Today’s Program...

“Guten Tag meine Damen und Herren” exclaimed Max Ziegler, as he wished a “good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen” to Kiwanians and guests. Max introduced Wally Jarvis, president of the German Park Recreation Club. Also at the head table was Toni Jarvis, Wally’s mother and a long-time volunteer in the Kiwanis Thrift Sale Women’s Department.

Mark Jarvis and John Jarvis joined their brother Wally and their mother Toni, entertaining us with song and rousing German music: Wally played the hammered dulcimer; Toni, a Yamaha piano keyboard; Mark, a tuba; and John, a guitar. The brothers were dressed in authentic German garb, and Mark added to the music with a traditional German folk dance while Kiwanians clapped in rhythm and sang along. A few brave Kiwanians joined in the dancing fun, led by Luz Snider near the Kiwanis piano.

Before the musical revelry, Wally Jarvis gave us an overview of the German Park Recreation Club. German immigrants founded the club over 75 years ago, and Wally’s grandfather was its first president. The club’s wooded property 7 miles out of town on Pontiac Trail is the site of public picnic celebrations, a tradition since 1938, now held on the last Saturdays of June, July and August. The last picnic of this year will be held on August 29 starting at 4pm. Up to 5,000 members and guests attend each picnic, featuring music and dancing, much beer and authentic German cuisine, including the club’s homemade potato salad and spatzen.

Ann Arbor is home to several German heritage groups, including the Ann Arbor Schwaben Verein. John Jarvis described this group’s Kirchweihfest (Harvest Festival), which will be held on November 7. The public is welcome but reservations are required. Contact John Jarvis (734-954-0281) for more information and to make reservations.

Next Week’s Program...

August 24—THE THRIFT SALE: HOW WE ARE DOING. Speaker: President John Goff.

Upcoming Programs...

- August 31—KIWANIS SATELLITE CLUBS: IN ORBIT! Speaker: Jerry McMahon. Introduced by: Lynne Lande.
- September 8 (Tuesday)—BROADCAST HYSTERIA: ORSON WELLES AMUCK. Speaker: A. Bradley Schwartz, author. Introduced by: Dale Leslie.
- September 14—CRYSTAL BALL GAZING: DETROIT SPORTS. Speaker: Brad Galli, Channel 7 Sports. Introduced by: Garry Donner.

Meetings...

The Honorary Members Selection Committee will meet next Monday, August 24, following the club luncheon.

The annual convention of the Michigan District of Kiwanis will be held August 27-30 at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit. Betsy Ford and Kathie Wilder will be present as delegates of our club, and all Kiwanians are welcome.
Guests at our Club...

Pat Buhrer introduced our guests, all of whom are members of the Jarvis family. In addition to our guest speaker, Wally Jarvis, Wally’s brothers, John Jarvis and Mark Jarvis were introduced, together with John’s son, also named John Jarvis. Flowers were presented to our special guest and long-time Kiwanis volunteer, Toni Jarvis, mother of the Jarvis brothers.

Pres John acknowledged and warmly greeted Dan Gubachy, who is our newly employed Facilities Manager and Chief Custodian. Dan began work at Kiwanis on August 10.

Announcements...

- **Pres John** happily observed an historic moment for our club, as our first-ever KCW Friday sale occurred on August 14. On Friday alone, KCW sales tallied approximately $3,000, which compares favorably to our daily sales totals at the old Kiwanis warehouse near Costco, which were generally between $1,000 and $2,000.

- **Alan Burg** and the Marketing Committee are updating the Kiwanis Fact Sheet that describes gifts, services and other contributions by our club and foundation to the community. The Fact Sheet also includes several bullet points answering the question “Who is the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor?” Several copies of the August 17 draft of the Fact Sheet were on each table, and Alan requests suggestions and comments from the membership. Once the Fact Sheet is updated and finalized, several thousand copies will be printed to replenish the nearly depleted stock of our current Fact Sheet.

- **Wednesday, 8/26, 9 to Noon:** Kiwanis Club of AA Morning Edition—Instead of their regular meeting location—will meet at Washtenaw Intermediate School District to volunteer for The Education Project for Homeless Youth by stuffing backpacks with school supplies.

- **Where Notables Lived in Ann Arbor** is an AADL program, featuring club member Dale Leslie, is available for viewing at [http://www.aadl.org/aadl_events_20150428-dale_leslie](http://www.aadl.org/aadl_events_20150428-dale_leslie).
Fines: Al Engerer proposed that we vote to include toothpicks on each luncheon table and to fine anyone voting against his proposal. The proposal died for lack of a second, but Martha Petroski thanked Al for his suggestion and said toothpicks will be provided going forward. Hearing the toothpick debate, Dan Dever proposed a fine on Al Engerer because Dan had already given Al a toothpick, which Dan felt was worth at least 25 cents. The motion passed but not unanimously.

