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TODAY'S PROGRAM... *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2020*



Dr. Ronald C. Woods

William Hampton introduced today's keynote speaker, Dr. Ronald C. Woods, who was the first head of the department of African American studies at Eastern Michigan University. William described Dr. Woods as a humble yet self-confident man with much in common with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both leaders persevered the effects of discrimination and both shared a deeply rooted conviction for the civic good and for nonviolent action toward social justice.



Wm. Hampton

Dr. Woods began his remarks by complementing our Kiwanis Club for 99 years of service in helping to build the civic fabric and community infrastructure that holds our community together. He observed that a "civic oneness" may be lacking across our country now and described a crisis of civic responsibility in all generations but especially among our youth. "Jay Leno-isms," in which the comedian asks common questions on street corners, reveal a striking lack of historical

knowledge or foundational civic values, Dr. Woods said. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, in recent remarks, tells us that little attention is paid to acquiring and valuing fundamental components of American history. This jurist warns that justice does not roll in on the wings of inevitability. Civic literacy is a continuing enterprise and requires a constant conversation.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech is in part a lesson in history, civics and fundamental values. Dr. King took pain to educate the nation about the values on which it is built. Observing that Martin Luther King was trained as a preacher and theologian, Dr. Woods also characterized Dr. King as a practitioner and prophet of the social gospel. The civic richness of the American citizenry must be elevated, and, in so doing, the new birth of freedom, of which Abraham Lincoln spoke, can be achieved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- **Mike Dabbs** announced that this year's community grant application process is about to begin. There are over 125 area nonprofits on our mailing list as potential grant recipients, and these organizations will be entered on our website, to permit tracking grant applications electronically, by the end of the month. Mike asked for each of us to help by spreading the word of the Kiwanis grant application process to nonprofits that might not be aware of the possibility of a Kiwanis grant. We want to reach out to as many organizations as possible, and such nonprofits should go to our website after February 1 for more information. The grant application deadline will be mid-March (the exact deadline has not yet been set).
- **Pres Dan Dever** thanked **Doug Ziesemer** for his help in setting up transportation for Circle K volunteers from a point on the UM campus to the Kiwanis Center on Saturdays. Circle K has indicated they would like to work from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays, but transportation has been an issue. **Gretchen Preston** has offered one of the Gretchen's House buses to transport the students. Pres Dan also thanked Gretchen for her extensive and ongoing work in organizing the hardware department of the sale.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

January 27—League of Women Voters 2020 Census Update.

Speaker: Margaret Leary. Introduction by **Kathie Wilder**.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 3—Meals on Wheels. Speaker: Courtney Vanderlaan. Introduction by **Mike Anglin**.

February 10—Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess". Speaker: Mark Clague. Introduction by **Dennis Powers**.



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GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...



Chris Winkler

Chris Winkler announced today's guests, first turning to **William Hampton**, who introduced his luncheon guests: Esther Hampton, William's wife; Rick Goff, a prospective member who will be inducted to membership next week; and Roger Harms, who is chaplain for the NAACP. Chris then introduced prospective member Ken Dill, who also will be inducted to membership next week; and Arno Buhrer, husband of **Pat Buhrer**. We were delighted to have three Circle K members as our guests: Jaylene Gutierrez, Peter Chen and Kirsten Birman. **Margaret Krasnoff** introduced her husband, Justin Krasnoff. Welcome all!

HOSPITALITY...

Dale Leslie, absent last week due to a bout with laryngitis, returned to his Hospitality duties no worse for wear. Dale had the somber duty of announcing the death of our good friend and longtime Kiwanian, **Doug Hanton**. Doug was in the Kiwanis family for over 50 years and is past president of the Saginaw Northwest Kiwanis Club. We all stood for a moment of silence in honor of Doug, and a card was circulated to be sent to Doug's wife, Ann, and family. His memorial service will be Sunday, February 2, at 1:30 PM at the Ann Arbor First United Methodist Church.

On a happier note, **Bob Carr** continues to improve following his broken hip and subsequent surgery. Bob is currently at the Glacier Hills Rehabilitation Center and is expected to return home this Friday.

