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Today's Program...

The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System



Jon Gendreau

Today's speaker was Jon Gendreau. He is a social worker, and has been with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System for eight years, working primarily with homeless veterans. Jon told us about the local VA hospital which has serviced veterans in Michigan and northwestern Ohio since 1953. There are 2,749 employees, an annual budget of \$482 million. During fiscal 2016 there were 873,661 appointments at the facility for 68,081 different veterans. The VA is the largest healthcare system in the world.

Jon was very familiar with Kiwanis, and has used our voucher program to help local veterans. He said we have an efficient process, and our members are helpful and friendly. Jon brought several guests and they had also used our voucher program, and were very thankful. Jon said they are looking for volunteers. If any of our members are interested call 734-845-3467 or click [here](#).



Ellen Webb, Director of the Voucher Program, introduced today's speaker.

Next Week's Program...

February 13—*Love & Marriage in the 21st Century*. Speaker: Dr. James Gruber. Introduction by: **Deb Jones**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **February 20**—*UM Marching Band*. Speaker: McKenna Thayer, Female Drum Major. Introduction by **Claire Dahl**. In addition, Laurita Thomas from UM will receive her honorary member status at this meeting with introduction by **Jean Robinson**.
- **February 27**—*Ann Arbor Fire Department*. Speakers: Chief Larry Collins and City Administrator Howard Lazarus. Introduction by: **Zac Ackerman**.
- **March 6**—*What Stage? The Dioxane Plumes Under Ann Arbor*. Speakers: AA Environmental Coordinator Matthew Naud and City Administrator Howard Lazarus. Introduction by: **Zac Ackerman**.

Meetings...

- **Building and Equipment Committee** meets this Thursday, February 9th at 9:00am in KCW.
- Next Monday, February 13th **SMOC** meets before the meeting at 10:00am, and **Membership** meets after at 1:15, both at KCD.

Century of Service Celebration...



The Club Centennial Committee held its first meeting on January 30. An event logo (left) has been drafted and planning is underway. The committee is still looking for additional members. Contact **Dale Leslie** with any thoughts and ideas and a willingness to participate on the committee. The next meeting is 10:30am on May 15 at Bank of Ann Arbor (**Deb Jones** hosting).



The new flag donated by John and Claire Dahl flying proudly at KCW on a recent (rare) sunny day.

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ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:

Officer of Day	John Dahl
Antiques	No Info
Beds & Garden	Steve Hiller
Dockers	We need dockers
Sorters	We need Sorters
Hardware	Marianne Clauw, Bill Milne and Dan Burroughs
Men's Clothing	John Bassett and Dave LaMoreaux
Books/Records	John Schenk
Office & Med.	Jim Mattson and the Arctic Artists
Lamps	Dennis Powers and the Polar Pretenders
Electronics	Bill Robb and Ray Argyle
KCW Cashiers & Sales	Friday —Gordon Beeman, Claire Dahl, Bob Gray (OD), Gerry Luke, Bud Roberts, John Schenk, Ellen Webb Saturday —Al Engerer, George Gilligan, Bob Gray, Deb Jones, Bud Roberts, John Sampsele, Ellen Webb, Jim Wight, Adam Ziani, Doug Zieseemer (OD)
KCW Sorting & Pricing	Tuesday —Bob Gray, John Kidle Wednesday —C. Bagchi, R. Bingham, Bob Gray, M. Harback, P. H-Duynslager Thursday —J. Bloom, P. Caufield, K. Gravlin, B. Gray, J. Kidle, R. Nuhn, K. Rickelmann Friday —C. Bagchi, J. Bloom, J. Clear, M. D'Angelo, P. Dittmar, P. Hanks-Duynslager, G. Kavanagh, M. MacDonald, G. & R. Maten, L. Nicholas, S. Rabidoux, M. Stewart Saturday —P. Brown, M. D'Angelo, G. Gilligan, K. Rickelmann, M. Robb, M. Stewart, C. Summers
Vouchers	Ellen Webb, Carl Williams, Rose Marie Barhydt, Claire Dahl, Bill Tasch, Susan Smith, Max Ziegler, and Matt Chaiken
Invocation	Max Ziegler
Greeters	John Dahl (and Claire?), Jim Huck and Margaret Krasnoff
Hospitality	William Hampton
Newsletter	Cliff Sheldon
Cashier	Max Ziegler

Guests at Our Club...

Potential Member Paula Fomby, three guests of our speaker with the V.A.: Patrick Newell, Vince Allison, and Owen Roper. Welcome all!

Prospective Member...

Paula Fomby has applied for membership. **Lynne Lande** is her sponsor, **Greg Meisner** is her co-mentor. Second publication.

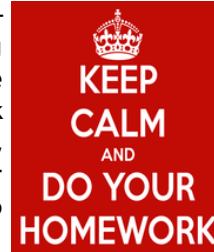
Hospitality...

William Hampton reported that **Joe Medrano** had tested out the Mexican and American health systems by spending five days in a Mexican hospital recovering from pneumonia and then subsequently (while still in Mexico) broke his finger which led to surgery at St. Joe hospital when he returned. Joe said he had five beautiful days in the sun out of the ten days he was there. Joe should be back at Kiwanis soon and may not have a happy dollar, but it sounds like he would be a very interesting speaker. William reported that **Jim Kane** continues his struggles with illness.

