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## Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

*Ann Arbor News 2015 Deal of the Year Retail Award Winner*

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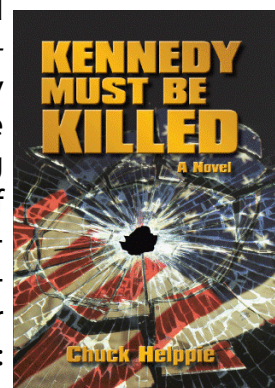
**November 16, 2015**

### Today's Program...



*Charles Helppie*

WILL THE TRUTH BE KNOWN about the controversial details of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? "PERHAPS" says a noted authority of the events leading to, during, and following this American tragedy. Charles (Chuck) Helppie, an Ann Arbor businessman, who researched and authored a 500+ page book about the event, *KENNEDY MUST BE KILLED*, concludes a conspiracy of unknowns killed the President and he supports his opinion with credible facts. What's interesting is his profile of John Kennedy under the heavy influence of his demagogue father, wrestling with moral issues in politics and his personal life, and later developing disfavor internally with the US military and foreign affairs officials. For more information, Helppie's web site is: [www.kennedymustbekilled.com](http://www.kennedymustbekilled.com).



### Next Week's Program...

**November 23**—*Kiwanis Honors its Volunteers*. Program hosted by club member **Jane Talcott**.

### Upcoming Programs...

- **November 30**—*Maternal Mortality*. Speaker: Dr. Rudi Ansbacher, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, U-M Medical School. Introduced by: **Lynne Lande**.
- **December 7**—*CIVCITY: How Local Government Works*. Speaker: Mary Morgan, CivCity Founder. Introduced by **Ellen Webb**.
- **December 14**—*Warm the Children*. Speaker: Lynn Baldoni, Coordinator. Introduced by **Doug Ziesemer**.
- **December 21**—Speaker: the Rev. Orval Willimann, Pastor Emeritus, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor, and a former Kiwanian.

**Note:** The November 30th, December 7th, and December 14th club weekly Monday meetings will be held at Kiwanis West due to preparations for the Holiday Sale at KCD.

**REMINDER: "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK" - this Monday, November 23rd, following the regular meeting at Kiwanis Downtown, please remain to help with the logistics of converting our meeting room to merchandise displays. Thanks, in advance. SMOC**

### Meetings...

None reported.



Kiwanis Center Downtown



Kiwanis Center West

*The  
Kiwanis Thrift Sale*

- Since 2004 Over \$2,482,000 in Sale Proceeds Have Gone to Our Community
- Thousands of Lives Have Been Touched



The Family Learning Institute "bookmobile" purchased with a \$20,500 grant from the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation in 2014.

**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

<b>Officer of Day KCD</b>	<b>Mark Wishka</b>
<b>Antiques</b>	<b>Alexis and Betsy Ford</b>
<b>Beds &amp; Garden</b>	<b>Dave Bell and Ken Shaw</b>
<b>Dockers</b>	We need dockers
<b>Sorters</b>	<b>Joan Masters</b>
<b>Hardware</b>	<b>Dan Burroughs and Marianne Clauw</b>
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Don Kossick and Gordon Beeman</b>
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	<b>Don Clewell and Jim Couch</b>
<b>Books/Records</b>	<b>Jim Reynolds</b>
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	<b>Carl Dailey and the Leapin' Legumes</b>
<b>Lamps</b>	<b>Dennis Powers, and the Reece's Pieces</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>Bill Robb and the Peter Pan Platoon</b>
<b>KCW</b>	<b>Friday—Ray Argyle, Dave Drake, Garry Evans, Larry French, George Gilligan (OD), Bob Gray, John Schenk, and Ellen Webb</b> <b>Saturday—Bryce Babcock, Kelly Bertoni, Nick Dever (OD), Al Engerer, Garry Evans, Bob Gray, Deb Jones, Evan LeRoy, Gerry Luke, John Sampselle, and Roger Weidemeyer</b>
<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>Ellen Webb, Sally Lamkin, Claire Dahl, and Carl Williams</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Dale Leslie</b>
<b>Greeters/Attend.</b>	<b>D. Leslie, D. Kossick, L. Panning, J. Jeszke, J. Robinson (Attendance)</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>John Dahl</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Martha Petroski</b>

**Guests at Our Club...**

It was the division ten "SuperInterclub" at our house. We hosted fellow clubs: AA Morning Edition—Judy Connor and Harriet Wolbrink; AA Western—Tom Duve, Jack Novodoff and Charlie Pibbs; Manchester—Matt Donnellon and Jerry Humitz; Saline—Gordon Parker, Diane Schwab, Rick Wagner and Art Witbart; and Ypsilanti—Rebecca Brinker, Bill Fennell, Dean Russell and Scott Virgo. Also, Karen Donner, wife of **GARRY DONNER**; Sara King, wife of **FRED KING**; and Maryvonne Sarfah guest of **MOLLY KELLY**. Welcome!!

