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### Today's Program...

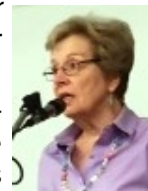
#### Groundcover News

**Past President Ann Mattson** introduced Susan Beckett, founder of *Groundcover News*, and Kevin Spangler, a former *Groundcover News* vendor who is the founder and co-owner of Boober Tours.



**Susan Beckett**

Susan is a former computer programmer and long term substitute teacher whose passion is to eliminate hunger and the worst aspects of poverty. While visiting Seattle several years ago, she learned about Seattle's street newspaper and how its vendors learn skills to enable them to lift themselves out of poverty. She brought the idea back to Ann Arbor and with the support of others in the community founded *Groundcover News* in 2010. Groundcover 'vendors' are generally economically marginalized. Most have dealt with homelessness, incarceration, addiction, or abuse but are motivated to do better. Vendors purchase newspapers for fifty cents a copy and sell them in the community for \$2. They cannot ask for more than \$2 but often people pay more or give tips. Vendors meet as a group for weekly social events. They learn how to behave in groups, how to deal with stress, how to sell the newspapers and ads, and how to write publishable articles. They also learn computer and financial skills. Vendors are encouraged to seek other employment opportunities and to save their earnings to acquire better housing. Susan says that some people are able to climb out of poverty more quickly than others.



**Ann Mattson**

Kevin Spangler is one of the fast climbers. He was *Groundcover* vendor number 370. When he was in jail the last time in 2015, he learned he was about to become a father. He decided he needed to turn his life around so he could support his baby. He set a goal of living at the Delonis Center for 90 days after his release from jail, selling *Groundcover* and saving his money to buy a pedicab so he could start his own business. He said the skills he learned while selling *Groundcover* helped him set up his pedicab business. He learned how to interact positively with people, how to sell himself and his product, how to advertise and market his product, and how to manage his personal and business finances. He has gone from living at the shelter to a rented room to a one bedroom apartment. *Today's Program is continued on page 5.*



**Kevin Spangler**

### Next Week's Program...

**June 19**—*The Women's Center*. Speaker: Alice Liao, Communications Coordinator. Introduction by: John Kidle.

### Upcoming Programs...

- **June 26**—*Ann Arbor YMCA*. Speaker: Taylor Tinkham. Introduction by: **Ray Argyle**.
- **July 3**—*July 4th Significance*. Speaker: John Kinzinger. Introduction by: **Dale Leslie**.
- **July 10**—*UM-Center for the Education of Women*. Speakers: Tiffany Marra, Ph.D. and Kirsten Elling, Ph.D. Introduction by: **Gary Elling**.

### Meetings...

- After June 19 meeting: Member Recognition Committee.



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**ASSIGNMENTS for the COMING WEEK:**

<b>Officer of Day KCD</b>	<b>Jim Blomquist</b>
<b>Antiques</b>	<b>Alexis Ford and Circle K</b>
<b>Bikes/Grdn/Luggage</b>	<b>Dave Bell</b>
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<b>Lamps</b>	<b>Dennis Powers</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>Bill Robb and Ray Argyle</b>
<b>KCW Cashiers &amp; Sales</b>	<b>Friday—R. Argyle, N. Dever, L. French, G. Gilligan, B. Gray (OD), E. Lavin, B. Roberts, J. Schenk, S. Springer, E. Webb Saturday—B. Babcock, G. Beeman (OD), N. Dever, L. Dittmar, B. Gray, E. LeRoy, F. Miller, B. Roberts, J. Schenk, E. Webb</b>
<b>KCW Sorting &amp; Pricing</b>	<b>Tuesday—Bob Gray Wednesday—J. Clear, G. Gilligan, B. Gray, P. H-Duynslager, M. Harback, B. Harper, M. Stewart Thursday—P. Caufield, J. Ford, B. Gray, B. Harper, K. Rickelmann, M. Stewart Friday—J. Bloom, M. D'Angelo, P. Dittmar, G. Gilligan, P. H-Duynslager, G. Kavanagh, S. Keyes, M. MacDonald, G. &amp; R. Maten, J. McNish, L. Menghini, S. Rabadoux, M. Stewart Saturday—E. Aiken, M. D'Angelo, L. Donahue, B. Finch, P. Nunez, A. Price, K. Rickelmann, M. Robb, C. Schaitkin, M. Stewart</b>
<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>Ellen Webb, Alan Burg, Matt Chaiken, Jack Ford, Ken Hillenburg, Greg Meisner, Gretchen Preston, Max Ziegler</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Doug Ziesemer</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Rose Marie Barhydt, Bill Hallock, Evan LeRoy, John Schenk (A)</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Pat Buhrer</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Ann Mattson</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Sharon Keyes</b>

**Guests at Our Club...**

There were no guests today.

