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NOTICE

Pursuant to [Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive order](#) Kiwanis is suspending members, volunteers, and staff from any activities at the Kiwanis Center until May 15, 2020 or later if necessary. We are also suspending taking any donations at this time.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

Our next meeting is at Noon on Monday, May 11 via Zoom. As was the case this week, a meeting link will be sent to members ahead of time.



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To begin our meeting **Claire Dahl** played 'America', which we all sang at home and **Dan Dever** gave the beginning Blessing. Today's club meeting, starting with our speaker's presentation, was recorded. Use this link if you would like to see it again:

<https://youtu.be/Sq7a7tuNXAg>

TODAY'S PROGRAM... Audubon's Birds of America



Juli McLoone

Evan LeRoy introduced today's guest speaker Juli McLoone. Juli is one of the curators in the Special Collections Research Center at the University of Michigan. As such she promotes access to post-1700 print materials in a variety of subject areas, as well as archival collections in the areas of children's literature, theatre history, and poetry. She develops Special Collections holdings in all of these areas by working with the antiquarian book trade and with donors of books and archival materials. She also helps students and researchers discover and navigate the collection through reference services, instruction sessions, exhibitions, and social media.

Juli focused her talk on John James Audubon. The portrait below was done by a Scottish painter showing the romantic notion of the American Frontiersman. Juli said that this accurately portrays John James Audubon as an adventurer and teller of tall tales.

The U of M Special Collections Center is fortunate to own a copy of John James Audubon's masterpiece, *The Birds of America*. Audubon was born 1785 in Santo Domingo which is now Haiti. He was the son of French sea captain, planter, and slave trader, Jean Audubon, and Jeanne Rabine, a chambermaid. His mother died shortly after he was born. His father took young James to his native France just before the French revolution. In 1803 he moved to family property in Pennsylvania, partly to avoid conscription in the Napoleon's army. There he met and married Lucy Bakewell who was the daughter of a neighboring property owner. In his younger years, while living in France, he had spent a great deal of time wandering the fields and forests developing a passion for birds. After his business failed during the 1819 financial crisis, he took the opportunity to pursue his lifelong passion studying, sketching, and drawing birds.



John James Audubon. 1826. Oil painting by John Syme. The White House Historical Association.

He embarked on a trip down the Mississippi River taking his guns and his paint box. He shot many of his bird subjects so that he could pose and draw them. During this time his wife, Lucy, taught as a governess to support the family, which by that time included two young sons. In 1826 he traveled to England to find a publisher for *The Birds of America*, his attempts to find an American publisher having been unsuccessful. This was partially due to the technical difficulty of printing the book, and partially due to the financial risk involved. In Scotland he found a publisher who was willing to do it on condition that Audubon found enough subscribers who promised to buy the printed works.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...*Audubon's Birds of America*

On his return to America he traveled to Missouri where he saw Bison and other mammals. This gave him material for his book on quadrupeds. In 1841 he purchased an estate on the Hudson River where he lived until his death in 1851. Toward the end of his life he suffered a great many health problems which may have included having a stroke and possibly Alzheimer's disease. While he was not able to leave his family in good financial condition, he did leave us with an incredible wealth of wildlife paintings that have educated and enchanted people for generations.

Part of what makes Audubon's bird paintings so special was their sheer size. Most of his paintings were painted on double elephant folio paper that is almost 40 inches tall. He did that because he wanted to show the birds in their full size. His paintings are especially noted for their lifelike poses and background detail. At the time that Audubon did these drawings this was revolutionary and incredibly rare. Audubon used watercolors, pastels, crayons, and chalk over certain areas to achieve the effect that he wanted. Sometimes he used a glaze to achieve a sheen such as appeared on the back of a mallard. Audubon hired many other artists to help him with these drawings by filling in the backgrounds. The process of transferring/translating these paintings to print was extremely complex. They were reproduced for publication through etching, engraving, and aquatint. After that, each page was hand colored—an extremely labor-intensive process. Altogether there were 435 plates. There were 175 sets of these plated over ten years. 457 bird species were included and images of over 1,000 birds were portrayed.

The U of M Hatcher Library did not subscribe for an original set of plates but was able to assemble a complete set. On February 5, 1838, the Regents of the new, tiny University of Michigan voted to purchase a set of prints and it became the first book in U of M's library. This book was a working copy, not carefully conserved at the time, and is not in pristine condition. It is now carefully conserved and is on display, under glass cover. Each week a page is turned for viewing by library visitors.

The U of M also owns a copy of Audubon's *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*. This book is jointly owned by the Hatcher Library and the Clements Library. Those interested in additional Audubon research can follow this link: <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/s/saudubon>. Follow this link for information on other digital offerings of the Hathi Trust Digital Library: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

Arno Buhrer, guest of **Patricia Buhrer**. Elissa Benedek, guest of **Dick Benedek**. Welcome!