**Announcements...**

- **2015-2016 Membership Digests** ARE IN and **CHRIS WINKLER** is handling the distribution. It amazes me how many of our members do not age from one-year-to-the-next, including the Ye Olde Editor who is forwarding his recent church photograph for 2016-2017. I don't even recognize my current photo which was taken 15 years ago. I looked like that? Kudos to the Digest committee of **CHAIR WINKLER, JOHN BASSETT, BOB GRAY and SHARON KEYES**. Looks good, folks!
- **A new PASSWORD** for the Membership Only link on our web site ([www.a2kiwanis.org](http://www.a2kiwanis.org)) has been issued by Webmeister **JOAN MASTERS** <[joanm@umich.edu](mailto:joanm@umich.edu)>. Contact **JOAN** and she will provide the code to MEMBERS ONLY.
- **THE REALLY BIG NEWS** is our Thrift Sale, Kiwanis West earned the top honor in the Retail Business category at the 2015 Ann Arbor News Deals of the Year competition staged on a "good fortune" Friday (Nov. 13th) at the Ypsilanti Marriott. **President BETSY** proudly showed the handsome trophy to the club on Monday. She and **DAN DEVER** had proudly accepted the award on our behalf. **DAN**, in his remarks at the banquet, gave credit to our dedicated club members, staff and volunteers who led to the Thrift Sale success. This award will add to our excellent reputation in the business community. Also attending the banquet were **BOB GRAY** and wife Susan Smith, Dr. Sharon Smith, wife of **DAN DEVER**; **JANE TALCOTT** and **DALE LESLIE**. See Ann Arbor News article [here](#) and on page 5.



**Fines:**

The Same Old Lions' (SOL) (Detroit variety) infrequent victory in Green Bay was celebrated and sub-titled, "Revenge is sweet." In the end, all paid which shows how slick our Wisconsin club members behave. Oh, where was Past President **JOHN "VINCE LOMBARDI" GOFF** while all the quarters were letting. Still sulking in G.B., no doubt. Question: how can a runner race 103-yards with a kickoff return and not score a touchdown? Answer: SOL.

**Happy Dollars:**

No room at the Inn due to time constraints.

**Stuff You Should Know...****Prospective Members:**

Michele Robb, sponsored by **Bill Robb** (her father) and endorsed by **Robert Gray**. Adrienne Ziegler, sponsored by **Kathie Wilder** and **Lynne Lande**, endorsed by **Lynne Lande**. Eloise Lavin, sponsored by **Kathy Perlberg**, endorsed by **Lynne Lande**. Second publication for all three prospective members.

**Hospitality News:**

**JOHN DAHL** first reported Good News: **MIKE BARRETT** found an effective back therapy; **JOCELYN WILDER** will be returning to our Monday meetings following her maternity leave; **RICK and Debby Hendricks** are recent grandparents (again!) as their daughter and husband delivered their first child after eight years of praying. Congratulations!

On a sadder note, the club lost a long-time volunteer, **TONI JARVIS**, after a long illness. Her Ann Arbor News obit is [here](#).

**SPECIAL NEED:** Club member **R.J. TAYLOR** has temporarily lost the sight in an eye and will need transportation to the Monday meetings. He lives at 130 Brecon Drive, Saline. Cell: 734.355.4530 or rjtaylor25@gmail.com Please contact him if you can provide transportation. Thanks! ~William Hampton, Hospitality Chair 734.417.6902, wvhamp@comcast.net

**Social Events:**

Club Holiday Party, December 11th, Kiwanis West, 5-7 pm. Y'all come. Questions? **MAX ZIEGLER** 734.649.3979; antiquesz@aol.com .

**Auction:**

Garry Donner conducted his first auction of toys this year for the Salvation Army.

**Holiday Sale:****SANTA'S KIWANIS HOLIDAY MARCHING ORDERS**

(For further information, contact past president Peter Schork, 734.417.6733)

- NO SALE DOWNTOWN ON NOVEMBER 28th, BUT DOCK OPEN 9-12. SALE WILL BE OPEN AT KCW 9-1 ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28. SEE CALENDAR.
- THE HOLIDAY SALE will run for three days, Friday-Saturday, December 4-5 & 12, Downtown; some Christmas stuff will be displayed at Kiwanis West too.
- THE HOLIDAY SALE HOURS: 9 - 12 Downtown; 9 - 1 West.
- STRIKE THE SET: Monday, November 23rd, following the regular meeting at Kiwanis Downtown, please remain to help with the logistics of converting our meeting room to merchandise displays.
- WE WILL MEET at Kiwanis West for our regular Monday meeting, November 30th, December 7th and December 14th, 12 noon, normally catered meal function.
- ROSIE THE RIVETER numbers locally are in the Guinness Book of World Records along with our nearly infinite number of donated artificial Christmas Trees waiting for assembly. Stay tuned for date and time.

