gardening, Bob provided an engaging presentation about the evolution and use of the University's natural lands in southeast Michigan, which encompass over 3,700 acres at a variety of on and off campus locations.

Bob described several challenges in the management of the University's natural lands, such as balancing public land use and outreach with the use of natural lands for research and teaching. Transporting students to such locations as the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Saginaw Forest and Stinchfield Woods is also a challenge. A bicycle trail for students and the general public is currently under development to link the Botanical Gardens with the University's central campus. Bob and his staff are also striving to expand volunteer stewardship opportunities, and he acknowledged and thanked several Kiwanians who

currently help at the Botanical Gardens and Arboretum.

In response to **Al Engerer's** question about our natural landscape surrounding the Kiwanis Center West, Bob told us that goats have been used to control undergrowth at Radrick Farms and Radrick Forest. During Bob's studies at the University of Georgia, munching goats were affectionately known as the "chew crew".

Next Week's Program...

August 10—MICHIGAN FOOTBALL: A NEW EMOTION. Speaker: Steve Kornacki, author, U-M Athletics. Introduced by: **Dale Leslie**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **August 17**—GERMAN PARK CAFE: "IT'S MORE THAN A PICNIC". Speaker: Wally Jarvis, President, German Park Cafe. Introduced by: **Max Ziegler**.
- **August 24**—THE ARK: WHERE MUSIC LIVES. Featured Speaker: Barb Chaffer Authier, Marketing Director. Introduced by: **Kathy Wilder**.
- August 31—KIWANIS SATELLITE CLUBS: IN ORBIT! Speaker: **Jerry McMahon**. Introduced by: **Lynne Lande**.

Meetings...

None announced.

Prospective Member...

Frederic "Bill" Heller of Ann Arbor; semi-retired attorney. Sponsor: **John Schenk**, Co-Sponsor **Bill Tasch**. (First Publication)



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Kiwanis Center West

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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	Ron Gardner
Dockers	We need Dockers
KCW	Al Engerer, Garry Evans, George Gilligan (officer of the day), Bob Gray, Paul Klinger, Evan LeRoy, Max & Sue Supica and Ellen Webb
Sorters	Joan Masters
Hardware	Marianne Clauw, Dan Dever and Steve Pezda
Shoes & Sports	Bill Tasch and Andrew Houle
Men's Clothing	John Bassett and Don Clewell
Electronics	Bill Robb and the Brats
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Sumos
Antiques	Pat Materka and Rose Marie Barhydt
Beds & Toys	Gretchen Preston and Kathy Stroud
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and Tribecas
Vouchers	No Info
Invocation	Bryce Babcock
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: prospective member Bill Heller, guest of John Schenk and Bill Tasch; Katie Engerer, spouse and guest of Al Engerer; Dan Vincent, guest of Dale Leslie; and Laura Smith, guest of Betsy Ford.

Announcements...

- **George Gilligan** will be coordinating the annual Kiwanis golf outing (a job Max Ziegler so ably handled for many years). 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 will begin sign-up next week. Volunteers are also needed to help run the outing. See George for more details.
- **President-Elect Betsy Ford** reminded all Kiwanians to fill out and return the "Opportunities to Serve" questionnaire either to Betsy or to **Kathie Wilder**. Completed questionnaires may be returned in person or by email.
- **Pres John** reminded us that the Kiwanis Center West will be open not only on Saturday but also each Friday, beginning August 14. Sale hours on Friday and Saturday will be 10am to 1pm, with extended hours of 10am to 2pm on Fridays and Saturdays from August 21 through September 12.
- Board meetings will be held in Ned's Place at the downtown Kiwanis Activities Center unless announced otherwise. **Pres John** also asked each of to call members to encourage their attendance at our Monday luncheons.
- **Martha Petroski** brought a birthday cake to our luncheon, and we all sang "Happy Birthday!" to August birthday Kiwanians with **Lynne Lande** at the piano.

Fines: Dale Leslie, sitting across the table from Al Gallup, came to the sudden realization that he has taken for granted all the many contributions Al makes to Kiwanis. Thinking others at the table also take Al for granted, Dale proposed a fine on all members sitting at Al's table (except, of course, for Dale himself). Since those at Al's table were grossly outnumbered, the fine passed. Soon after, Al proposed a fine on all members not sitting with Dale because they should consider themselves very fortunate. Bob Carr quickly added an amendment to include Dale himself, too, because of Dale's ego. Dan Dever jumped to his feet to point out procedural irregularities in the amendment and subsequent vote, but everyone got fined anyway.

Happy Dollars: Pres John was the first to contribute a happy dollar, as a way to announce his pride in his daughter who will be a college senior this coming academic year. John will be helping his daughter move into an apartment in Charlotte, SC near her school, and Betsy Ford will be running next week's meeting.

Bob Gray was so pleased that his grandchildren helped work the sale at KCW the past two weekends that he contributed \$5. Bob also suggested that each of us should help with the new Friday sale schedule at KCW if we have the time. Doug Ziesemer added that it's fine to stop at KCW to work just an hour or two; the sale format at KCW doesn't necessarily require work for the entire sale period. Bob Gray said he is happy to train anyone interested in working the KCW cash registers or the KCW sales floor. Contact Bob to arrange this.