**Hospitality...**

**Pat Buhrer** reported that Norma Nichols, widow of Past President Bob Nichols, has moved to assisted living at Storypoint, 6230 S. State St., Apt. 154, Saline, MI, 48176. She welcomes visitors and calls (after 11am, 734-353-5858). **Dale Leslie** reported that there will be a Celebration of Life Ceremony for Ruth Segurra, widow of Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis member Paul Brazda, on Wednesday, July 5, at 3pm at Muehlig Funeral Home.

**Announcements...**

- June Board Meeting: The Kiwanis Board will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 pm at KCW. Please get agenda items to **Secretary Kathie Wilder** by Thurs., June 15. Let **Kathy Barden Perlberg** know asap if you would like to join the group that will be dining at Metzger's before the Board meeting.
- Updated Work Assignments: **Jim Wolfington** requests that Department Heads provide him with updated lists of workers.
- Interclubs: **Dave Drake** reported that six members attended the Saline Interclub last week where they had an enjoyable time and learned the secrets of living well to age 100. The only tidbit he shared is that of those who do live to 100, 30% have good genes, 20% are just plain lucky, and 50% have a healthy life style.
- Vouchers: **Ellen Webb** continues to seek new recruits for the Voucher Program on Thursday mornings at 9:30 at KCW. It's easy and rewarding. Ellen will gladly show you the ropes. She needs one additional volunteer for June 15 and June 22.

~Announcements Continue on Page 5~

### Fines...

A fine on **President-Elect Gretchen** proposed by **Dale Leslie** failed for lack of a second. **Nick Dever** proposed a fine on **Bill Robb** with the requirement that Dale pay the fine for Bill. It passed. **Dan Dever** proposed a fine on all members who did not purchase a shirt from the Men's Department during its special sale. It passed and just about everyone paid up.

### Happy Dollars...

**President-Elect Gretchen** is happy for this gorgeous day. **Bill Robb** said he really can play America on the piano faster and is looking forward to an encore performance. We miss you Lynne! **Bob Carr** is happy to report that hits on [kiwanissale.com](http://kiwanissale.com) jumped from 700 to over 900 this past week. **Dale Leslie** is eagerly awaiting a visit from his grandkids and their parents. **Jane Talcott** thanked the Club again for donating 35 sleeping bags to Washtenaw Camp Placement campers. She said 49 kids are off to 6 different camps this week. Jane is also a big supporter of *Groundcover News*.

**Chris Winkler** celebrated his 49th wedding anniversary alone with leftovers. When Noel returned to town, they had a grilled feast. Better late than never. **Evan LeRoy's** daughter Lucy turned five recently and enjoyed a day of bounce houses and water play. **Fred Sanchez** gave **Kathy Barden Perlberg** a great recipe for Margaritas for the Past President's Picnic. Kathy encourages all members to join the fun at the evening work sessions at KCW. **Deb Jones** bought a patio set at KCW for \$100. Unfortunately she still needs an umbrella which is going to cost way more than the whole rest of the patio set. **Joe Medrano** was happy that it eventually stopped raining when he visited a giant replica of Noah's Ark in Kentucky last week.

**William Hampton** was happy to let us know that **Mary Stewart's** birthday is June 29 and apologized for us not including her in our June birthday greetings last week. William also really enjoyed **Claire Dahl's** Rosie the Riveter talk and he invited everyone to attend the NAACP's Juneteenth Freedom Celebration on June 17 at Wheeler Park. **Dick Smit** happily reported reuniting a disabled shopper with his cane at Saturday's Sale. **Greg Meisner** is happy that wife Gretchen is happy because when Gretchen is happy, he is happy.

### Upcoming Dates of Interest...

- 6/16 – On Friday, June 16, SPARK is hosting a Tech Talk at the Michigan Theater from 11am to 1pm. Ten leading local innovators will each have seven minutes to talk about their inventions, what they see happening in the world of tech, and what they foresee for the future.
- 6/16 – **Mary Stewart** and **Marianne D'Angelo** invite fellow Kiwanians to join them at 6:30pm on Friday, June 16, at Monument Park in Dexter to enjoy music by the Dexter Community Orchestra. The outdoor concert is part of the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Music Series.
- 6/17 – **William Hampton** announced that the Ann Arbor NAACP's Juneteenth Freedom Celebration is Saturday, June 17, from noon to 6pm at Wheeler Park, 4th Ave and Summit St, in Ann Arbor. Everyone is welcome!
- 6/21 – **Mary Stewart** is signing up volunteers to help with the next KCW work session Wednesday, June 21 from 6-8pm.
- 6/29 – **Jerry Brown** announced that the Past Presidents' Picnic is Thursday, June 29, at **Sheridan Springer's** home starting at 3:30pm. Past Presidents please RSVP to **Kathy Barden Perlberg** and please pay your dues to Jerry Brown.
- 7/29 – On Friday July 29 join a congenial group of Kiwanians and friends for a bus trip to Comerica Park for \$70 per person. Included are transportation, a great Tigers game ticket, a delicious sandwich and fireworks. For reservations, contact **Fred Sanchez**.
- 9/14 – The Kiwanis golf outing is September 14 at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea. \$80 per golfer. Contact **George Gilligan** for more info.