This past week a reception was held for retiring Ann Arbor Symphony executive Mary Steffek Blaske, and the reception was attended by former Symphony board members and Kiwanians **Harry Cross** and **Dale Leslie**.

Dale also reported that **Susan Paradis Bristol**, a community servant from Ann Arbor who was named an Honorary Member of the Club, 1994-95, has passed away in Arizona due to complications with Alzheimer disease and cancer. Susan was an uplifting spirit in all the charitable organizations she served and she was honored to be saluted by the club. She and her husband Jim and their family were members of the Ann Arbor First United Methodist Church. A private service is planned for Nov. 16, 2020, in Collinsville, CT.

Last, but certainly not least, it was noted that longtime member **Mel Williams** was among us for lunch! Mel resides at Lurie Terrace and has transportation issues that prevent his regular luncheon attendance. Applause welcomed Mel, and Dale noted Mel's service for many years in the luggage and suitcase area of the downtown sale.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS...

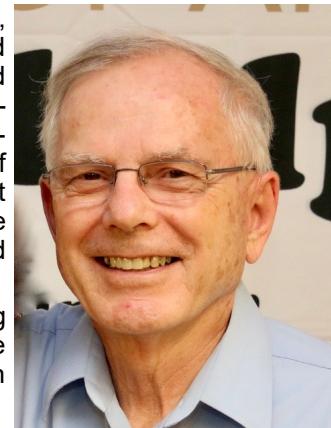
Kenneth W. Dill, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, sponsored by **George Gilligan**; **Bonnie L. Arnett**, of Dexter Michigan, sponsored by **Bob Gray**; and **Richard Goff**, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, sponsored by **Past President William Hampton** are proposed for Kiwanis membership. Second printing.

VOUCHERS...

The schedule for January 23 is **Ellen Webb**, **Garry Evans**, **Mary Evans**, **Greg Meisner**, **Jim Carey**, **Gretchen Preston**, **Bud Roberts**, **Debbie Rydzor**, **Dee Smit**, **Francine Bomer**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

The Investment Oversight and the Centennial Celebration Committees will meet after next week's luncheon. **Dale Leslie** announced that he is seeking more members for the Centennial Celebration Committee; see Dale for details or just come to that committee's meeting next week.



Doug Hanton



Sue Bristol (R) and Glenda Maten (L)
at 94-95 Honorary Member Induction

FINES...

Nick Dever asked to address **Past President Peter Schork** to propose a fine upon all Kiwanians wearing suits and ties (it was observed that this included only two Kiwanians, **Pres Dan and William Hampton**). Nick picked Peter to rule on this motion because Peter was relaxing in super casual clothing (his place of employment and all other banks were closed on Monday for the observance of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday). The nays were much louder than the ayes; motion failed. Later, during Happy Dollars, Nick tried again, this time addressing **Past President William** and reversing his earlier motion, by asking that all Kiwanians not wearing a suit and tie be fined because this was not in keeping with the importance of the national holiday. This time the motion succeeded, unanimously. Just before adjournment of our meeting, Nick addressed **Past President Fred Sanchez** and moved that anyone not fined earlier pay up; motion passed.

HAPPY DOLLARS...

☺ **Lynne Lande** offered a happy dollar as a means to tell us that she had completed a successful past president's interview of prospective member Rick Goff and that Rick is anxious to volunteer, particularly for Meals on Wheels, Children & Youth Services and/or Community Services, as well as for sale activities.

☺ **Mary Stewart** was happy for the small amount of time she was able to spend working alongside **Doug Hanton**; she loves and respects all the hardworking people in the hardware department. Mary is also delighted that arrangements are being made to transport Circle K members by bus to the Kiwanis Center to help with the sale.



Claire Dahl and Megan Carlisle, holding their BELL RINGING trophy!

☺ **Claire Dahl** told us that she happily delivered the "Bellringer of the Year" trophy, which is an oversize bell, to her bellringing partner, Megan Carlisle. See last week's newsletter for details of the interesting story of Claire's and Megan's bellringing experiences this year. Claire was also happy to see a packed house at Hill Auditorium for Angela Davis' MLK keynote lecture Monday morning; the overflow could see the lecture by closed circuit TV at Rackham Auditorium. Hooray for MLK!

