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Today's Program...

Clarence Dukes introduced today's speaker, author and historian Ken Wachsberger, who co-authored *Never Be Afraid: A Belgian Jew in the French Resistance*. Per the book jacket, it is the story of Bernard Mednicki,

A working class activist member of a socialist union in pre-Nazi Belgium who flees with his young family to southern France when the Nazis invade Belgium. In France Mednicki assumes a Christian identity and joins the Maquis, the French Resistance. Mednicki is a survivor and a fighter, a role model for anyone who has ever faced adversity. For Jews who grew up in the fifties believing their ancestors in Nazi-controlled Europe went 'like lambs to the slaughter,' his example is a glorious refutation of an ugly myth.



Ken Wachsberger

According to Wachsberger, resistance took many forms from farmers not harvesting wheat to make it harder for the Nazi's to seize their crops to secretly meeting with other Jews to pray. Since Mednicki was passing himself off as a Christian, this was a particularly risky activity.

When Wachsberger was a graduate student at MSU he wrote a paper about the Jewish Resistance which he was invited to present at a Resistance Conference in Pennsylvania. While at the conference, he met Mednicki who began telling Wachsberger stories about his experiences with the Resistance. Wachsberger knew he wanted to turn those stories into a book. Two years later Mednicki came to Ann Arbor where, over the course of 12 days, Wachsberger recorded 18 hours of Mednicki's stories which formed the basis of the book. Mednicki died shortly after the manuscript was completed but before the book was published.

Next Week's Program...

July 6 - Agent Orange: What is it? Long-Term Consequences? Speaker: Bob Dew, Member, Vietnam Veterans Association. Introduction by: **Dale Leslie**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **July 13**—*Today's Media Landscape: Good Beat, Easy to Dance to?* Speaker: Mary Ann Watson, EMU Professor of Electronic Media & Film Studies. Introduction by **Dale Leslie**.
- **July 20**—*German Park Picnics: A2 Quality of Life*. Speaker: Arthur French, Ann Arbor German Club. Introduction by **Marianne Clauw**.
- **July 27**—*50th Anniversary of Radrick Farms Golf Course*. Speaker: Jim Irwin, author. Introduction by a Kiwanian to be named.

Program Flashback...

A featured speaker earlier this year, Roger Sutherland, was interviewed recently on Michigan Radio. He talked about the history of Beekeeping in Michigan. Click on this [link](#) to hear his interview. ~**Dale Leslie**

Meetings...

Kiwanis Board meets Tuesday, July 7, at 7pm at the Kiwanis Center **Downtown**.



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Kiwanis Center West

The Kiwanis Thrift Sale

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- 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	There is no Sale this Saturday. And no Drop-offs. Happy 4th of July!
Officer of Day	
Dockers	
Thrift Sale West	
Sorters	
Hardware	
Furniture	
Shoes & Sports	
Men's Clothing	
Electronics	
Lamps	
Antiques	
Beds & Toys	
Office & Medical	
Vouchers	
Invocation	Nick Dever
Greeters	Alan Burg, Garry Evans, Steve Hiller
Hospitality	Claire Dahl
Cashier	Joan Masters
Attendance	Ken Hillenburg (Primary), Jean Robinson and Deb Jones (Backup)

Guests at our Club...

John Sampsele introduced today's guests: Jane Willkinson, guest of **Howard Ando**; Stewart Simonett, guest of **Dave LaMoreaux**; Bill Heller; and Ray Challender, Bob Knoedler and Mike Barty from Reorg.

Announcements...

