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### Today's Program...

#### UM's Drum Major, McKenna Thayer

**Claire Dahl** introduced speaker McKenna Thayer, the Drum Major of the University of Michigan Marching Band. Claire said that four of the best words in the world are—*Band, take the field!* McKenna is the band's 53rd drum major and the 2nd female, the first was in 2001. She "hails" from Hillsdale and said there were 68 in her graduating class. She plays the alto sax and the clarinet. McKenna's mother was a three-sport athlete at Michigan and is very excited that her daughter is the drum major.

McKenna said that there are 400 members of the band but only 280 perform at the football games. The marching band was all male until 1972. That was the year William Revelli retired and Title IV was approved, and one or both of those items resulted in women joining the band. McKenna had to audition to make the band. The drum major is elected by the band members, and has to be able to teach the band members how to march. McKenna tried out last year, but someone else was selected. McKenna said it is very exciting to perform the "back bend" in front of 115,000 spectators.



**McKenna Thayer**

### Next Week's Program...

**February 27**—*What Stage? The Dioxane Plumes Under Ann Arbor*. Speakers: AA Environmental Coordinator Matthew Naud and City Administrator Howard Lazarus. Introduction by: **Zac Ackerman**.

### Upcoming Programs...

- **March 6**—*Ann Arbor Fire Department*. Speakers: Chief Larry Collins and City Administrator Howard Lazarus. Introduction by: **Zac Ackerman**.
- **March 13**—*UM Hospital Child and Family Life Department: Founded by AA Kiwanis*. Speaker: David Fischer, Director. Introduction by: **Larry French**.
- **March 20**—*The Diversity of Avalon Housing*. Speaker: Ashley Blake. Introduction by: **Al Engerer**.
- **March 27**—*Spirit Matters: The experience of Attending to Spirituality in Psychotherapy*. Speaker: **Marianne D'Angelo**. Introduction by: **Bob Gray**.

### Meetings...

The **PR & Marketing Committee** meets next Monday at 1:15pm.

### A2SO Needs Youth Concert Volunteers...

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra still needs dozens of volunteers to help at their Daytime Youth Concerts in March. Concerts are on Wednesday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 21. Volunteers are needed at each concert to ensure the safety of the thousands of kids in attendance. There are three different positions for which to sign up: Bus Attendants, Greeters, and Ushers. Please consider donating a few hours of your time. If you can help, please email Sarah Ruddy at [sarah@a2so.com](mailto:sarah@a2so.com).



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**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

<b>Officer of Day</b>	No Info, but you know who you are.
<b>Antiques</b>	No Info, but you know who you are.
<b>Beds &amp; Garden</b>	No Info, but you know who you are.
<b>Dockers</b>	We need dockers
<b>Sorters</b>	Max Ziegler
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<b>KCW Cashiers &amp; Sales</b>	<u>Friday</u> —R. Argyle, L. French (OD), B. Gray, J. Medrano, B. Roberts, J. Sampsel, R.J. Schenk, S. Smith, E. Webb <u>Saturday</u> —B. Babcock, M. Dabbs, A. Engerer, G. Gilligan, B. Gray, B. Roberts, E. Webb, A. Ziani, D. Zieseimer (OD)
<b>KCW Sorting &amp; Pricing</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> —George Gilligan <u>Wednesday</u> —C. Bagchi, J. Clear, G. Gilligan, B. Gray, M. Harback, P. H-Duynslager <u>Thursday</u> —P. Caufield, B. Gray, K. Rickelmann <u>Friday</u> —C. Bagchi, J. Bloom, J. Clear, M. D'Angelo, P. Dittmar, P. Hanks-Duynslager, G. Kavanagh, M. MacDonald, G. and R. Maten, J. McNish, L. Nicholas, M. Robb, M. Stewart <u>Saturday</u> —P. Brown, M. D'Angelo, G. Gilligan, K. Rickelmann, M. Stewart
<b>Vouchers</b>	Ellen Webb, Greg Meisner, Gretchen Preston, Carl Williams, Claire Dahl, Bob Johnson, Jean Robinson, Matt Chaiken
<b>Invocation</b>	Jerry Brown
<b>Greeters</b>	Claire Dahl, Jim Huck, and Margaret Krasnoff
<b>Hospitality</b>	William Hampton
<b>Newsletter</b>	Cliff Sheldon
<b>Cashier</b>	Max Ziegler

**Guests at Our Club...**

**John Dahl** introduced Frank Fike, guest of **William Hampton** and two Circle K members: Justin Gaber and Christian Wire. Welcome all!