**Kiwanis**  
Thrift Sale

Known worldwide as  
the place for the  
"funkiest" gift.

**Harold L. Crowell Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

December 19th  
"All Hands on  
Deck!" Contact GARRY  
EVANS to sign up.  
1.734.223.6760;  
mar99GAR@hotmail.com

**"Warm the Children"**

—our 19th year—  
Sign up to accompany  
families with a budget  
figure to shop for winter  
clothing.

Contact  
**DOUG ZIESEMER**  
734.395.2092;  
dfziesemer@aol.com.

# November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  DST Ends	2 Your Vote KCD Donations 9am-Noon	3	4	5 KCD Donations 9-12	6 Sale: KCW 9-1	7
8	9 Alzheimer's KCD Donations 9am-Noon	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 KCD Dona- tions 9-12	13 Sale: KCW 9-1	14 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
15	16 JFK Assasin- ation KCD Donations 9am-Noon	17	18	19 KCD Dona- tions 9-12	20 Sale: KCW 9-1	21 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
22	23 Volunteer Honors KCD Donations 9am-Noon	24	25	26 KCD and KCW Closed for Thanksgiving	27 KCW and KCD Closed	28 KCD Dona- tions 9-12, No Sale KCW Sale & Dona- tions 9-1
29	30 Maternal Mortality (Meet at KCW) KCD Donations 9am-Noon					

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 KCD Donations 9-12	4 Holiday Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1	5 Holiday Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
6	7 CivCity—Local Government (Meet at KCW) KCD Donations	8	9	10 KCD Donations 9-12	11 Sale: KCW 9-1	12 Holiday Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
13	14 Warm Chil- dren (Meet at KCW) KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	15	16	17 KCD Donations 9-12	18 Sale: KCW 9-1	19 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
20	21 Rev. Orval Willimann KCD Donations 9am-Noon	22	23	24 KCD Donations 9-12	25 KCD and KCW Closed for Christ- mas	26 KCD and KCW Closed for Christ- mas
27	28 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	29	30	31 KCD Donations 9-12  New Year's Eve		

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

## This Week's Numbers

- Attendance:**  
78
- Fines:**  
\$??
- Happy \$:**  
\$0
- Mott Pot:**  
NA
- Vouchers:**  
\$1,496.50  
(7 families)
- Thrift Sale:**  
**KCD:**  
\$6,758  
**KCW:**  
\$5,052  
**Other:**  
\$93  
**TOTAL:**  
\$11,903



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## Deals of the Year 2015 Retail award: Kiwanis Center West



Dan Dever of Kiwanis Thrift Store speaks after receiving the Retail Award during the Deals of the Year award ceremony at Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, Friday, November 13, 2015, in Ann Arbor, Mich. (Junfu Han | The Ann Arbor News) (Junfu Han)

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When The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. needed to find a permanent warehouse facility last summer, the company decided to do more than just find a space for itself.

Last July, Kiwanis spent \$2.25 million to purchase the former Sheridan Books building at 100 N. Staebler Road where it opened its second Ann Arbor location.

A portion of the 121,651-square-foot building – now known as Kiwanis Center West – is home to the organization's newest store. Which is earning roughly \$6,000 in sales each week despite only being open on Friday and Saturday.

Kiwanis Center West not only found a steady customer base as its location, but the new space allowed for the Kiwanis' downtown to grow its product line and increase sales.

When KCW opened, the furniture department in the downtown location was moved to that store. Women's clothing, along with kitchenware and hardware departments was expanded for downtown as a result.

Since then, sales at the downtown location have increased by approximately \$2,000 a week up to \$7,000 a week.

For that reason The Kiwanis Center West expansion is the 2015 Deal of the Year Retail award winner.

Proceeds from the thrift sales are used for charitable giving in the community. In 2014, Kiwanis grants were given to 80 charitable and community organizations, with 31 scholarships given to local high school seniors. Since 2004, giving has exceeded \$2 million.

Aside from the benefits Kiwanis experienced in the move, the facility is also going to house other businesses in the area that were in need of space.

Only 12,000 square feet is of the facility is dedicated to the Kiwanis store. Thirty-thousand square feet of high bay warehouse space is under lease and there is a prospective tenant for 11,000 square feet of office and flex space.

Kiwanis is also negotiating to lease warehouse space between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet to a pair of non-profits.

An environmental education preserve and center will be developed on 7.2 acres of woods and wetland owned by Kiwanis, in cooperation with Scio Township.

KCW beat out other nominees Arbor Farms Market and Urban Ashes.

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Building Phone:  
734-665-2211  
Thrift Sale Voice:  
734-665-0450

**"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 Cal-  
endar 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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