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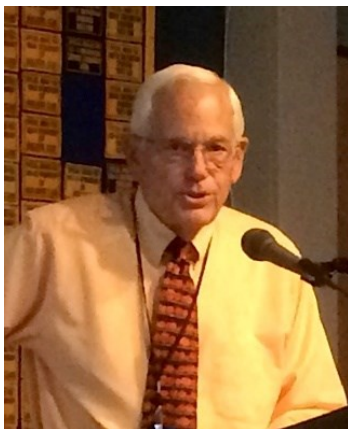
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## Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

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### Today's Program...



*Bill Hallock*

**Bill Hallock**, a long-time club advisor to the Aktion Club, introduced today's program and described Aktion Club's history. Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) teacher and Aktion Club Advisor, Diane Hughes, presented an overview of WISD Aktion Club activities. Bill introduced two Aktion Club members in attendance at the meeting, Ravine and Shallon. Ravine played the piano as we sang *America* at the beginning of our meeting.



*Diane Hughes*

The Aktion Club concept got its start in Florida in 1987 when Kiwanis Governor George Swartout organized the first Aktion Club for adults living with a disability. Aktion Clubs became an official Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International in October 2000. In 2007 our own Don Kern led the founding of the WISD chapter with ten charter members. Today, the WISD club has 30 members and world-wide there are over 500 Aktion clubs with more than 11,000 members.

WISD Aktion Club members are drawn primarily from WISD classrooms where students range from 18-26 years of age. However, older individuals are allowed to remain in the club even after graduation from WISD. Membership is voluntary and the club meets at the Kiwanis Activities Center at 10am on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Leadership development, service projects, and fundraising activities are key parts of Aktion Club. Shopping days at the Thrift Sale, Salvation Army bell ringing, making blankets for Mott Hospital, and the Bowling for Dollars fundraiser were particularly popular activities. Aktion Club members work with Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Kiwanians and U-M Circle K members on many of their projects. The Aktion Club motto—*Where Development has No Disability*—was evident at today's meeting. Go [here](#) for more information on Aktion Club.

### Next Week's Program...

- **Monday, 10/20/2014:** *Honorary Member Installation*, President: **Jane Talcott**

### Upcoming Programs...

- November 3 - *Let's Exercise Our Greatest Freedom*, John Hansen, former Superintendent of Dexter Schools and a past elected Michigan State Representative. Introduced by: **Al Gallup**
- November 10 - *Past U-M President Foibles & Other Interesting Tidbits*, Wystan Stevens, noted local historian (Michigan Alumnus). Introduced by: **Cliff Sheldon**
- November 17 - *Hall of Honor Induction*, President: **Bob Carr**

### Meetings...

- Eliminate Task Force, after next week's meeting.

**ASSIGNMENTS  
for the  
COMING  
WEEK:**

<b>Officer of Day</b>	Clar Dukes
<b>Dockers</b>	We need Dockers
<b>Warehouse</b>	S. Springer, N. Dever, G. Beeman, J. Schenk, A. Engerer
<b>Sorters</b>	Alan Burg
<b>Hardware</b>	Fred Miller, Doug Hanton, Dave Hughes
<b>Furniture</b>	Bryce Babcock, Cliff Sheldon, Jim Kane
<b>Shoes &amp; Sports</b>	Al Gallup and John Kidle
<b>Men's Clothing</b>	Don Clewell and Dick Smit
<b>Electronics</b>	Bill Robb and the Polkaholix
<b>Lamps</b>	Dennis Powers and the Polka Kings
<b>Antiques</b>	Pat Materka
<b>Beds &amp; Toys</b>	Gretchen Preston and Ken Shaw
<b>Office &amp; Medical</b>	Jim Mattson and the Polka Dots
<b>Vouchers</b>	E. Webb, S. Lamkin, G. Preston, and D. Clewell
<b>Invocation</b>	Doug Zieseemer
<b>Greeters</b>	D. Leslie, K. Barden-Perlberg, A. Mattson, C. Archer
<b>Hospitality</b>	Dale Leslie
<b>Cashier</b>	Martha Petroski
<b>Attendance</b>	D. Jones (Primary), D. Smit and J. Robinson (Backup)

*The  
Christmas  
Sale is  
December  
5th and  
6th!*



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The Early Days

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The Family Learning Institute "bookmobile" purchased with a grant from our club in 2014.

