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Today's Program...

The Diversity of Avalon Housing



Sally Lamkin

Sally Lamkin introduced our speaker, Ashley Brooke, from Avalon Housing. Ashley is a native Ann Arborite who went to EMU for undergraduate studies and to the University of Pennsylvania for a graduate degree in social work. She returned to Ann Arbor in 2015 for an internship at Avalon Housing, and then was hired onto the staff.

Scope of Homelessness: more than half a million people experience homelessness in our country every year. Most are single adults, but there are also over 200,000 homeless families, often headed by a single mother. Aging adults are the "invisible" homeless; 45% of adults over 65 are "economically vulnerable" to losing housing. Other parts of the homeless population include people with serious mental illness, who need more than housing and people with substance use disorders. In Washtenaw County, there were 300 people experiencing homelessness in January. Forty were unsheltered; 260 were sheltered. Homelessness has dropped 41% in Washtenaw County since 2013, due to concerted efforts and programs to provide shelter and supportive services. Continued on page 5.



Ashley Brooke

Next Week's Program...

March 27—*Spirit Matters: The experience of Attending to Spirituality in Psychotherapy.* Speaker: **Marianne D'Angelo.** Introduction by: **Bob Gray.**

Upcoming Programs...

- **April 3**—*Cancer Wellness Community.* Speaker: Erin Kelly. Introduction by: **Evan LeRoy.**
- **April 10**—*Total Wellness.* Speaker: Demond Johnson. Introduction by: **Deb Jones.**
- **April 17**—*Ken Fischer Retirement Reflections.* Speaker: Ken Fischer, President, University Musical Society. Introduction by: **Dale Leslie.**
- **April 24**—*Club Financial & Board Update.* President Alan Burg.
- **May 1**—*Ann Arbor Kiwanis Annual Scholarship Awards.*

Meetings...

- **Kiwanis Young Professionals (KYP)**—Meets the first Thursday of the Month. Next meeting is April 6th at 6pm at Wolverine State Brewing Co., 2019 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.
- **Social Committee** and **Strategic Planning** both met today after the meeting.
- **March Board Meeting** on Tuesday, March 21 at KCW starting at 6:30pm.
- **Member Recognition Committee** meets next Monday at 1:15pm .



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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day	Lynne Lande
Antiques	Sally Lamkin
Beds & Garden	Mike Anglin
Dockers	We need dockers
Sorters	Max Zeigler
Hardware	Ted Brokaw, Bill Milne, Dave Hughes
Men's Clothing	John Bassett, Dick Smit
Books/Records	TBD John Schenk?
Office & Med.	Jim Mattson and the Black Walnuts
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Boiled Peanuts
Electronics	Bill Robb, Ray Argyle, and the Peanut M&M's
KCW Cashiers & Sales	Friday —Ray Argyle, Dave Drake, Larry French, George Gilligan, Bob Gray (OD), Dave LaMoreaux, Eloise Lavin, Bud Roberts, Susan Smith, Ellen Webb Saturday —Bob Barden, Jr, Nick Dever, Al Engerer, Garry Evans, George Gilligan, Bob Gray, Deb Jones, Fred Miller, Bud Roberts, Ellen Webb, Doug Zieseemer (OD)
KCW Sorting & Pricing	Tuesday —George Gilligan, John Kidle Wednesday —C. Bagchi, J. Clear, G. Gilligan, B. Gray, M. Harback, P. H-Duynslager Thursday —P. Caufield, K. Gravlin, B. Gray, R. Nuhn, K. Rickelmann Friday —C. Bagchi, J. Bloom, M. D'Angelo, P. Dittmar, P. Hankins-Duynslager, G. Kavanagh, M. MacDonald, G. and R. Maten, J. McNish, L. Menghini, L. Nicholas, S. Rabidoux, M. Robb, M. Stewart Saturday —P. Brown, M. D'Angelo, L. Harris, A. Price, K. Rickelmann, M. Stewart
Vouchers	Ellen Webb, Ken Hillenburg, Alan Burg, Sally Lamkin, Rose Marie Barhydt, Max Ziegler, Mary Stewart, Matt Chaiken
Invocation	Larry French
Greeters	Burt Lamkin, Sally Lamkin and Dick Smit (A), Max Ziegler
Hospitality	Dave Hughes
Newsletter	Lynne Lande
Cashier	Bryce Babcock

Guests at Our Club...

