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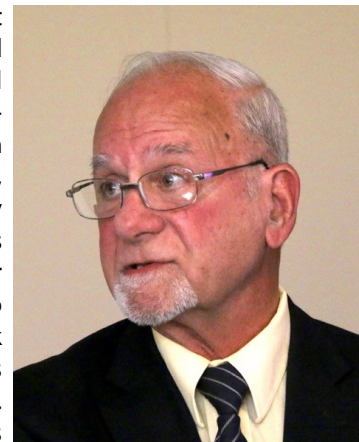
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Days 'til
Christmas!**

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Today's Program...

AS SOBERING A TALK AS WE HAVE HEARD came from our guest speaker, Dr. Rudi Ansbacher, an U-M doctor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, in sharing the startling statistic that 60 maternal deaths occur annually in Michigan. And the number creeps upward. We were aghast to think: "Sixty newly-born children face life without a mother?" "Throughout the world every day, 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth (one every two minutes)," he said. The causes cover the gamut from a pregnant mother's cardiovascular problems to infections to complications from anesthesia to high blood pressure. Popular births in a home setting are at risk if a medical emergency occurs. This unsettling situation speaks to the editor as a new Kiwanis International Project. Dr. Ansbacher apologized for not budgeting time for questions from the audience. He said he would entertain questions and concerns at 734.665.2396 or at ansbache@med.umich.edu. He and his wife, Tissy, have established a fund at the U-M Hospital to partially address this growing societal problem.



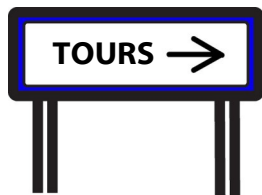
Dr. Rudi Ansbacher

Next Week's Program...

December 7—*CivCity: Combating Apathy by Building an Informed, Engaged Community*. Speaker: Mary Morgan, CivCity Founder and veteran reporter. Introduced by **Ellen Webb**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **December 14**—*Evolution of a Funky Thrift Sale to Two Store Locations and a Full Warehouse*. Speaker: Bob Gray, Club Member. Introduced by **President Betsy Ford**.
- **December 21**—*Season of Bearing Gifts*. Speaker: The Rev. Orval Willimann, Pastor Emeritus, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor. Introduced by: **Kurt Schmerberg**.
- **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**.



Note: The December 7th, and December 14th club weekly Monday meetings will be held at Kiwanis West due to preparations for the Holiday Sale at KCD. Building tours will be available prior to and after the meeting guided by noted Kiwanis Thrift Sale raconteurs Bob Gray and Nick Dever.

Meetings...

After the December 7th meeting, the By-Laws Committee will convene.

Bulletin...

Longtime member **Judge S. J. "Sandy" Elden** passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. See further information on page five.



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:

Officer of Day KCD	John Dahl
Antiques	Rose Marie Barhydt and Pat Buhner
Beds & Garden	Gretchen Preston and Ken Shaw
Dockers	We need dockers
Sorters	Kurt Schmerberg
Hardware	John Sampelle, Bill Hallock, and Dave Hughes
Shoes & Sports	Andrew Houle and John Kidle
Men's Clothing	John Bassett and Dick Smit
Books/Records	No Info
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson will be assisted by Snouter, Rooter, and Tusker
Lamps	Dennis Powers, and the Razorbacks
Electronics	Bill Robb and his Spamtastics
KCW	Friday—Nick Dever (OD), Dave Drake, Larry French, Bob Gray, Joe Medrano, John Schenk, Sheridan Springer, Max Supica, and Ellen Webb Saturday—Bryce Babcock, Jim Blomquist, Al Engerer, Bob Gray, Evan LeRoy, Cliff Sheldon, Max Supica, and Doug Ziesemer (OD)
Vouchers	Ellen Webb, Marianne Clauw, Dave LaMoreaux, and Susan Smith
Invocation	Doug Ziesemer
Greeters/Attend.	C. Dahl, A. Engerer, J. Couch, D. Drake, and S. Keyes (Attendance)
Hospitality	Don Clewell
Cashier	Martha Petroski

Guests at Our Club...