During Happy Dollars, Al Gallup was thrilled to learn that Garry Donner has become a great grandfather and moved that anyone who is not a great grandfather be fined. Al's motion passed unanimously.

Happy Dollars: John Goff is very proud of his daughter and happy to have completed moving her into an apartment in Charlotte, North Carolina for the start of her senior year of college. John had a good 52nd birthday and waterskied last week for the first time in 21 years. Mari-anne Clauw was touched by Lefest Galimore's eloquent invocation and contributed $98.

Max Ziegler is very thankful for our volunteers who sort and added $10 to the Happy Dollar bucket. Garry Donner became a great grandfather last Saturday and is happy to be the father of a grandmother. Fred King is happy for many reasons. Fred received and read to us the thank-you letter of Rachel Mattson, who received a Kiwanis scholarship in 2014. Fred was pleased to attend the wedding of his granddaughter in the Outer Banks but feels it is great to be back home. John Dahl is also happy to be back home, after he and Claire enjoyed 8 days in Paris and on a Viking river cruise. John was especially moved by their visit to Normandy. John announced that he will be having toe and foot surgery this week. He will be wearing a boot—something like a ski boot even though he has never skied—and will be unable to drive, so Claire will be chauffeuring John as he keeps up with his busy schedule. Dale Leslie was pleased to see Toni Jarvis and honored her with his happy dollar for her many years of service as a volunteer in the Kiwanis Women's Department and for her musical entertainment on the accordion over many years at German Park picnics. Toni received a standing ovation from our members!

Stuff You Should Know…

Interclubs: Dale Leslie reported the special interclub held at Western on August 11 to honor Air Force Lt. Col. Russell K. Woinowsk, affectionately known in local Kiwanis circles as just “the Colonel,” on his 100th birthday. There were 14 members of our club in attendance.

Hospitality News: Pat Buhrer informed us that Bill Schwab, Saline Kiwanian previously of Manchester Kiwanis, passed away on August 12. Bill's spouse, Dianne Schwab is a former Lt Gov for Division 10, and both Bill and Dianne have visited our club often. Jeff Lawther is at St Joe's Hospital undergoing cancer treatment. Joe is the spouse of Linda Lawther, Gov-Elect of the Michigan District of Kiwanis and member of the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club.

Don McEwen is doing well and looking forward to joining us at upcoming Monday lunch- eons. John McKeown continues to recover from back surgery and is in rehab at the Re- dies Center in Saline.

Social Activities: George Gilligan is coordinating the annual Kiwanis golf outing. The outing will be at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea on Thursday, September 17, with a shotgun start at 9am. A continental breakfast will precede golf, and lunch and dinner are included. Cost is $75 per golfer, and George is now accepting sign-ups (either foursomes or individual golfers, whom George will organize into foursomes). Volunteers are also needed to help run the outing. See George for more details.

Attendance Today: 69

Last Week’s Sale Revenue:

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Proposed Dues Increase...
Last Monday Pres-Elect Betsy announced the decision of our board to recommend a club dues increase to $180 per year from the current dues of $150. At this Monday’s luncheon, Pres John said the recommended dues increase is primarily the result of two factors: a $10 increase in the annual per member assessment by Kiwanis International, and the club’s recurring annual operating deficit. John said that our club currently has a $49,000 cash reserve. The cash reserve has cushioned the annual operating deficit for several years, but the board recommends a dues increase for fiscal year 2015-16.
Changing dues requires an amendment to the club bylaws, which is done by vote of the membership after two weeks notice. The membership vote on the proposed dues increase will occur on Monday, August 31.

More from Today’s Program...

Toni Jarvis, mother of Wally, Mark and John played the keyboard with an accordion sound. Toni was a long-time volunteer in the Kiwanis Thrift Sale Women’s Department. She served from about the time the sale moved from the Armory up until six years ago.

Kiwanians were serenaded by the Jarvis Family: John, on the hammered dulcimer; Mark, on the tuba; mother Toni, on the keyboard; and John, on the guitar.

Opportunities to Serve
Pres-Elect Betsy reminds all Kiwanians to fill out and return the “Opportunities to Serve” questionnaire either to Betsy or to Kathie Wilder. Completed questionnaires may be returned in person or by email.

Our Sponsored Programs in Service to Youth:

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

$100,000 Goal Achieved!

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