Sally Lamkin introduced our guests: Marcia Luke VanDijk, daughter of **Gerald Luke** and Fund Developer at Avalon Housing; Peggy Duynslager, guest of **Bob Gray** and prospective new member; Susan Baskett, guest of **William Hampton** and Vice President of the Ann Arbor School Board; Courtney Schupp, Kathleen Hurley, Justin Gaber and Christian Wire, all of Circle K; Katherine Panning, guest and wife of **Luke Panning**. We welcome all these guests and hope you will come back often and soon!

Hospitality...

Dave Hughes welcomed back **Sue Dailey, Bob Johnson, and Rip Kinney**, all recovering well. **Don Kossick** has returned from his vacation and then funeral of his sister in Arizona. **Fred Miller** is back from spending the winter in warm places; **John McKeown** appreciates visitors at Hillside Terrace. **Jerry McMahon** is dealing with an injured disc in his back and is taking time off to let it heal, hoping to avoid surgery. Judge Ross Campbell is in hospice care. Evans Koukios is receiving cancer treatment. Wally Schmeichel, past speaker and friend, has a new address: 15 Rose Quartz Way, Fitchburg, WI 53711. We hold in our thoughts and prayers those who are dealing with illness and pain.

Announcements...

- **President Alan** announced that our recently submitted updated Club By-laws have been approved by Kiwanis International in record time. He thanked the committee chaired by **Mitch Goodkin, and Joe Medrano, Bob Carr, Nick Dever, Al Engerer, Steve Hiller, and Greg Meisner**, and wished them well as they turn their efforts toward updating the Foundation By-laws.

—Announcements Continue on Page 3—

Fines...

We thought we were home free, and then **Bryce Babcock** rose to propose a fine on anyone who had not proposed a fine that day. Someone supported it, **President Alan** heard our weak eyes and turned a deaf ear on the stronger No's....we paid.

Happy Dollars...

Greg Meisner was happy that 64 completed surveys have been turned in and asked for more; **Larry French** was happy for Child and Family Life Director Dan Fisher's recent promotion to Assistant Dean of the School of Social Work, and sad that he will be leaving the program at Mott; **Luke Panning** was delighted to announce that Katherine received a match for her residency in pediatric medicine at the University of Michigan, which means they will be staying with us! Christian Wire invited us all to a social gathering at 6:30 at the Michigan Union before the regular Circle K meeting on Thursday. **Jane Talcott** reported a fine time at Western where she spoke about Washtenaw Camp Placement and came back with a campership from the club; **Bob Carr** was proud of the U of M Basketball Team's two victories (so far) in the NCAA tournament; **Dave Hughes** was pleased and impressed by an Open House at the Islamic Center.

More Announcements...

- **Greg Meisner** sent out one more call for completed surveys about the expansion of Thrift Sales hours and your willingness to help out and/or recruit more volunteers from the community.
- Voucher helpers are needed Thursday mornings at KCW. We have increased the voucher program and it now takes seven volunteers each Thursday morning to greet and assist social workers and clients. Talk to **Ellen Webb** if you want to know more and can help with this great project.
- Pledge a summer campership for \$250, which will be matched by the Cross Foundation to send a child to camp. See **Harry Cross**. Ask a friend to co fund a campership with you.
- Suggest a program/speaker for May and beyond. Give information to Program Committee chair **Deb Jones, or Dale Leslie or Al Engerer**.
- Details on Spring Divisional at Mt Brighton: Saturday April 8, 10:30am-2:30pm; \$20 per person... all are welcome. Pre-registration required. See **Kathie Wilder**.
- **Dan Dever** announced we have received eight purchase bids for KCD. Still no offers to lease.
- **Peter Schork** announced we will be awarding 39 \$1,000 scholarships to Ann Arbor Public School graduating seniors on May 1. This is always a highlight of the year.

Fashion News...



Dan Dever presented two bow ties to **Peter Schork** in response to Peter's comment last week about **William Hampton's** great bow ties and how he wished he had one of those nice ties instead of the schlocky ties Dan gives him from our inventory downstairs. We are looking forward to Peter looking as dapper as William next week.