- Annual Picnic: **Max Ziegler** and crew are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Kiwanis Picnic for members and volunteers this Sunday, July 12, at noon, at Pittsfield Park, corner of State and Ellsworth. Bring a dish to share. Ribs, beverages and tableware are provided by the Club.
- Vouchers: **Ellen Webb** is seeking additional members and volunteers to assist with the Thursday morning voucher program. Three volunteers are needed each Thursday from 9:15-10:30am at the Kiwanis Center West. If you can help or if you have questions about the program, contact Ellen at 734-927-4008 or at ellen@ellensquiltcreations.com.
- Kiwanis Center Downtown Remodeling: **Gretchen Preston** announced that work continues on the lower level. Lots of work will be done this Tuesday and Wednesday and next week. If you can lend a hand, contact Gretchen at 734-260-9027 or at Gretchen.Preston@gretchenshouse.com.
- The Kiwanis Club of AA Western is planning a special program in honor of Lt. Colonel (USAF Retired) Woinowsk at their regular weekly meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Quarter Bistro Restaurant, in the Westgate Shopping Center on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor. For further information, call fellow Kiwanian Paul Herndon at 734.546.6550.
- **We will not be taking donations downtown at KCD on the following dates to allow work to proceed on the reallocation of the various departments: Thursday July 2nd, Monday July 6th, and Thursday July 9th. Donations can be taken to the new KCW location at 100 N. Staebler Rd. off Jackson Road on those dates.**

Fines: Those who did not attend the Kiwanis International Convention were fined as were all those who did attend. The 6 newly inducted members were fined as were their sponsors. Membership Committee Chair **Lynne Lande** paid the fines of all the sponsors!

Happy Dollars: **George Gilligan**, \$60 for his 57th wedding anniversary and upcoming trip to Banff and Lake Louise; **Joe Medrano**, \$5 for no longer being a ragweed victim and for imminent vacation; new member **Brian Washiewicz**, \$20 for being top salesperson at Germain Honda last month and for daughter's new job; **Sue Dailey**, the \$20 she saved in gas money by carpooling to Indianapolis with a downriver Kiwanis friend; **Jane Talcott**, \$20 because the Manchester tornado spared her home. Sadly, it severely damaging the homes of her 2 nearest neighbors; **Harry Cross** for newest grandchildren, boy/girl twins, born June 27; **RJ Taylor** for trip to Muskegon to meet his 4th great grandchild which turned out to be a belated surprise celebration of his 90th birthday; **Marianne Clauw** for successful trip to Kenya; **Pres Elect Betsy Ford** for her first KI Convention and the strong sense of commitment to helping children that prevailed there; **Rob Schultz** for 3 weeks of hiking and biking in Ireland and Switzerland with a good friend who happens to be **Pat Buhner's** son; **Pres John** for everyone who covered for him in his absence and for rides to and from Convention from **Dale Leslie** and **Betsy Ford**.

Stuff You Should Know...

Hospitality News:

No news is good news. Contact **Claire Dahl** with July hospitality news. Congrats to **Hugh and Marilyn Wanty** who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 24th!

Special Presentation:

Pres. John gave a brief summary of the Kiwanis International Convention that he and **Pres. Elect Betsy Ford, Lt. Gov. Julianne Williams, Cyndi Barton-Spencer, Sue Dailey, Dale Leslie** and about 10,000 other Kiwanians and guests attended in Indianapolis. The six members of our Club were among the 250 invited guests at the Inaugural Dinner honoring Michigan's own Sue Petrisin, the first female President of Kiwanis International. Our former Division 10 Lt. Gov. Linda Lawther introduced Sue to the delegate body at the convention. John reported that Sparty accompanied Sue to the convention and that Ann Arbor Kiwanians enjoyed some good-natured fun with him. President John had the honor of presenting a \$100,000 check to KI to fulfill the Eliminate Project pledge Past President **Ron Gardner** made five years ago at the KI Convention in Geneva. President John encourages all of us to embrace the new Kiwanis theme: Live it. Love it. Share it.



Sue Petrisin

Rev. Douglas K. Olsen Retires from UMC Pulpit:

When Rev. Douglas K. Olsen joined the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor in 1998 he became part of the father-son legacy who were/are members of the club. Donald G. Olsen, a past club president and secretary-Treasurer of the club and father to Rev. Olsen, was a 38-year Kiwanis member when his son joined the club. An ordained United Methodist Church minister, Doug served two local churches during his 30-plus years in the pulpit, including Stoney Creek UMC, Milan and Calvary UMC in Ann Arbor. Doug and his wife Sandy plan to remain residents of Dundee. Congratulatory cards and letters to Doug and Sandy can be sent to the church: 645 Franklin Street, Dundee, MI 48131-1231.