HOSPITALITY...

Kathy Barden reported that she had spoken with **Deb Jones** who is feeling better and is hoping that her blood protein improves as that is what is holding her back. Kathy reported that Deb sounded positive. Deb said that it is a Godsend that her husband is there helping her out as she just doesn't have any energy. Kathy asked us to keep her in our prayers.

Harry Cross called **Garry Donner** this morning to see how his hip surgery is coming along. That surgery had been scheduled for March 31st and was postponed because of the virus. The surgery is now tentatively scheduled for mid-June. Garry does not have an exact date, but he would like to have it done as soon as possible.

The Hospitality Chair for May is **Jane Talcott**.



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Wolverine. (v. 1, no.
6, plate 26). *The
Viviparous
Quadrupeds of North
America*, by John
James Audubon.
1845-1848. The
Clements Library and
The University of
Michigan Library.

Wolverine plate from *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS...

William Hampton, reporting on this year's election, noted that we are in the midst of the Corona Virus pandemic which has brought about many changes and this year's election will be different from elections that we have had in the past. The Nominating Committee is pleased to bring forward an exceptional slate of candidates which will be voted on next week at the May 11 meeting. The Nominating Committee met on April 27 to clarify procedures to have the best possible process to ensure fairness and inclusion in the plan for this election. They used the election guidance for COVID-19 from Kiwanis International as a guide. See the Nominating Committee's motion on page 4.

This was the last meeting before our election and the last opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor. **President Dan** asked for nominations, hearing none **Nick Dever** moved that nominations be closed. That motion was seconded by **John Dahl**. The motion was voted on using Zoom and was announced as passed by President Dan by a 50 to 0 margin. William told us that it is not necessary to have a quorum to conduct an election. He said that we would need at least a third of our total membership which would be about 45 club members. Phone-in votes will be accepted only from those who have not learned how to vote through the Zoom process. You must be present at the May 11, 2020 meeting via Zoom or telephone to vote. The results of the election will be announced at the end of next week's meeting. The Nominating Committee's report and 2020 slate follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 SLATE

Committee members: Kathy Barden, Jerry Brown, Bob Carr, Rick Goff, Dale Leslie, Lynne Lande, Charlie Phibbs, Peter Schork, Cliff Sheldon & Ellen Webb

William V. Hampton
Chair

Board Officer Immediate Past-President: Dana A. Dever

Board Officer President: Margaret Krasnoff

Board Officer President-Elect: Ellen Webb

-Note: Immediate Past-President, President and President-Elect serve on both of the two Boards; the Foundation Board and Club Board

Board Officer Foundation Treasurer: Greg Meisner

Board Officer Club Treasurer: Evan LeRoy

-Note: These two Treasurer positions, as identified, serve on either the Foundation Board or the Club Board, not both.

Two Board of Directors candidates

-Note: Each of the six Board Directors (current and to be elected) serves on both of the two Boards, the Foundation Board and the Club Board.

Two Board Directors, three-year terms each (2020-2023) Candidates: Francine Bomar, Steve Hiller, Laura Koch and Carol Presley

Note: The process to identify additional members to fill the two Board office positions of Foundation Secretary and Club Secretary, along with, the possible support positions of Assistant Secretary and two Assistant Treasurers are not part of the Nominating Committee's assigned responsibilities or the general membership election process. Margaret Krasnoff as our current President-Elect is tasked with talking with current and future persons to fill these positions as per bylaws and policy manuals.

The Nominating Committee, as per bylaws and policy, will announce to the general membership the list of candidates and the date of the election at the two regular scheduled meetings of April 27th and May 4th. **The election will take place during our annual meeting of May 11th.**



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MOTION FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020

A Video Conference was held via Zoom on April 27, 2020 after the regular Monday Lunch Meeting, also held on Zoom, was over. Attending were the following members of the Nominating Committee: **William Hampton, Chr., Kathy Barden, Jerry Brown, Bob Carr, Lynne Lande, Dale Leslie, Peter Schork, Cliff Sheldon, Ellen Webb.** Absent were **Rick Goff** and **Charlie Phibbs**. Guests were: **Alan Burg, Ken Hillenburg, Susan Smith and Kathie Wilder.**

Those present discussed the upcoming elections in view of the restrictions placed on holding meetings because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. It has been proposed to hold them on May 11, 2020, taking advantage of Zoom technology. There will be no nominations from the "floor", any such nominations having been solicited at the Monday, April 27 and Monday May 4 meetings. **Ken Hillenburg** summarized how such an election would be conducted. Others talked about requirements of our Bylaws. The motion below attempts to document the Committee's summary of how the election would take place.