**Guests at our Club...** William Hampton introduced today's guests: Jodie Perry-James, Ravine, and Shallon all of WISD Aktion Club; Alexa Wutt and Jonathan Pevarnek of Circle K; Patricia Manley and Norma McCuiston, guests of **William Hampton**; and Jeff Lawther of Ypsilanti Kiwanis. Welcome all!

**Announcements...**

- **President John Goff** announced receipt of a \$100 donation from David Cohen, his partner at the Kiwanis golf outing.
- **President John** also reported that after many years of coordinating the Christmas Sale, **Ken Shaw** needs some relief. Please contact Ken if you would be willing to co-chair or assist with this year's sale.
- **Hair Donation Fundraiser** - No, not your hair. Like Zac Gizicki last year, Alexa Wutt of U-M Circle K announced she will be donating her hair on Circle K Service Day to raise donations for the Eliminate Project. She will be accepting donations at our meetings or via a PayPal link [here](#).
- **Thomas Oliver Holiday Greeting Program** - Jeff Lawther, Division 10 Trustee of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, was present to sign people up for holiday greetings to be published in the December/January issue of the *Michigan Builder*. You can find the order form on page 13 in the October/November issue of *Michigan Builder* [here](#), or on the front table at our club. Act soon, the deadline is November 5.
- **Notice to Committee Chairs** - Do you have committee news, announcements, or photos to share with club members and volunteers? The club newsletter is a tool available for your use. Give your news to the weekly editor at the regular Monday meeting or email it to **John Kidle** at [jkidle@gmail.com](mailto:jkidle@gmail.com).

## Fines and Happy Dollars...

### Fines:

**Dan Dever** proposed a fine on **President John Goff** for talking about fines as a budget issue but not actually imposing and collecting any fines—resoundingly passed. **Dale Leslie** through **Past President Kathy Barden-Perlberg** moved that anyone who hadn't heard (or was it had heard?) the MSU Marching Band play be fined—passed. **Nick Dever** then proposed that anyone, or anyone with a family member, who had been an MSU Marching member be fined—passed.

### Happy Dollars:

**John Bassett** had ten happy dollars for the people that helped prepare the Membership Digest (**Chris Winkler, Sharon Keyes, and Bob Gray**) and for the advertisers and sponsors. **Peter Schork** was happy to see Diane Hughes as today's speaker, happy to second **Ken Shaw's** call for a co-chair to help coordinate the Christmas Sale, and happy to recognize **Jim Wolfington's** outstanding work in support of the Thrift Sale. Alexa Wutt of Circle K was pleased to inform us of the opportunity to donate toward her Circle K Service Day fundraiser—her hair will go to raise money for Eliminate! Jeff Lawther of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation happily advised us of the Thomas Oliver Holiday Greeting Program. **Ann Mattson** was happy for Circle K's help at the sale and for the work of the Personnel Committee in devising and implementing child-protection guidelines for our club. **Jim Kane** was happy to have helped at last week's Mott Dinner and for **Jim Carey's** efforts in coordinating the event. **Claire Dahl** was \$100 happy to be sitting with her hubby ♥ at lunch again, and for his 100% effort on behalf of the club during his tenure as president. **John Goff** enjoyed his trip to Lynchburg, VA to see family. **Clar Dukes** was happy to remember being taken on as a U-M game usher by **Bud Stein** 31 years ago. **Lloyd Kitchens** and all in attendance were delighted that Lloyd was reported cancer-free as of last week's CT scan.

## Stuff You Should Know...

### Social Events:

**Martha Petroski** reports tickets are still available for this Friday's Purple Rose Theater outing. Contact her ASAP if interested in attending.

### Interclubs:

**Dave Drake** says there will be an interclub at Ypsilanti this Wednesday (10/22) with a good lunch and good speaker—**Jane Talcott!** Our super-interclub at Ann Arbor Western is coming up on October 28.

### Next Week's Menu:

Italian Sausage, Sautéed Peppers and Onions, Greek Bowtie Pasta Salad, Sugar Cookies.