Attendance Today: Somewhere between 50 and 150

Last Week's Sale Revenue:

KCD:	\$ 5,395	Vouchers: 5 families received \$681 in merchandise.
KCW:	7,087	Today's Happy Dollars: \$186
eBay:	72	Today's Fines: \$26.79
Cars (3):	1,500	
Total	\$14,054	



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July 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	2 Donations Closed at KCD	3	4 NO SALE Independence Day
5	6 Agent Orange Donations Closed at KCD	7 Board Meeting	8	9 Donations Closed at KCD	10	11 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
12	13 Today's Media Landscape Donations 9am-Noon	14	15	16 Donations 9am-Noon	17	18 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
19	20 German Park Picnics Donations 9am-Noon	21	22	23 Donations 9am-Noon	24	25 Sale: KCD 9-12 KCW 10-1
26	27 50th Anniversary of Radrick Farms Golf Course Donations 9am-Noon	28	29	30 Donations 9am-Noon	31	

August 2015

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

Other News...

Social Activities:

- Purple Rose Theater: Fri, July 10, 8pm. World Premiere of '2AZ', a thriller by Michael Brian Ogden.
- Eliminate Golf Outing and Celebratory Dinner: Thurs, July 23, Stonebridge Country Club. Dinner-only tickets are \$40 each. Contact **Ron Gardner** or **Kathy Wilder** by next week's meeting to be an event sponsor, to sign up to golf, or to purchase dinner tickets.
- Tiger Trip: Sat, Aug 8 vs Boston Red Sox. Family and friends welcome. Contact **Fred Sanchez**.

New Member Inductions:

Lynne Lande, with an assist from **Pres John**, inducted six new members Monday: **Greg Meisner** is sponsored by his spouse **Gretchen Preston**. Greg is already up to his ears in sawdust, epoxy, and paint while co-chairing the remodeling of Kiwanis Center Downtown with Gretchen; **Luke Panning** is sponsored by **Dale Leslie**. Luke is a financial advisor at Edward Jones. His wife is in Med School at the U of M. He has already pitched in to tear down walls and move debris. **Brian Washiewicz** is sponsored by **Deb Jones**. Brian has recently started a second career in sales at Germain Honda. **Evan LeRoy** is sponsored by **Bob Gray** and is working at Bank of Ann Arbor. Evan enjoyed running the register and credit card machine at KCW this past Sat.; **Margaret Krasnoff** is an attorney with **Dan Dever's** law firm and is sponsored by Dan. Margaret is taking a lead role in the development of the KEEP at the KCW property; **James Jeszke** is also sponsored by **Dan Dever**. Jim was instrumental in helping Kiwanis secure the mortgage for KCW at Talmer Bank (formerly Ann Arbor Commerce Bank and Michigan Commerce Bank). Another newly approved (returning) member **Lafiest Galimore** is sponsored by **William Hampton**. Lafiest will be formally inducted in the near future. Welcome! We look forward to getting to know each of you better.



New Members and Sponsors (left to right)—Dan Dever with Margaret Krasnoff and Jim Jeszke; Luke Panning with Dale Leslie; Brian Washiewicz with Deb Jones; Greg Meisner with Gretchen Preston; and Evan LeRoy sponsored by Bob Gray (not pictured).



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ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR, THE ORIGINAL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015
TO
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MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015)

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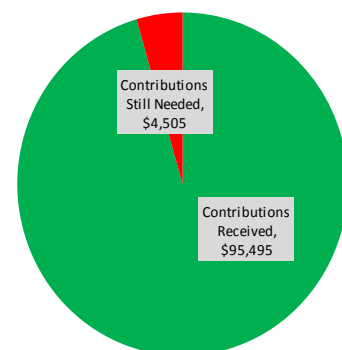


WISD Aktion Club

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 May 31, 2015

KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

Meetings:

Mondays at Noon
200 S. First Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
www.a2kiwanis.org

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734-665-2211
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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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