Dale Leslie sent along the following additional news: I saw **Jim Wheaton** (member since 2012) <wheatonjim@SBCGLOBAL.NET> at church on Sunday and greeted him with encouraging words on behalf of our club in battling his debilitating disorder. He has a therapy session scheduled each Monday during the time of our club meeting. Also, on Friday, I visited former **Michigan District Kiwanis Governor Jim and Charlotte Heymes** in Okemos. Their "news" is a new email address: jimcharheymes@gmail.com They enjoy receiving our weekly newsletter. Jim and Charlotte are blessed with nine children and 21 grandchildren. In exchanging children and grandchildren updates, I was slightly outnumbered (me, two children; two grandchildren)! They are happy and blessed with their usual optimistic attitude.

Announcements...

- **President Alan** updated the membership on real estate matters. Jim Chaconas of Collier's was selected to list KCD and signage will be placed on the building in the near future. Alan said that selling is one option, but there is also interest in leasing all or part of the KCD. Alan emphasized that we will consider all options, but can't predict what will happen until the building is marketed. Showings of the building won't take place during meeting, sale or sorting hours by the members or volunteers. Alan said that a strong effort will be made to communicate any updates to members, volunteers and the public. This will be done by many means including information on the web site and press releases.
- **President Alan** discussed the proposed changes to the club by-laws. He encouraged everyone to "do their homework" by reading and responding to the questions in the written materials that were passed out—and returning the completed forms ASAP. Please talk to any board member if you have any questions, comments, thoughts or edits. We will discuss the bylaw revisions again at our February 13th and 20th meetings, and the board is scheduled to vote on them on Tuesday, February 21st.
- **Mike Anglin** has been coordinating the Kiwanis Meals on Wheels project for several years. He thanked the many Kiwanians who help deliver Route #9 five days a week, and said we can always use a few more volunteers. Let him know if you are interested, or want to learn more about this worthwhile effort.
- **Doug Zieseimer** reported that our Kiwanis Club has been involved with the Warm the Children project for 20 years. We are going to be even more involved in the future. A related bonus is new member **Mary Stewart**, who was the Ann Arbor Warm the Children Coordinator since 2013. Doug thanked **Max and Carol Ziegler** for their support which will allow us to help families that were on the Warm the Children waiting list.
- **Harry Cross** announced that the Ray and Eleanor Cross Foundation will again be generously providing matching grants to create \$1,000 scholarships and \$500 camper-ships. Harry distributed the forms which need to be completed and returned to him by March 13. See page 5 for a copy of the match form.
- **Jim Carey** thanked the Kiwanians who assisted with the Mott Children's Hospital dinner project.



Fines...

John Dahl paid for time shifting by extending the morning by a couple of minutes, and **Dave LaMoreaux** proposed a fine in absentia for all members not sporting their name tags.

Happy Dollars...

Lots of happiness, but no dollars due to time constraints.

Awards...

William Hampton received his Kiwanis apron. He said that it was definitely worth the five year wait.

Historical Non-Fiction News...

William Hampton is writing a memoir about **Reverend Charles W. Carpenter**. He served as Pastor of Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for 35 years, and our club awards a scholarship every year in his name. Rev. Carpenter was an Honorary Member of this club in 1966, joined as a regular member in 1967 and was the first black member of our the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. William reminded us that February is Black History Month.

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February 2017



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Attendance:

59

Fines:

\$5.17

Happy \$:

\$0

Mott Pot:

\$0

Vouchers:

\$1,669

\$21,059 YTD

(10 Families)

Thrift Sale:

KCD:

\$6,249

KCW:

\$5,704

Other:

\$506

TOTAL:

\$12,459

\$216,390 YTD



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			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>The VA</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	13 <u>Marriage</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	17 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	18 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
19	20 <u>UM Drum Mjr.</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21 <i>Board Meeting</i> 6:30pm at KCW	22	23 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	24 Sale & Donations: KCW 9-1	25 Sale & Donations: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1 <i>Pinewood Derby</i>
26	27 <u>Fire Chief</u> <u>Collins</u> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	28				

March 2017

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Through a challenge grant from the Ray & Eleanor Cross Foundation, matching funds can either double your \$500 contribution to create a \$1,000 academic scholarship or double your \$250 contribution to create a \$500 campership, to be awarded in Spring/Summer 2017 in both cases.

 YES! I, _____, would like to partner with the Ray & Eleanor Cross Foundation by donating \$500 to create a \$1,000 "Kiwaniis Club of Ann Arbor" academic scholarship to be awarded to a student graduating in spring 2017 from an Ann Arbor area high school.

I wish to to have this scholarship presented:
 ___ a.) in my name (as entered above)
 ___ b.) in the name(s) of: _____
 ___ c.) in honor of: _____
 ___ d.) in memory of: _____
 ___ e.) anonymously

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 ___ b.) Partial payment of \$_____ enclosed, with the balance to be paid by _____
 ___ c.) I pledge \$_____, to be paid by _____

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- [Kiwaniis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 6pm first Thurs. of Month
- [U of M Circle K](#)
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- [Kiwaniis Club of Ypsilanti](#)
Meets Noon Wednesdays at EMU Student Center
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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
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