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available at KCW.*

March 2017



This Week's Numbers

Attendance:

60

Fines:
\$18.38

Happy \$:
\$13

Mott Pot:
\$0

Vouchers:
\$2,387
\$28,805 YTD
(11 Families)

Thrift Sale:
KCD:
\$4,280
KCW:
\$6,786
Other:
\$350
TOTAL:
\$11,416
\$283,351 YTD

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 KCD Donations 9am-Noon <u>KYP Meeting</u> 6pm	3 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	4 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
5	6 <u>Fire Chief Collins</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	7	8	9 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	10 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	11 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
12 <i>DST Begins</i>	13 <u>Mott Hospital</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	14	15	16 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	17 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
19	20 <u>Avalon Housing</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW	22	23 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	25 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
26	27 <u>Spirituality</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	28	29	30 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	31 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
2	3 <u>Cancer Wellness</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	4	5	6 KCD Donations 9am-Noon <u>KYP Meeting</u> 6pm	7 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	8 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
9	10 <u>Total Wellness</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	11	12	13 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	14 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	15 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
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23	24 <u>Board Update</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	25	26	27 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	28 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	29 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
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Today's Program Continued...

Factors contributing to homelessness include the deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill; decision makers underestimated how difficult it would be to provide consistent services to seriously mentally ill people living in the community, and many became homeless. Poverty and lower income often forces people out of housing because there is no safety net and many are paying much more than 30% of their limited income for housing. Victims of domestic violence often flee from their homes with their children and become homeless.

Avalon Housing believes that housing is a basic human right, and their efforts and programs flow from that premise. AH owns twenty properties in Ann Arbor, housing 751 people in 260 units. The homes are located in regular neighborhoods and blend into the community. They also work with private landlords and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission.

In addition to shelter, Avalon provides programs and services to their clients, including case management and community building. There are gardens at most of the houses and clients enjoy raising fresh produce. Social events build community. Support services based on assessment of need help people move from trying to survive to beginning to thrive.

There are many ways to help: vote to support affordable housing initiatives, volunteer to help with the Edible Avalon gardens, come to the after school programs, teach a class at one of the community centers. Call Ashley Blake at Avalon Housing (734) 663-5858. Check out the [website](#) for personal stories and more information. (Editor's note: Ashley makes me proud to be a social worker).

Club and District Events of Interest...

Upcoming Super Interclubs and events for Division 10: Mark your calendars!

- 4/1 7:30am-1pm Ypsilanti Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. Go to the [website](#) for info.
- 4/8 Spring Divisional Mt. Brighton
- 4/17 Chelsea Super Interclub
- 4/26 Spaghetti Dinner High Point School Ann Arbor Western
- 5/21 Manchester Kiwanis River Raisin Canoe Kayak Race—Sounds like Fun!
- 5/24 Manchester Super Interclub
- 5/25 Golf Outing Fundraiser Ann Arbor Western
- 7/29 Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Detroit Tigers Outing (contact Fred Sanchez to go, 734-277-7077 or fsanchez@aol.com)
- 9/14 Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation Golf Outing (see registration form on page 6)



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Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation Golf Outing

September 14, 2017
Pierce Lake Golf Course, Chelsea, MI
See Registration Information on Page 6



Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis Club

Charity Golf Outing

All proceeds are used for our community service projects

- When**
Thursday, May 25th, 2017
- Where**
Reddeman Farms Golf Club
555 S. Dancer Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118 • (734) 475-3020
- Format**
Four Person Teams • Scramble • Shotgun Start • Men/Women/Senior Tees
- Time**
8:30 Check-in/Registration (*inside club house*) • 9:00 Shotgun Start
- Cost**
\$60 per Golfer • Includes 18 Holes of Golf, Lunch, and Prizes
(*\$55 if paid by May 13th, 2017*)

Make checks payable to: Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis (Due by May 13th)
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- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM Union or League (Check Calendar on Website)
- [Kiwaniis Club of Ypsilanti](#)
Meets Noon Wednesdays at EMU Student Center
- [Ann Arbor Western](#), Meets Noon Tues. at Quarter Bistro
- [Kiwaniis Ann Arbor Morning Edition](#), Meets 8:30am 2nd & 4th Weds. at Guy Hollerin's

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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.
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