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Today's Program...



Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel

Ron Gardner introduced Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel who presented: *The Greatest Story Ever Told—Fact and Faith*.

With Christmas upon us, our presenter shared that Christmas is the most celebrated Holiday on Earth!

He explained how the story of Christ's birth was conveyed through the gospels of Matthew and Luke and how the basis of the story (the birth of child) is a universally recognized scene ("How can one not be in awe of a new born?").

He also pointed out how Christmas is not exclusively 'Christian', by asking how Santa Claus, St. Nick, Rudolf, Frosty the Snow Man, the Grinch, the Macy's parade, and all attendant commercialism correspond to the faith-based version of the Holiday?

He closed with a quote from the Grinch Who Stole Christmas: "Maybe Christmas" he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps...means a little bit more".



David Vaughn

Guest Pianist David Vaughn, Greenwood Music Director, First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor provided today's music.

Next Week's Program...

December 22 - *Is Diabetes an Epidemic?* Speaker: Jennifer Nicodemus, AA Y, Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator. Introduction by: **William Hampton**.

Upcoming Programs...

- **December 29** - *Hooray! Bring Kids to Kiwanis Day*. Hosts: **Joe Medrano** and Carol Presley; Domino's Petting Zoo display.
- **January 5** - *Work Skills: Training for People with Barriers to Employment*. Speaker: TBA. Introduction by: **Kathy Barden-Perlberg**.
- **NOTE: January 12** - *Ann Arbor's Newly Elected Mayor, Christopher Taylor*.



This is what we call HOME... now in our 94th year.



The Early Days

The Kiwanis Thrift Sale

- Since 1927
- 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:

Officer of Day	Clare Dukes
Dockers	Dockers are needed!
Warehouse	Martha Petroski, Ellen Webb, John Schenk, and Al Engerer
Sorters	Alan Burg
Hardware	Jerry Brown, Fred Miller and Marianne Clauw
Furniture	Mel Williams, Bryce Babcock, Cliff Sheldon, and Jerry McMahon
Shoes & Sports	Dave Drake and Bill Tasch
Men's Clothing	Don Clewell and Jim Couch
Electronics	Bill Robb and the two Scrooges?
Lamps	Dennis Powers
Antiques	Alexis Ford
Beds & Toys	Mike Anglin and Dave Bell
Office & Medical	Jim Mattson and his Happy Santa's
Vouchers	Carl Williams, Don Clewell and Bob Carr
Invocation	Jim Kane
Greeters	Jim Couch, Claire Dahl, Al Engerer, Molly Kelly
Hospitality	Peter Schork 734-417-6733 peterschork@gmail.com
Cashier	Martha Petroski
Attendance	Jean Robinson (Primary), Deb Jones and John Schenk (Backup)

Guests at our Club... David and Mary Vaughn. David provided the music today. David La Mareaux, potential member. Jim King, guest of **Clar Dukes**. Jessica Townsend, Kathleen Hurley and Angela Halcisak from Circle K.

Announcements...

- **President John** let us know he will be unable to preside over the next two lunch meetings (welcomed by a loud round of applause), leaving us in the capable hands of **President Elect Betsy Ford**.
- **Ron Gardner** provided an update on the Club's September 2015 goal to raise \$100,000 goal toward Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project. As of today's meeting we need to raise an additional \$13,000! A brief video was show on the benefit of the project and Ron asked for yearend contributions.
- **Jim Carey** asked for volunteers to help wrap Christmas gifts for Motts Children's Hospital on Wednesday the 17th from 1pm-5pm and Thursday the 18th from 9am-1pm.
- **Bob Carr** spoke for the Community Services committee, offering an open invitation for members to attend their meetings and be part of their two biggest initiatives: The Voucher Program and selecting among the 37 grant requests their committee has received, to which they will award \$44,250 to worthy programs and projects.
- **President John** provided an open invitation for anyone to sit in on/or join one of 33 standing committees which provide the leadership for our club!
- **President John** acknowledged **Dan Dever** and **Doug Ziesemer** for their efforts in closing on our new site by the end of the week! **UPDATE:** Not closing this week, but soon.
- **Harry Cross** provided an update on the Haiti Nursing Foundation. They have recently graduated their 7th class and now offer an advanced degree. Four years ago the Club provided full scholarships to three students. Those students have now graduated and Harry would like to solicit Club Members to sponsor three more. The "bang for the buck" of these donations is significant, as they are only \$3,000 each and The Cross Foundation is willing to provide matching donations! Please see Harry about your contribution.

Fines and Happy Dollars...

Fines: Dale Leslie sought approval to fine **Clar Dukes** and his table for Clar's greedy behavior in the lunch line. Passed, but with little voter participation. **Dan Dever** requested a fine on the members for voter apathy on the first fine. Passed.

Happy Dollars: **Dick Smit** urged our members and volunteers to help the less fortunate throughout the holiday season. **Jocelyn Wilder** for the Scout Pack our club sponsors for their hosting of Scouts from Honduras. **Cliff Sheldon** for a treat he picked up at Real Baked Goods, made by our own **Alan Caldwell**. **Max Ziegler** for the entertainment at the Holiday Party and thanked **Harry Cross** for arranging it. **Joe Medrano** for the timely repair of a flat tire on a recent bus trip and for next street passed (after the tire repair) being named **John Goff!** **Jim Wight** for no snow. **Jim Kane** for a successful prostate surgery and holiday decorations. **Kathy Barden-Perlberg** for her son Casey's exclusive opportunity. **Bryce Babcock** for the gift of a bow tie from **William Hampton** and his learning curve to tie it properly! **Luz Snider** for the \$5 happy dollars she received from another non-profit when she provided a gift, which she matched with her own \$5. **Fred King** for Friday 13th coming on Saturday this month and that it's the season to hug a tree.