☺ **Don Kossick** had multiple happiness to share: first, for **Mel Williams**, remembering that Mel served many years as UM faculty representative for Circle K; and, second, for **Ellen Webb** and her tireless work as head cashier at the sale. Ellen is always happy to assist the other cashiers and wrappers with their questions; she is always friendly and helpful.



☺ **Terry Linden** was happy to inform us that he

has a few remaining copies of the Detroit Red Wings Yearbook. Check with Terry if you are interested in having one of them.



☺ **Bryce Babcock** was happy to see **Mel Williams** on Monday. Bryce recalls that he started working the downtown sale in the furniture department next to Mel, who worked in luggage and suitcases. Mel set a good example.



☺ **Fred Sanchez** was also happy about Mel, remembering that, unlike the rest of us, **Mel** would laugh at Fred's jokes before the punchline.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES...

☞ Mark your calendars for our Holiday Party, to be held at the Kiwanis Center on Thursday, January 30 beginning at 5:00 PM. All members, volunteers, employees and their guests are cordially invited to attend. A buffet dinner will be served, catered by Metzger's, and entertainment will be provided. Beverages may be donated by those attending. Next Monday, January 27, is the last day to sign up. See **Mary Stewart** for more details.

☞ **Tanya Salamin** had a birthday on Saturday that was celebrated by many Members, Volunteers and Staff on Friday at the Thrift Sale.



LOST & FOUND FINDS A NEW HOME...



There is now ONE location for the Lost and Found for everyone, because, as **Dan Dever** pointed out, if we knew whether it was a member or volunteer who lost the item, it wouldn't be LOST! The location is the top drawer of the wooden cabinet located behind Cash Register #1. This does NOT include lost credit cards. There is a separate procedure for those for obvious reasons.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 KC Closed <small>NO KYP today- see below</small>	2 No Vouchers	3 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	4 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
5	6 <u>UM Children's Hospital</u>	7	8 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm The Earle	9 Vouchers	10 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	11 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
12	13 <u>Hidden Lake Gardens</u>	14	15	16 Vouchers	17 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	18 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
19	20 <u>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</u>	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm	22	23 Vouchers	24 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	25 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
26	27 <u>League of Women Voters 2020 Census</u>	28	29	30 Vouchers	31 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	

This Week's Numbers

Attendance
62

Fines
\$21.76

Happy \$
\$13

Mott Pot
\$0 Today
\$408 YTD estimate

Vouchers
\$1,258
7 Families
\$26,695 YTD
134 Families YTD

Thrift Sale
Mon - Friday
\$11,980
Saturday
Snow Day
Other
\$154
TOTAL
\$12,134
\$367,232 YTD
(Unofficial)

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February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
2	3 <u>Meals on Wheels</u>	4	5 Kiwanis Young Professionals 7pm Jolly Pumpkin	6 Vouchers	7 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	8 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
9	10 <u>Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess"</u>	11	12	13 Vouchers	14 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	15 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
16	17 <u>Hope Clinic</u>	18 Board Meeting 6:30pm	19	20 Vouchers	21 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	22 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1
23	24 <u>UM Wallace House</u>	25	26	27 Vouchers	28 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1	29 Sale & Donations: TKC 9-1



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- [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 Tues. at The Sports Bar Westside

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The Kiwanis Center

Centennial Memory Gem



Former Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor patriarch Ashley Clague (plaid shirt; front row) for whom the Clague Intermediate School was named was at the helm of Clague's Market on Packard Road, just one block from the intersection of State Street. In the 1920s, Clague began making toys for the hospitalized children at the University of Michigan Hospital which evolved into a club and statewide project and is now the Child Life Department at the hospital. During the nation's depression, he extended credit for groceries to local citizens who were without cash savings. He served as Kiwanis president in 1938 and later as a State divisional Lt. Governor. He also was president of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Trustees. Posed over Clague's left shoulder is the late Iva Covert, store manager, who after the market was sold in 1968, served as the manager of the Ann Arbor (Pioneer) High School central office for two decades. Iva's daughter works at Conlin Travel in Ann Arbor. The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor celebrates its Centennial in 2021. *This I remember. Dale Leslie*



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