**Hospitality...**

**William Hampton** said that **Sue Dailey** is home from the hospital, but will be returning for heart surgery. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. William had called **Odie Eldon** with Valentine's Day greeting, and mentioned that Odie only weighed 2 lbs. 14 ozs. when she was born. William relayed greetings from **Bob Barden, Sr.**

**Announcements...**

- **President Alan** commented on the sale or lease of the downtown building. Copies of the press release were at each table and had also been distributed by e-mail.
- The Ray and Eleanor Cross Foundation will again be generously providing matching grants to create \$1,000 scholarships and \$500 camperships. The forms are available and should be completed and returned to **Harry Cross** by March 13.
- Ann Arbor Western's Tuesday, February 28th meeting will feature speaker Scott Hirth from M-Den with a topic of U-M Branding with Nike. Let an Interclub Committee member know by next Monday (the 27th) if you plan to attend.
- **Program Chair Deb Jones** is doing a great job, but would appreciate your recommendations of speakers for our meetings.
- Work night at KCW this Wednesday (February 22nd) from 6:00 to 8:30. Pizza available; donation appreciated.
- New member photos are on display with thanks to the Membership Committee and Photographer **Bob Gray**.
- The Board will be voting on bylaw changes on Tuesday (February 21st) and **President Alan** thanked all who submitted comments. The membership will then vote on any proposed changes.

**Fines...**

Since banks could not agree whether or not to be open on Presidents' Day, all bankers were fined. A subsequent motion added all members with bank accounts, and that was amended to include members with accounts at credit unions. So all paid except those who keep their money under the mattress.



**Happy Dollars...**

**Fred Sanchez** was happy for a new granddaughter in La La Land, and a four year old grandson who was old enough to ride the Lego Train. **Bryce Babcock** enjoyed seeing **Luz and Bob Snider** present a copy of Bob's book to their church. **Jane Talcott** was pleased for Detroit Y campers, and thankful for Kiwanis and Kiwanians support of Washtenaw Camp Placement. **Jim Blomquist** relayed five happy dollars from **Dick Benedek** for the UCONN women's basketball 100 (and counting) consecutive wins. **Joe Medrano** petitioned all to encourage The Gilmore Car Museum to add Larry Marshall's 1972 Buick LeSabre convertible to their collection. **Wally Niemann** thanked **Kathy Wilder** and **Peter Schork** for making sure he gets a weekly copy of the Kiwanis newsletter.

**Honorary Member Laurita Thomas...**



**Laurita Thomas**

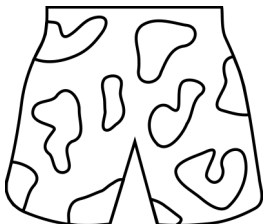
**Jean Robinson** introduced Honorary Member **Laurita Thomas** who had been unable to attend the October program because of a serious family illness. Laurita is the Associate Vice President for Human Resources at the University of Michigan. She has worked for the U-M since 1972 and held her current title since 2004. As chief human resources officer Laurita supervises 330 employees. She has many professional accomplishments and has also been very involved in the Ann Arbor Community including serving on the SOS Community Crisis Center Board and the Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP. Laurita is also President of the Safe House Center Board of Directors and thanked Kiwanis for its support of it and many other local organizations. She has two adult sons and is a proud grandmother. Laurita thanked Jean for being one of her past mentors and supporters. She also thanked Kiwanis for sending a card when her mother passed away, and said she felt she was part of the Kiwanis family.

**Planning Calendar...**

Mark your calendars for these scheduled Thrift Sale open/closed dates:

- **Easter Weekend April 16th:** KCD Closed Saturday April 15th, but dock open for donations. KCW Open Friday April 14th and Saturday April 15th.
- **Memorial Day May 29th:** KCD Open Saturday May 27th. KCW Open Friday May 26th and Saturday May 27th.

**Hey, This Story's Full of Holes!**



A long-time Kiwanis volunteer faced a conundrum in Florida after unpacking a pair of swim trunks that he purchased at the Thrift Sale. One suit was without an interior lining. Whoops! And apparently a smoker wore the second swim wear since there were cigarette (cigar) ash burns peppering the suit. The warm Florida sunshine could peek in and out! As TV's Riley used to exclaim, "What a revolting development that is!" ~Dale



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# February 2017



## This Week's Numbers

**Attendance:**

57

**Fines:**

\$18.95

**Happy \$:**

\$15

**Mott Pot:**

\$0

**Vouchers:**

\$1,111

\$22,722 YTD

(? Families)

**Thrift Sale:**

**KCD:**

\$4,781

**KCW:**

\$5,216

**Other:**

\$0

**TOTAL:**

\$9,997

\$238,062 YTD



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			1	2 KCD Donations 9am-Noon <u>KYP Meeting</u> 6pm	3 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-1 KCW 9-1	4 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
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12	13 <u>Marriage</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	17 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-1 KCW 9-1	18 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
19	20 <u>UM Drum Mjr.</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW	22	23 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	24 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-1 KCW 9-1	25 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1 <i>Pinewood Derby</i>
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26	27 <u>Spirituality</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	28	29	30 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	31 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-1 KCW 9-1	