Luke Panning is delighted to celebrate his first wedding anniversary and contributed a happy buck.

Dale Leslie told last week's speaker, Jim Irwin, that Jim did something never done by a Kiwanis luncheon speaker, at least so far as Dale can recall. Jim began his performance by singing a song. Dale was so awestruck that he contributed a happy dollar.

Dick Smit is delighted that lamps and lighting is now reopen for business in its renovated space and has reached a new threshold in sales revenue.

Don Kossick is doubly happy. Don is grateful for Ron Gardner's leadership in achieving our club's goal for the Eliminate Project. Also, Don is proud of UM Circle K members Ashley Austin and Nicole Potchen, who recently participated in the Office Community Leader Briefing at the White House. They are pictured in the most recent Kiwanis International magazine (check it out in the August issue on pages 6 and 7).

Jeanette Okuley told us of her gathering of 27 family members at Ohio's Mohican State Park for 8 days with only a brief rain shower on Sunday. Family members from age 2 1/2 to age 89 were present!

Clar Dukes reminisced about George Wild, correcting Dale Leslie's statement that George was the second-generation family member to run Wild's Men's Shop on State Street. George was actually the third generation to operate the store, which was opened by George's grandfather. George also ran Men's Clothing at Kiwanis for many years and he will be greatly missed.

♥Happy Dollars Continue on Page 5♥

Stuff You Should Know...

Attendance Today: 81

Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KCD:	\$ 4,976
KCW:	6,418
eBay:	312
Other:	<u>1,486</u>
Total:	\$ 13,192

Today's Fines: \$29.08

Today's Happy Dollars: \$47



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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



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 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 Ark 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			

Happy Dollars (Cont.): Lynne Lande described how she once bought a sofa and love seat from a house at 4th and Packard where **George Wild** grew up. Lynne also reminded us that new, personalized Kiwanis aprons are now in and can be picked up in Ned's Place. The new Kiwanis aprons for volunteers can be picked up by club members and delivered to the volunteers during sorting or the Saturday sale. Lynne was also delighted to see **Luke Panning** performing bluegrass music at her church's outdoor worship service. **Jane Talcott** reminded us that the Honorary Members Selection committee needs more nominations. Forms are on the luncheon tables, or contact Jane. **Al Engerer** was so happy that his wife, Katie, joined our luncheon that he contributed a happy dollar.

Evan LeRoy is happy that he turned 30; his wife also recently celebrated her birthday, but Evan would not reveal her age. But Evan did tell us that they happily celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary. **Fred Sanchez** is happy that his son has been back to Ann Arbor and bought a Jeep from one of our fellow Kiwanians who is a member of the Ann Arbor Western club. Fred also told us a joke about how to find a parking place (if you weren't at the meeting, ask Fred about it). **Peter Schork** announced that we will honor Al Bourk (affectionately known as "Big Al") at the last Monday luncheon this month, August 31. Al worked many years for Kiwanis as our Merchandise Manager. Peter also told us stories about his favorite Kiwanis pick-up with **George Wild** and about his hang out during college days, Joe's Star Bar.

Hospitality News: Pat Buhner provided copies of **George Wild's** obituary. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or the Humane Society of Huron Valley. **John McKeown** is now at Glacier Hills Rehab following back surgery last week. John is in room #2304. John would appreciate calls and visitors; calling first is probably a good idea (room phone 213 -9193; cell phone 707-5427). **William Hampton** reported that there isn't any change in **Sandy Elden's** condition, and Sandy says hello to everyone.

Social Activities: The annual trip to Comerica Park to see the Tigers play is this Saturday, August 8, led by **Fred Sanchez**. It's the 10th Annual Fiesta Tigres! Night, and fireworks follow the game! As of this writing, there are 2 tickets available due to a last minute cancellation. Call Fred right away to get in on the fun!

All of our members are also members of the A2Y Chamber. A couple of Chamber events coming up may be of interest:

- September 11—Fifth Annual A2Y Pistol/Trap Shoot (click [here](#) for info and registration)
- September 19—A2Y Chamber Night at the Ann Arbor Symphony (click [here](#) for info).

New Truck: Our recently acquired box truck for Thrift Sale Pickups and transporting merchandise back and forth between KCW and KCD has been decked out with Thrift Sale logos. Looks pretty good!



Michigan District Convention

Dear Fellow Kiwanians: You and your family can join a festive, once-in-a-lifetime Michigan District Kiwanis 100th birthday celebration, August 27-30, 2015 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, in downtown Detroit. The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor is going to the convention!

C'mon Kiwanis club members, let's show our best face of camaraderie and strength in numbers in the new Detroit, where Kiwanis began in 1915, and embrace and learn from Kiwanians from around the Wolverine State in celebration of 100 years. Happy Birthday to us!

The Convention in a Nutshell - August 27-30, 2015

- Greet friends and new Kiwanis members to share club experiences- what works. . .what doesn't;
- Only expense - special optional meal packages and lodging;
- Interactive workshops - 15 for Friday morning and Saturday;
- Outstanding speakers including best-selling author, Charlie Kadado;
- Youth Fishing Derby; and a
- Dessert cruise down the Detroit River;
- And more!

For information and to register, go to http://mi.kiwanisone.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?PageID=2158

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734-665-0450

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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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