MOTION: The Nominating Committee for both the Kiwanis Club and Foundation will hold elections for next year's officers and board members on May 11, 2020 at the regularly scheduled Monday Lunch Meeting. Attendance will be taken during the first 15 minutes of the meeting to verify a quorum is present. **The election will take place from 12:15 pm to 12:45pm.** During this time, Members in good standing who have signed into the meeting on Zoom may cast their vote using the abbreviated slate created on Zoom and the Zoom technology for recording such vote. **Any such Member in good standing who is unable to cast a ballot on Zoom, may vote by telephoning his/her choices to Bob Gray at 734-407-4977.** The phone call will be witnessed by **Susan Smith**, the current Foundation Secretary, who will write down each Member's vote on a paper ballot. At the end of the voting period—12:45pm—Susan will summarize all votes received and phone the summary to **Ken Hillenburg**, who will add them into the rest of the votes cast on Zoom technology.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan M. Smith
 Foundation Secretary
 April 27, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- InterClub News—**Charlie Phibbs** was not present but had advised **President Dan** he had no interclub report. However, he has the raffle tickets usually distributed for member sale (ten to each member at \$5/ticket sale price) around state convention time. The proceeds are an important source of funding for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and their need is as great as ever during the pandemic. If you are willing to sell tickets (or buy them yourself) email **Charlie** (orvis50@yahoo.com) and he will send them out to you—he has an envelope with your name on it!
- **Bob Johnson** reported that, according to all the information available to him, that there were no sales at all last week. **President Dan** asked Bob if he had any of **Jim Wolfington's** puns, but Bob did not.
- At **Harry Cross's** request, **Ellen Webb** reiterated the process for obtaining a mask is to first contact **Carla Summers** to be sure that masks are available. If so, they can be picked up from a plastic box next to the garage door at her house. Carla's contact information and address is in the Membership Digest. The following people have been assisting Ellen in mask production: **Carla Summers, Sallie Springer, Cheryl Vogel, Francine Bomar, Catherine Marshall, Claire Dahl, Gae Miller, Mary Beth Day, Lisa Bartlett, and Cynthia Ollcott.** Thanks everyone!
- Update to Membership Digest—The correct contact information for Facilities Coordinator and Safety Officer , **Tanya Salamin**, is email kiwfacilcoor@icloud.com and mobile phone (734) 881-2209. Please make a note.



MEETINGS...

- **President Dan** announced that he has called for a special Board Meeting this Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00pm. There will be a Zoom invitation sent out with background information.
- **Gordon Beeman** that there will be a Zoom Conference meeting next Monday, May 11 of the Personnel Committee. It will be at 11:00am. He will send Zoom instructions to committee members.

FINES...

Cliff Sheldon proposed a fine on anyone that **Ken Hillenburg** must remind to mute their audio. That proposal was seconded, voted on, using the Zoom feature for voting, and it was passed. Violators of this motion are expected to pay their fines at the next meeting after the COVID-19 shutdown has been lifted. **Peter Schork** asked Cliff if he had read all the books that appeared behind him in, what appeared to be his home library. He said, 'No'.

HAPPY DOLLARS...

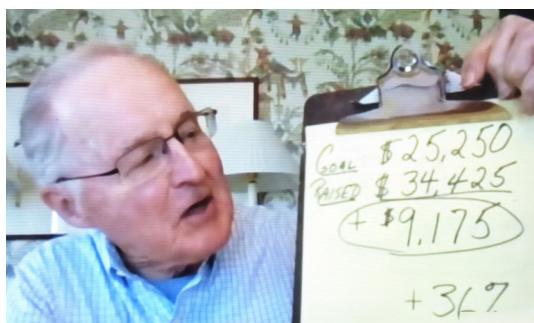
- ☺ \$20.00 from **Dan Burroughs** for the Newsletter Committee for the fine job that they are doing in holding this club together through this virus pandemic.
- ☺ \$10.00 from **Jim Dries** for picking up masks from **Ellen Webb's** Mask Committee.
- ☺ \$10.00 From **Max Ziegler** for **Ellen's** Mask Committee and all the fine work that they do in providing these masks for our use. Ellen said that there 10 or 11 club members contributing to this effort (names on page 4).
- ☺ \$20.00 from **George Gilligan** for masks from the Mask Committee.
- ☺ \$10.00 from **Alan Burg** for learning a new skill at his age. His new skill is being able to monitor attendance on Zoom meetings.

FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIPS BUST THROUGH GOAL!!!