Nancy Schenk and friend, Carolyn Schneider, were guests of **JOHN SCHENK**; two possible members, Maryvonne Sarfati and Eloise Levin attended; past president **RAY SMIT** and wife Donna are twixt 'n' between the U.P. and Florida. RAY was reminded that while he served in the State Legislature, the hot topic were "billboards." (I think we'd take billboards over the "pot-hole" issues today.) Tissy Ansbacher, wife of our guest speaker, was also our guest. Kathleen Hurley from U-M Circle K was present.

Announcements...

- **Holiday Toy Store at Mott Hospital**—This year we will be using a different wrapping area (previous wrapping area is under construction) and won't need as many volunteers. Here are the days and times that we need volunteers for the Holiday Toy Store.
 - ◇ Wednesday, December 16: 9AM-1:00PM & 12:30-4:30PM (afternoon shift only)
 - ◇ Thursday, December 17: 9AM-1:00PM & 12:30-4:30PM (I have the most availability on this day)

Each day from 12:30-1:00PM we will be doing lunch, restocking and catching up on anything else. I think that I could probably use a total of 2-3 volunteers per shift if that works for you? Please let me know ASAP if you would like to volunteer, 1st come, 1st served! Best regards, Jim Carey (734)717-5591—if I do not answer leave a message with the day and time you would like to help.

- **See the video** of the 2015 Ann Arbor News Deals of the Year Awards presentation via Dale Leslie's YouTube site [here](#). Our club won the Retailer Deal of the Year Award for establishing KCW.



Fines: Fines (pure foolishness): \$17.81.

Happy Dollars: HAPPY DOLLARS surfaced after a three week hiatus: **SUE DAILEY** wowed us with her trip to the Hawaiian Islands; **DAVE DRAKE** continued a Thanksgiving family tradition by sharing a Motor Meals ride with his granddaughter. **DAVID LAMOREAUX** sans microphone said something positive about his granddaughter; **CHRIS WINKLER** took a well deserved bow on behalf of the 2015-2016 Digest team that also includes **JOHN BASSETT, BOB GRAY** and **SHARON KEYES**. Past Governor **BOB SNIDER** told us a touching story of faith and perseverance in the survival from serious surgery of his great-granddaughter. **CLAIRE DAHL** (as reported earlier) told of past club member **CHARMIN ARCHER's** new job as a kindergarten teacher in the AA Public Schools. **BOB CARR** celebrated a complete family gathering for Thanksgiving. **WILLIAM HAMPTON** observed his father's birthday with \$100 (your dad would be proud of you, WILLIAM). **HARRY CROSS** would be over-the-top happy if more people donated blood to the Red Cross. **GARRY DONNER** said the Stinky Pig (real name!) toy he sold inexpensively in a club auction to benefit the Salvation Army bell ringing project is now retailing commercially for \$25-plus, even on-line. **DAN DEVER** celebrated a \$2000 anonymous donation to our Environmental Preserve planned at Kiwanis West. *Thank you!*

Stuff You Should Know...

Hospitality News:

Liz Elling, wife of past president **GARY ELLING**, and already ailing, suffered a stroke, was hospitalized and is now home. "GARY you and LIZ have our prayers." **WILLIAM HAMPTON** visited an upbeat Judge **SANDY ELDEN** and his wife Odie at the Chelsea UM Residence, but sadly, we learned of the Judge's passing on Tuesday. **DON CLEWELL** is the hospitality chair for December: 734.769.4870; dclewell@umich.edu.

Social Events:

- **Club Holiday Party**—December 11th, Kiwanis West, 5-7 pm. Y'all come. Questions? **MAX ZIEGLER** 734.649.3979; antiquesz@aol.com.
- **2016 TIGER TRIP**—August 6th vs. NY Mets advises trip manager **FRED SANCHEZ**.
- **PURPLE ROSE**—The Kiwanis section is sold out for the December 4th performance. HOWEVER, some cancellations occur occasionally. Call **MARTHA** at her cell phone number.

SANTA SAYS, "BUTTON YOUR OVERCOAT; IT'S A DECEMBER KIWANIS SLEIGH RIDE!"