### Presentations...



**William Hampton**

William Hampton recognized three individuals for their long-time community service:



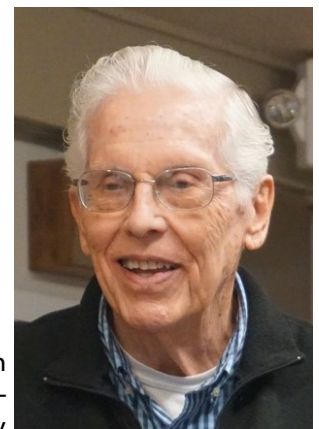
**Frank Fike (File)**

Frank Fike is a former Honorary Kiwanian, was very involved in the Breakfast Optimists and has a 50 year record of service to the youth of the Ann Arbor.



**Max Ziegler (File)**

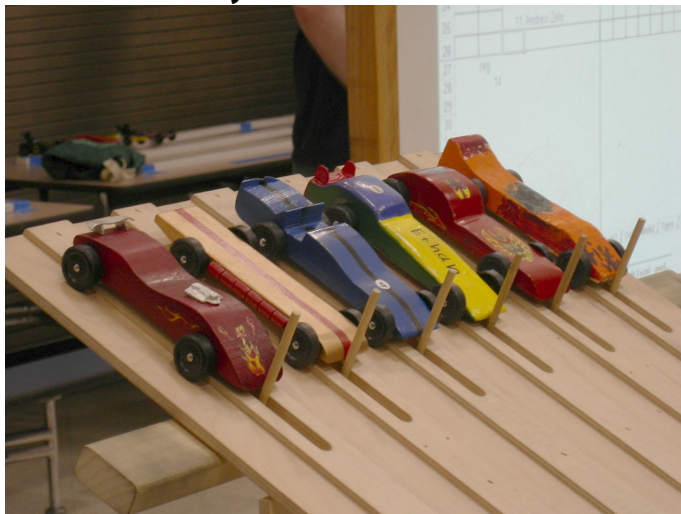
Max Ziegler also has a long time record of service to the community including 50 years as a Kiwanian.



**Wally Niemann**

Wally Niemann has been a Kiwanis member for 65 years. William noted that Wally was the tallest member of the 1949 U-M gymnastics team, was the official Kiwanis photographer for many years and a 2016 Kiwanis bell ringer. All three individuals received a rousing standing ovation.

### Pinewood Derby...



The Cub Scouts will be holding their Pinewood Derby this Saturday at KCW. Racing starts at about 11:30am. Stop by and see the action if you have the chance.

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Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM Union or League (Check Calendar on Website)
- [Kiwaniis Club of Ypsilanti](#)  
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### Kiwanis Club/Foundation of Ann Arbor President Alan Burg's 2016-2017 ANNUAL GOALS

*I plan to support the following goals:*

- 1) Support everyone through a respectful sharing of ideas and offering of solutions throughout the year.**
  - a) Live and be guided by the Six Objects of Kiwanis.
  - b) Honor the Past and Plan for the Future.
  - c) Foster Development and Growth of Members and Increase Total Membership.
- 2) Continue Strategic Planning.**
  - a) **Our Identity:** Help the Strategic Planning Committee identify resources and persons to lead the membership and volunteers through a formal process to discuss, review, identify, and renew how our Club can best support the KIWANIS (KI) MOTTO, DEFINING STATEMENT, and VISION - by February, 2017.
  - b) **Increase Our Financial Stability:** (both Short and Long Term)
    - i) Help the Board identify and develop a process for the Sale of KCD and seek input for the design and implementation of expanded sale floor space at KCW.
    - ii) Help the Board continue and expand our efforts to lease KCW spaces and the sale of the out lot.
    - iii) Help the Board to support a return to increased Gifting ASAP when financially able.
      - (a) Ask our granting committees to review our Gifting Model and the Impact of our Gifts/Grants in alignment with the KI Purpose/Defining Statement and Vision by April, 2017.
        - (i) Review and determine the impact of providing many small gifts, grants, and scholarships vs. the possible impact of providing larger dollar amounts for perhaps fewer gifts, grants, and scholarships. Determine the best balance to gain the greatest impact by April, 2017.
        - (b) Make recommendations for the Board's consideration by June, 2017 for implementation in 2017-18 Kiwanis year.
  - c) **Foster Improved Governance** of Club and Foundation and plan for continued growth and change.
    - a) The Club membership will be asked to consider and vote on what specific steps to take regarding the approved Recommendations from our Board and the Re-Organization Committee, regarding size of Board, terms of service, adding a Vice President position, the use of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and when in our future to consider the hiring of an Executive Director. This vote will be scheduled no later than January, 2017.
    - b) Ask By-Laws Committee to update By-Laws in time to gain KI approval by March, 2017
    - c) The President-Elect will update all Committees' purpose statements by June, 2017.
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