Dan Burroughs reported on the Finish Line Scholarships Project—He said that it was a big day of celebration for all of Kiwanis, especially for the Scholarship Committee. Dan showed us the headline from yesterday's Ann Arbor News which said, 'Streets Are Empty, Hearts Are Not'. This made Dan think immediately of Kiwanis as our building is empty, but our hearts definitely are not.

We had a sensational final week of fund raising! A week ago we still needed an additional \$2,250 in donations to reach our \$25,250 goal. This week, in an astonishing burst of Kiwanis generosity, our members donated more than \$12,000, and we swept past our goal to reach the remarkable total of \$34,425.

Kiwanis members and their friends are a remarkably generous group of people, always willing to go the extra mile in support of causes that benefit our community. Next year 20 more deserving and grateful students at WCC will reach for their dream of a college degree with the help of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. We are especially pleased to be able to help them achieve this significant lifetime goal.



The Scholarship Committee gives its thanks to all Kiwanis members who supported our fund-raising drive. Those who donated deserve special thanks for their outstanding generosity, and we also thank those who supported us with spirited good wishes. We have felt the warm support of every Kiwanis member for the success of our outstanding Kiwanis scholarship program.

The Newsletter Committee, chaired by **Sandra Rabidoux**, deserves special praise for the magnificent way in which they have kept our club members informed and together during the virus pandemic. Their talents are truly what made the success of our scholarship fund raising effort possible.

Thank you everyone!

Recap of Tips for using Zoom

- ☞ Arrive 15 minutes early so everything works by the time the meeting starts.
- ☞ Keep yourself on mute (microphone button in the bottom left corner) unless you need to speak. Press and hold the space bar to unmute while speaking.
- ☞ Click on the Participants button in the bottom menu to bring up the Participants window. There you will see the names of all participants. At the bottom of that window you will find the "Raise Hand" button and other buttons to send silent feedback to everyone, especially the "Yes" and "No" buttons for voting.
- ☞ Make sure your full name is entered! Once in the Zoom, you can edit the name that appears for you in the Participants Window by moving your cursor over the video icon that is to the far right of your name. As you do that, you'll see it change to "More". Click there and change your name to your full name.
- ☞ Be sure to contact **Ken Hillenburg** if you are having Zoom or other technical issues.

May 2020



This Week's Numbers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No Sale or Donations until further notice	2 No Sale or Donations until further notice
3	4 <u>ZOOM Meeting at Noon</u>	5	6 KYP Meeting 7pm	7 No Vouchers until further notice	8 No Sale or Donations until further notice	9 No Sale or Donations until further notice
10	11 <u>ZOOM ANNUAL Meeting and ELECTIONS at Noon</u>	12	13	14 No Vouchers until further notice	15 No Sale or Donations until further notice	16 No Sale or Donations until further notice
17	18 <u>ZOOM Meeting at Noon</u>	19 Board Meeting 6:30pm	20	21 No Vouchers until further notice	22 No Sale or Donations until further notice	23 No Sale or Donations until further notice
24	25	26 <u>ZOOM Meeting at Noon</u>	27	28 No Vouchers until further notice	29 No Sale or Donations until further notice	30 No Sale or Donations until further notice
31		Memorial Day				

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Closed

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\$547,763 YTD
(Unofficial)

June 2020

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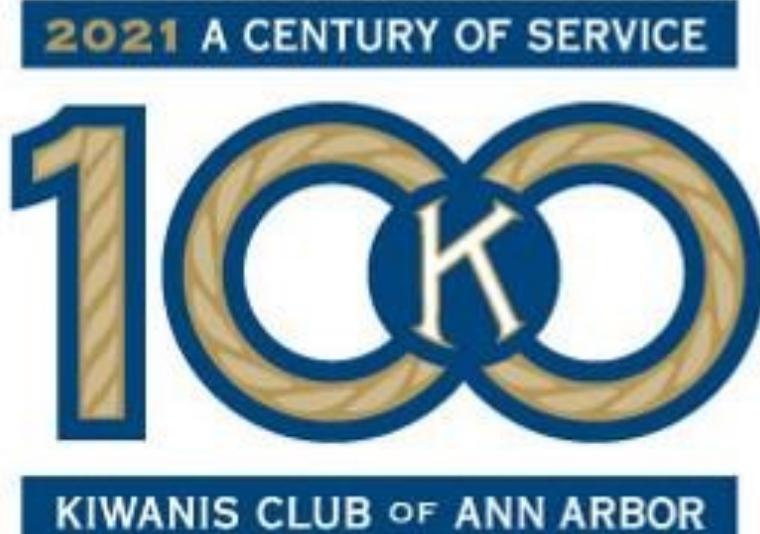
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- [U of M Circle K](#)
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