- ❄ **HOLIDAY SALE SCHEDULE:** Beginning November 30, Sale Preparation Week in sorting, marking & stocking—see **GLYNDA MATEN** @ Kiwanis Downtown; **SALE DATES** (Downtown): Friday-Saturday, December 4-5-12; **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**—report to a department chair if you are without an assignment; Kiwanis West will have some holiday stock. Regular sale hours at West. Questions? Call **KEN SHAW** @ 734.971.1445 - khaw@comcast.net
- ❄ **JOY! Christmas Tree Assembly:** check with **KEN SHAW** @ 734.971.1445 if the forest is incomplete. Singing the new Kiwanis Volunteer song while we work! (Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad)
- ❄ **MONDAY MEETINGS: DECEMBER 7 & 14TH AT KIWANIS WEST, NOON, REGULARLY CATERED MEAL & PROGRAM**
- ❄ **WARM THE CHILDREN**—Our annual club member commitment to escort the underprivileged families to shop for winter clothes. Location: Walmart, in Saline **DOUG ZIESEMER** is accepting the names of volunteer shoppers. Minimal time investment. Good feeling in helping others. Call 734.395.2092
- ❄ **HAROLD L. CROWELL SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**, Saturday, December 19th, Folks, we cover every station in Ann Arbor, all shifts! It's a great family event or share the experience with a partner friend. Two hour shifts. Heart warming—see **GARRY EVANS** @ 1-734-223.6760
- ❄ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, "TAKE A DEEP BREATH! YOU DID WELL, MY FRIENDS!"**

Kiwanis
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Harold L. Crowell Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 19th

"All Hands on

Deck!" Contact **GARRY**

EVANS to sign up.

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"Warm the Children"

—our 19th year—

Sign up to accompany

families with a budget

figure to shop for winter

clothing.

Contact

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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	9	10 KCD Donations 9-12	11 Sale: KCW 9-1	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



This Week's Numbers

Attendance:

76

Fines:

\$17.81

Happy \$:

\$223

Mott Pot:

\$227

Vouchers:

\$0

Thrift Sale:

KCD:

\$0

KCW:

\$2,698

Other:

\$0

TOTAL:

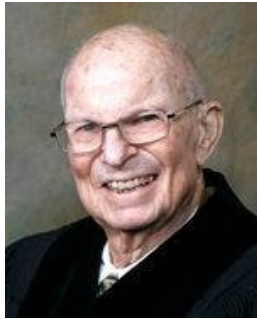
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☛ The fact that you are taking time to read this indicates a high aptitude for being a newsletter editor ☛ Email/John Kittle at jkittle@gmail.com immediately to volunteer ☛☛



Additional Hospitality News...

Sandy Elden:



Retired District Judge; Distinguished Eagle Scout passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Judge S. J. "Sandy" Eldon was instrumental in the founding of Dawn Farm and was a longstanding Trustee who contributed profoundly to keeping the mission alive. Sandy was an active Scouter for 80 years; with wife Odie traveled to numerous Boy Scout Jamborees in consecutive years. He was a long time member of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club, Breakfast Optimist Club, Temple Beth Emeth, and Elks Lodge. Sandy had a running gag with Kiwanis club member Ron Williams where Ron would save a snowball in his freezer to present to Sandy every spring when they returned from Florida—one year, Sandy gave Ron a stuffed toy alligator! He was important to so many in this community in more ways than mentioned. Please pray for his family, especially his beloved wife Odie who reports they had a magical marriage and life together and she is happy that he is not suffering any longer.

There will not be any services for Sandy at this time other than a private burial for his family. One year from now they plan to celebrate his life with a party. Cards of condolence can be sent to 1200 Bydding, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to:
 Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
 Or
 Southern Shores FSC, Boy Scouts of America, 3914 Bestech Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Jim Kane:



Ring your bell proudly in honor of our long-time member **JIM KANE**. JIM's Alzheimer condition has worsened and his wife-caregiver, Patty, fears he may have attended his last club meeting. Jim joined our club in 1990 and for over 25 years he's been a high-achiever in club activities. The ever-smiling Ohio native especially greeted with enthusiasm our annual bell ringing project. "Very personable, kind-hearted, and more describes **JIM KANE**."

First Club Meeting at KCW...

This week our club members enjoyed their first meeting at KCW in the newly renovated cafeteria area.



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- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
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- [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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