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Today's Program...

Former fellow Kiwanian and Pastor Emeritus Orval Willimann of Bethlehem United Church of Ann Arbor was introduced by **Kurt Schmerberg**. Dr. Willimann was Pastor at Bethlehem from 1974 to 1998 and also very active with other community organizations. His topic was *Will there be peace on earth for all?* and Orval said that he was tempted to say "no" and sit down. He also said he would keep his talk short since it was also his wife Ruth's birthday and they were going to have lunch together. Instead he gave a thoughtful presentation saying that we live between tragedy and hope, and he will hope and pray for peace and harmony. He said the world's three major religions have a lot in common and don't support violence. Dr. Willimann complimented Kiwanis for what it does to promote goodwill, and encouraged us to keep up the good works that we do.



Dr. Orval Willimann

Next Week's Program...

December 28—*A Student's Path in the U-M Medical School*. Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Osborne, UM Assistant Professor of Surgery. Introduced by: **Julanne Williams**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **January 4**—*George F. Hixson Fellowship Recognition*. Speaker: **Harry Cross**, Chair, Club Membership Recognition.
- **January 11**—*Defibrillation @ Kiwanis: You Could Save a Life!* Presenters: **Doug Ziesemer** and **Larry French**.
- **January 18**—*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote Address*. Speaker: Danya Bacchus, U-M Knight-Wallace Fellow. Introduced by: **Arlene Barnes**.

Meetings...

None reported.

NOTICE

Both KCD and KCW will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2. No sales, no donations.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all my Kiwanis friends!





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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:	Officer of Day KCD	<i>Both KCD and KCW will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2. No sales, no donations, no sale assignments.</i>
	Antiques	
	Beds & Garden	
	Dockers	
	Sorters	
	Hardware	
	Shoes	
	Men's Clothing	
	Books/Records	
	Office & Medical	
	Lamps	
	Electronics	
	KCW	
Vouchers	No vouchers for the next two weeks	
Invocation	William Hampton	
Greeters/Attend.	C. Dahl, A. Engerer, J. Couch, D. Drake, and S. Keyes (Attendance)	
Hospitality	Don Clewell	
Cashier	Martha Petroski	

Guests at Our Club...

Mitch Goodkin is a prospective member and the guest of **Dave Drake** and **George Gilligan**. **Clarence Dukes** hosted his daughter Lynette, and **Fred Miller** his wife Gae. Nancy Strong was the guest of **Jane Talcott**. **Ron Gardner** brought **Matt Chaiken** who was later inducted as a member. Mary Jean Raab was the guest of **Dale Leslie**. Sage Lee and Nicole Ferguson from Circle K rounded out the guest list. Welcome all!

Announcements...

- **Board Meeting Summary—President Betsy** continued her report about the December Board meeting. City Recyclers has been picking up and paying us for clothing, shoes, and other materials we don't feel are saleable. They are going out of business, and **Bob Gray** and others are looking for an alternate source. A Cub Scout troop will be holding a Pinewood Derby at Kiwanis West. Our financial administration is being restructured. **Treasurer Bob Johnson** has been doing two jobs (at least) this past year. He is going back to just one job, and will be Assistant Treasurer. The board recommended that our bookkeeper and brand new member **Eloise Lavin** assume the duties of Treasurer. A motion to elect Eloise Treasurer was made by and seconded, and will be voted next week. **Secretary Kathie Wilder** will continue to handle non-sale Foundation deposits. Tighter restrictions on any capital expenses were also approved by the board.
- We received \$1,800 from the sale of the old stake truck.

Fines:

It started with the **Devers** (doesn't it always?) with **Nick** complaining that he was ringing inside at Macy's and had to keep the ringing volume down, and brother **Dan** fined all Devers for whining. Fines were expanded to include all without fashionable hats so all except **Sherry Springer, William Hampton and Garry Evans** paid.

Happy Dollars:

Ron "Mr. Eliminate Project" Gardner was happy that we are up to 31 Zeller Fellows who have given at least \$1,250 for Eliminate. A total of \$103,185 was raised by our club and Ron said that our efforts saved the lives of 57,000 mothers. **Andrea Kotch Duda** was happy that **Max Ziegler** let her combine two of her favorite activities, bringing nourishment to bell ringers and shopping. **Dale Leslie** paid on behalf of his son who is a Professor at Camellia Bowl winner Appalachian State. **Joe Medrano** observed that Sherry's hat was very appropriate for someone named SPRINGER. **Claire Dahl** was happy for Christmas traditions including bell ringing. **Lynn Lande** announced that aprons for sale workers are in Ned's Place. Guest Mary Jean Raab contributed because of her relatives Ike, Bud and Annie Stein, who were all members and/or volunteers for our Kiwanis club. *A special hello to Annie who is in Florida and enjoys reading this newsletter.*

Stuff You Should Know...**Hospitality News:**

Don Clewell had cards to be signed and will be sent to those members unable to make it to our meetings. **Larry French** is battling a bad cold. **Max Ziegler** visited with Jim Smith at Arbor Hospice and said that Jim is talking as much as always and has a good outlook, all things considered. **Mike Barrett** is feeling better and hopes to be back with us early next year.