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# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 KCD Donations 9am-Noon <i>KYP Meeting 6pm</i>	2 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	3 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
4	5 <i>AA Art Fair</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon <i>Club Election</i>	6	7	8 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	9 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	10 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
11	12 <i>Groundcover</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	16 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	17 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 <i>Women's Center</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	20 <i>Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW</i>	21	22 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	23 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	24 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
25	26 <i>AA YMCA</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	27	28	29 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	30 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>KCD Closed, Dock Open KCW Closed</i>
2	3 <i>July 4th</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 KCD Donations 9am-Noon	7 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	8 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
9	10 <i>UM - CEW</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	11	12	13 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	14 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	15 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
16	17 <i>Wash. Camp</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon	18 <i>Board Meeting 6:30pm at KCW</i>	19	20 KCD Dona- tions 9am-Noon	21 Sale & Dona- tions: KCW 9-1	22 Sale & Dona- tions: KCD 9-12 KCW 9-1
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30	31 <i>Flippin'</i> KCD Donations 9am-Noon					



## This Week's Numbers

**Attendance:**

58

**Fines:**

\$16.04

**Happy \$:**

\$47

**Mott Pot:**

\$0

**Vouchers:**

\$1,144

5 Families

\$49,023 YTD

269 Families YTD

**Thrift Sale:**

**KCD:**

\$4,507

**KCW:**

\$5,280

**Other:**

\$0

**TOTAL:**

\$9,787

\$416,890 YTD



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### Today's Program Continued...

His pedicab business is also doing well. A year ago he had one pedicab that he parked outside under a tarp. Now he has eight pedicabs and a 1,600 square foot indoor storage facility. He hires people like himself who have had to deal with a lot of challenges and may not be able to get driver's licenses. He teaches them how to increase their business by showing positivity. Since pedicab drivers are paid by donations only and because they get to keep a portion of the donations they receive each shift, it makes sense for them to show a positive attitude. The more positive they are, the better the pedicab experience is for their customers. The better the experience, the bigger the donation. Kevin said most people donate about \$5 to \$20 depending on the distance covered and the nature of the ride. Happy drivers yield happy riders.

Kevin's business, Boober Tours, gives campus, downtown, city and river area tours during the daytime. At night, people reserve or flag down pedicabs to take them to and from restaurants and bars. Kevin likes the idea that he is helping his riders avoid drunk driving charges and that he is helping his fellow drivers achieve success and independence. He is a goal setter who reviews his goals every day. His business is expanding into the Saline, Ypsilanti, and Plymouth areas. He sees no limits to what he can accomplish and credits *Groundcover*, his aunt's prayers, and his positive attitude with helping him attain his goals. To arrange for a ride or a tour call 734-686-2087.

### Announcements Continued...

- Summer Camperships: If you are able, please contribute to a campership for a needy child. Your \$250 contribution will be matched by a \$250 grant from the Cross Foundation to provide what could be a life changing experience for a child in our community. Forms are on the lunch tables or contact **Jane Talcott** or **Harry Cross**.
- Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Raffle: **Larry French** announced that he soon will be selling raffle tickets for a cruise of your choice with air fare to raise funds for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. Ticket prices: one for \$10, six for \$50, and 13 for \$100. Drawing September 6 at the District Convention. Cash in lieu of cruise: \$3,000.
- Kiwanis Music Scholarships: **Dan Burroughs** reported that the Children and Youth Services Committee has awarded \$500 scholarships to six middle schoolers to attend music camps this summer. Two will attend Blue Lake Camp, two will attend Wolverine Music Camp, and two will attend camp at the Ann Arbor Music Center.
- The Ad That Wasn't: **Larry French** announced that the advertisement that was to be placed in the program booklet for the BIAMI dinner honoring Mike Dabbs was mistakenly left out of the booklet. If you contributed to the ad and wish to have your contribution refunded, let Larry know.

- Facilities Coordinator: Tanya Salamin started as our new Facilities Coordinator on June 5. Welcome, Tanya.



**Tanya Salamin**

### Returning Speaker Opportunity

Frank Castria from the US Immigration Service in Detroit spoke to our group in May regarding immigration issues. There were many questions and we ran out of time to cover them all. Mr. Castria will return on October 2 focusing his presentation on our questions and concerns. If you have a question or topic you would like addressed, forward it to **Deb Jones** at [debjones@boaa.com](mailto:debjones@boaa.com).

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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
    - c) The President-Elect will update all Committees' purpose statements by June, 2017.
    - d) Ask the By-Laws Committee to Update our Club Manual of Administrative Policies & Procedures by August, 2017.
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