### Attendance Today: 76

### Last Week's Sale Revenue

**KAC:** \$8,290  
**Warehouse:** \$3,715  
**Total Sale:** \$12,005  
**Vouchers:** \$1,363 to nine families  
**Today's Fines:** \$18.24  
**Today's Happy Dollars:** \$126



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

# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Donations 9am- Noon	3	4 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
5	6 Joan Fitzgibbon Menu: Meatballs w/Spaghetti Noodles	7 Board Meeting 6:30pm	8	9 Donations 9am- Noon	10	11 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
12	13 Ashley White-Yoshiza Menu: Grilled Sandwiches	14	15	16 Donations 9am-Noon	17	18 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
19	20 Diane Hughes Menu: Barbecue Chicken	21	22 Interclub at Ypsilanti	23 Donations 9am-Noon	24 Purple Rose Theater Outing	25 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
26	27 Honorary Member Inst. Menu: Italian Sausage	28 AA Western Super Interclub	29	30 Donations 9am-Noon	31	

# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
2	3 John Hanson Menu: Meatloaf	4 Board Meeting 6:30pm	5	6 Donations 9am- Noon	7	8 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
9	10 Wystan Stevens Menu: Deli Sandwiches	11	12	13 Donations 9am-Noon	14	15 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
16	17 Hall of Honor Menu: Chicken Parmesan	18	19	20 Donations 9am-Noon	21	22 Sale: KAC 9-12 Warehouse 10-1
23	24 Hall of Honor II Menu: Pulled Pork	25	26	27 Dock Closed Thanksgiving	28	29 No Sale Open for Donations 'til 12
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## 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



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**Hospitality Information... Dale Leslie** shared this news:

- **Fred King** was hospitalized Thursday and is awaiting installation of a pacemaker. **Bob Carr** is monitoring his progress.
- **Bob Gray** is recuperating from hip surgery at home. Susan says he is doing well walking around the house getting in her way. He should be back next Monday.
- **Pat** and Arno **Buhrer** went to Switzerland to visit their son and daughter.
- A visit to see **Lee** and Mary **Bachman** found them in conversational spirits. They appreciate visitors but please call 734-434-2045 to arrange your visit ahead of time.
- **Letitia Byrd** remains at Glacier Hills Retirement Community. She enjoys company but please leave a message at 734-761-1746 so a family member can arrange your visit.
- Former honorary member **Walter Metzger** passed away on October 17.
- **Max Ziegler** had successful knee surgery and is home resting.
- You may remember when AAPS music educator **Dan Long** was an honorary member. His wife Kay has been under treatment for a serious illness and expected to hear the results of therapy this week. The Long's address is 1524 Warwick Court, AA 48103.
- Former member **Jim King's** daughter, Victoria Heinecke , recently shared the following note about her late father:



Jim King

*I was in Michigan from April through September with my brother Chris, helping Dad move to assisted living. Dad's health had been rapidly declining because of lung issues in the past month, and he passed away on August 31. Chris and his wife were with him when he passed—he was not alone and he was not in pain. I was unable to notify all of his many friends prior to the funeral, and wanted to let you know it was held on September 6 in Indiana. His final resting place is beside our mother, Joanna, in Indiana. There is a memorial page for Dad at <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=James-King&lc=4117&pid=172334104&mid=6105317>.*

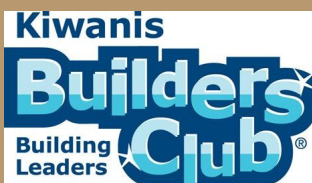
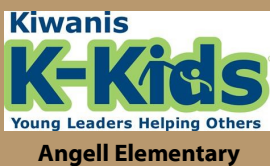
**A Bit of Our History...** (Thanks to Dale Leslie)



It was a Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor tradition as the late **Ernie Laetz** cordially greeted the Kiwanis Thrift Day shoppers at the front door of the Kiwanis Activities Center (KAC) adorned in a stately tux and a large sombrero. Quite a combination! He was a top salesman too! The club proudly shows the Laetz sombrero in a special clear display case in its meeting room at the KAC.

Ernie was a very active 46-year-member of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor (1953-1999), a Kiwanis Legend of Honor recipient and logged several consecutive terms as a Trustee representing the club and Division 10 on the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, which, in part, funds the Community Life program at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Adelaide (Addy) Laetz, Ernie's widow, continues the family legacy in 2014 as a volunteer at the Kiwanis Thrift Sale.

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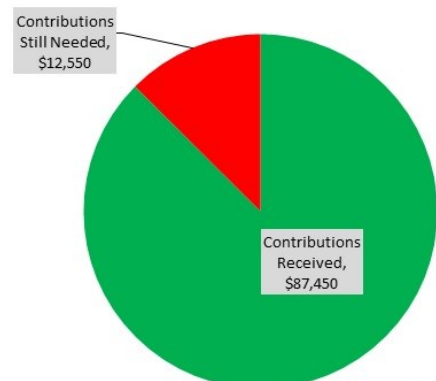


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Data as of September 28, 2014

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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  
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