Mary Hill is back working as a volunteer at the Sale. Her daughter is going on six months of being hospitalized from a head-on collision on Huron Parkway. Nearly every major bone in her body was broken or fractured. Addie Laetz, a former volunteer, is grieving over the loss of her son.

At this time of year, it is appropriate to recall the members and friends of the club who are ailing and no longer active in the club. A partial list: Lee Bachman, Bob Barden, Sr., Mike Barrett, Letitia Byrd, Simon Eaglin, Tom Fegan, Dave Fox, Ken Hillenburg, Todd Jones, Jim Kane, Don McEwen, Bob Simmons, Hugh Wanty, and Jim Wheaton.

Did You know?

How are telephone calls processed for a Thrift Sale pick-up?

Customer telephone pick up messages are received and recorded at 734.665.0450 and are later collected for a response by Mario or Susan Soth. The same procedure is followed in receiving email donations via donations@a2kiwanis.org. A convenient day and time for the pick up is arranged with the customer and they are called on the scheduled day to re-confirm the arrangements. In a unique twist, photographs of the donated items can be transmitted to our "donations" electronic address (see above). We courteously exercise a right of refusal if the item(s) is not in a saleable condition. Editor's note: I usually tell a potential Thrift Sale donor that we accept most household and business items including furniture. And I add, "Ask yourself, would I buy what I am donating in its present condition?"
~Dale Leslie

Social Events:

- **2016 Tiger Trip**—August 6th vs. NY Mets. See trip manager **Fred Sanchez** to sign up.

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Harold L. Crowell Salvation Army Bell Ringing

\$9,514 raised so far! There will be another opportunity to contribute at next week's meeting as we aim to exceed \$10,000.

**"Warm the Children"**
—our 19th year—

Sign up to accompany families with a budget figure to shop for winter clothing.

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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 <i>(Meet at KCW)</i> KCD Donations	8 Board Meeting 7pm at KCW	9	10 KCD Donations 9-12	11 Sale: KCW 9-1 Club Christmas Party	12 Holiday Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
13	14 Sale Evolution <i>(Meet at KCW)</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	15	16	17 KCD Donations 9-12	18 Sale: KCW 9-1	19 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
20	21 Season of Bearing Gifts 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 UM Med School KCD Donations 9am-Noon	29	30	31 KCD Donations 9-12 New Year's Eve		

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 KCD & KCW Closed No Sale, No Dona- tions New Year's Day	2 KCD & KCW Closed No Sale, No Dona- tions
3	4 Hixson Awards KCD Donations 9am-Noon	5	6	7 KCD Donations 9-12	8 Sale: KCW 9-1	9 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
10	11 Defibrillation KCD Donations 9am-Noon	12	13	14 KCD Donations 9-12	15 Sale: KCW 9-1	16 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
17	18 Dr. MLK Keynote Address KCD Donations 9am-Noon MLK's Birthday	19	20	21 KCD Donations 9-12	22 Sale: KCW 9-1	23 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
24	25 Alzheimer's Care KCD Donations 9am-Noon	26	27	28 KCD Donations 9-12	29 Sale: KCW 9-1	30 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1

●●● 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:

67

Fines:

\$22.05

Happy \$:

\$18

Mott Pot:

NA

Vouchers:

\$1,060
(5 Families)

Thrift Sale:

KCD:
\$6,188

KCW:
\$4,287

Other:
\$1,928

TOTAL:
\$12,403



Other News...

New Member Induction:

Gordon Beeman presided over the induction of two new Kiwanians.

Matt Chaiken is a defense attorney and listed in the Best Lawyers in America. He is a U-M graduate where he played Rugby. He has been a volunteer at our sale (along with his mother Wendy) and was sponsored by fellow attorney **Ron Gardner**.

Eloise Lavin is sponsored by **Kathy Barden-Perlberg**. She has been involved with accounting in the Ann Arbor area for many years and her clients include the Bardens and the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Foundation. Eloise is moving up rapidly in the organization (see Board Meeting Report).



(L-R) Matt Chaiken, Ron Gardner, Kathy Barden-Perlberg, and Eloise Lavin



Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

Chief Bell Ringers **Garry Evans** and **William Hampton** proudly announced that our bell ringing efforts on Saturday had raised over \$6,700 for the Salvation Army. The top three locations were T. J. Maxx, Busch's on Green Road, and Macy's. Ringers at those locations were presented with a small thank you gift. They announced that there had been a tie for the "Bell Ringer of the Year Award". The finalists were Waggie the Rescue Dog and Lola the Leader Dog. Both had worked in their bare feet the entire time!! Jane Talcott accepted their awards. The hat was then passed and an additional \$2,814 raised from individual donations so the total to date is \$9,514. There will be another opportunity to contribute next week, and it would be great to get the total up to \$10,000. Garry and William were heartily thanked for their efforts.

Bell Ringers Past and Present



Sandy and Odie Elden bell-ringing in days past. They thoroughly enjoyed each other's company.



(L-R) Clare McFadden, Margo Kidle, Katie Kidle, and Dan Kidle helped former member Tom McFadden (taking the photo) ring the bell at Macy's north door this year.

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- Ann Arbor Western
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*Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good-night!*