Stuff You Should Know...

Sale News:

There will be no sale on December 27th.

Meetings:

None reported.

Social Events:

Max Ziegler was pleased to report on the highly attended Holiday Party held last Friday! Up to 110 people were in attendance, of which half were club members and half were volunteers and guests. He thanked **Martha Petroski** and **Chris Winkler** for their efforts in helping put on a successful evening.

Interclubs:

Dave Drake let us know we had 18 guests at last week's Super Interclub! He reminded us of Milan's Super Interclub dinner on January 22nd at Milan Seniors for Healthy Living at 6:30. The speaker will be Anne Lawrence.

Hospitality News:

Peter Schork let us know **John Basset** has been sidelined with the flu since Friday and that **Ed Conlin** was down with an unspecified bug. He also informed us of the recent passing of two community leaders: Margaret Elsie Brusher and Don Dufek Sr. Your newsletter editor will undergo knee repair surgery on Thursday December 18th.

Next Week's Menu:

Grilled Sandwiches, Rotini Parmesan Salad, Leek and Potato Soup, M&M Cookies.

Miscellaneous:

Lost! A box of printed forms that sat on the head table before preparations for the Holiday Sale. If you remembering seeing the box or moving it during the sale preparation, please contact **DAVID DRAKE**, <djdstatman@gmail.com> or 734.623.4433. Thank you.

Attendance Today: 75

Last Week's Sale Revenue

KAC:	\$8,729
Warehouse:	\$2,587
Total:	\$11,316

Vouchers: \$1,121

Today's Fines: \$24.77

Today's Happy Dollars: \$23



Known worldwide as the place for the "funkiest" gift.



The Warehouse Sale is open 10am-1pm every Saturday!

December 2014



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 Bridget McCormack at AA City Club. Menu: Deli Sandwiches	2 Board Meeting 7:15pm	3	4 Donations 9am-Noon	5 Holiday Sale KAC 9-Noon	6 Holiday Sale: KAC 9-Noon Warehouse 10-1
7	8 Nolan Finley at AA City Club Menu: Citrus Grilled Chicken	9	10	11 Donations 9am-Noon	12 AA Kiwanis Christmas Party 	13 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
14	15 Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel Menu: Tomato Basil Meatballs	16	17 Mott Gift Wrapping	18 Donations 9am-Noon Mott Gift Wrapping	19	20 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1 SA Bell Ringing
21	22 Jennifer Nicodemus Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	23	24	25 Dock Closed Christmas 	26	27 No Sale Open for Donations 'til 12
28	29 Bring Your Kids to Kiwanis Menu: BBQ Chicken	30	31			

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dock Closed New Year's Day	2	3 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
4	5 Work Skills Menu: Italian Sausage	6 Board Meeting 7:15pm	7	8 Donations 9am-Noon	9	10 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
11	12 Mayor Christopher Taylor Menu: Meatloaf	13	14	15 Donations 9am-Noon	16	17 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
18	19 Helen Maynard Menu: Deli Sandwiches	20	21	22 Donations 9am-Noon Super Interclub at Milan	23	24 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
25	26 Dr. Steven F. Bolling Menu: Chicken Parmesan	27	28	29 Donations 9am-Noon	30	31 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1

Go to <http://a2kiwanisfoundation.org/calendar-2/> and add the Kiwanis calendar to your own Google calendar. Never miss an Ann Arbor Kiwanis event again!

News for Salvation Army Bell Ringers...

Kiwanis Members:

Kiwanis' ringing day is Saturday, December 20. Thank you for signing up. The lead team of the day will pickup the kettle, bells and aprons at the Salvation Army Headquarters (corner of Huron and Arbana). The final team of the day will return the kettle, bells and aprons to the Salvation Army Headquarters (corner of Huron and Arbana). If you encounter any unexpected situations on Saturday, give me a call (734-223-6760). We are looking forward to a great year. Good luck and good ringing.

Garry Evans

Campaign Coordinator

Great Furniture – Great Cause!



Help Us Help Kids!
Find your perfect accessory piece at the Kiwanis Furniture Warehouse Sale! Give back to the children of our community with great values on new merchandise weekly.

Items shown are representative of typical sale items, not actual inventory.

Kiwanis Thrift Sale

Kiwanis Warehouse Sale
Saturdays, 10am-1pm
840 Airport Blvd.


Kiwanis Thrift Sale
Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Washington at First St.

www.a2kiwanis.org

Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:

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Angell Elementary

Kiwanis Builders Club
Building Leaders


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Pioneer High School

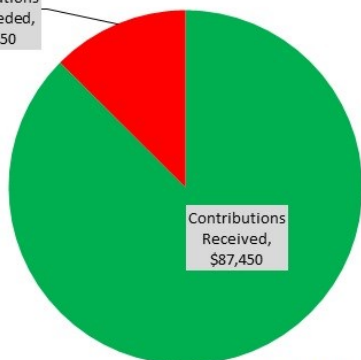
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ELIMINATE
Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus

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



Category	Amount
Contributions Received	\$87,450
Contributions Still Needed	\$12,550
Total Goal	\$100,000

Data as of September 28, 2014

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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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