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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 April 14, 2020. We are also suspending taking any donations at this time.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All Monday meetings and programs are suspended until further notice.



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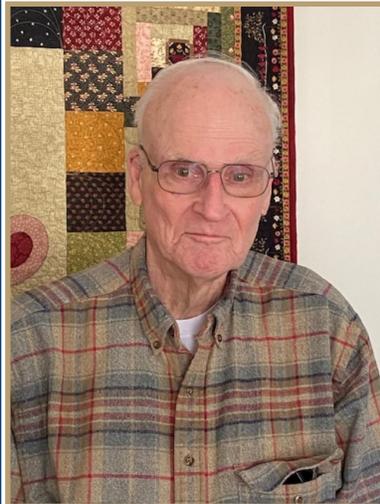
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Kiwanis Member Profile...John Bassett

Lynne Lande did such a great job with her member profiles last week that we've asked her to continue. This week's profile is on member **John Bassett** (photo courtesy of John's daughter Jennifer). Thank you **Lynne** and **John** for taking the time and opening up to the rest of us. Enjoy...



John is living at Story Point south of Ann Arbor near State and Textile. These days, meals are delivered to his apartment, with no communal meals or activities allowed. His primary contact person is his daughter Jennifer, who is not allowed to visit, but he can leave and go with her to her home.

Before John moved to Story Point in February 2020, he and June had been living at Atria Park on Plymouth Road. June's health had gradually worsened, including loss of her vision, which made it necessary that she have assisted living. Atria Park was one place that allowed a healthy spouse to share an apartment with the person receiving care. And so they made that transition. June died on August 18, 2019. June and John had been married for 57 years. John cared

for her those last difficult years at home. He would come to the Kiwanis Building in the morning to sort and price men's clothing, then go home to fix lunch and help June get ready for her afternoon nap. This is when and why we stopped seeing John at Monday Kiwanis meetings.

John joined Kiwanis in 1994 at the invitation of Jonathan Bulkley, who taught with John at the School of Natural Resources. John had heard of Kiwanis: his father had been an active member in Pontiac; but he didn't know what Kiwanis was about. Gary Elling, Membership Chair and President Elect, helped John feel at home. First John tried the Electronics Department at the Sale, but quickly realized he couldn't answer questions customers had about the workings and problems of stereos, TVs, etc. So he tried lamps, down in the basement at the back of the room. "Too dull", said John...few customers and nothing much to do. Finally, he made it to men's clothing and found his niche. He happily remembers conversations with Si Eaglin there, saying he learned a lot by listening to Si. Men's Clothing was right by the front door at the downtown building, and so they saw a lot of action.

John was elected to the Board in 1997, when Ron Williams became President. Early in his term, Ron suggested that the Board develop written policies and procedures for the club and foundation. John volunteered to do this, and he produced an annual revision of such document until 2014.

Larry French recognized John's competence, and asked him to be Sales' Chair in 1999, one of the biggest Club jobs at that time. Dick Stoll said that he was ready to retire from the job as Club Secretary, so John agreed to take on that job. He served from 2000-2006, making sure minutes were detailed and correct, and that monthly reports were submitted to KI in top form. What else? John served on several committees: Bylaws, Children & Youth Services, Membership Growth and Education, Newsletter, and has helped with the Membership Digest for years.

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KIWANIS/WCC FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIPS...



On behalf of our Scholarship Committee- I wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for your diligence & commitment our community during these times of uncertainty! Like Claire mentioned last week, if HUGS were allowed- there would be a few extra special ones being given out to everyone that has continued to support the "Finish Line" Scholarship Program through these times. Keeping in mind the true heart behind our

"Finish Line" Scholarship efforts- supporting individuals within our community achieve the prestigious accomplishment of an Associate's Degree is truly a life changing gift that we are able to provide to our community. In these very challenging times, being able to stand up as a pillar in our community, and let these students know that their future doesn't have to be as uncertain as it may seem right now, is a truly unique position to be in. Thank you endlessly to the Kiwanis members who have so generously donated to our program thus far. Thank you to those of you who are getting ready to donate. With tax refunds making their way to everyone this time of year, a great use of those funds may be to help support a student achieving their college education! Any amount helps to make an impact for those in need. Please stay safe and, hopefully, we'll all be able to gather together, in one way or another, soon. ~Laura Koch

Donations to date total \$11,000 (44% of our \$25,250 goal) and the donors are: **Ray Argyle, Richard Goff, Peter and Annette Schork, Arno Buhner, John and Marykay Kidle, Ellen Webb, Dan and Adrienne Burroughs, David LaMoreaux, Max and Carol Ziegler, James and Cathie Dries, Bill and Phyllis Robb, George and Mary Gilligan, Ralph Santaripa, Dennis Powers, and John and Claire Dahl.** If you've made a donation and are not listed it is probably because Mary Schwartz can't get to our mail right now. We will update the list in the next Newsletter.

[See the Finish Line Scholarship Contribution/Pledge Form on Page 5](#)

CS MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CALL FOR MUSICIANS...

Larry French received the following request from Sophie Heitkamp, MT-BC on behalf of the music therapy team at **C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.** I'm sure many of our Kiwanians can both contribute to and find enjoyment in this program. Please contact **Larry** if you're interested. flarry117@gmail.com

"I wanted to reach out to you about a special opportunity that our music therapy team would like your input on! With the recent Covid-19 pandemic, our team has had to shift our focus to creating recorded content that our patients and families can enjoy from their hospital rooms through our YouTube playlist, "Mott Tube." So far, we have created all types of videos such as "name that tune", "mindful music", sing-alongs, as well as general "concert" type performances. Our playlist can be found at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNxqP-XbH8BIXaw8eqiV_Lme8LJXb6hgQ



*Prior to the pandemic, many musicians in the community had been involved in sharing their time and talents through music. To continue this community outreach and to show extended support to the patients and families during this difficult time, **we are reaching out to community musicians to see if they are interested in contributing to Mott Tube.** I am reaching out to you to see if Kiwanis would be interested in helping with some of the music projects our team is working on. Kiwanis has been a great support for our music therapy team and we would love to continue working with members."*



Daffodils in bloom outside the KC (photo at left by Susan Smith)

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There is a story, of course, about John's career in the School of Natural Resources. John came to the U of M in 1945, not sure what he wanted to pursue. He registered in LS&A and lived in a rooming house near the Blue Front, where he worked part time. Tuition at that time was \$75 a semester! In his senior year, John was hanging out in the room of a fellow student at the rooming house. His friend had a textbook called Wildlife Management by Aldo Leopold. John began reading it and was intrigued about what he saw. He asked his friend more about this field of study, and then went over to the School of Natural Resources and learned he could earn a Forestry degree, if he took two more years of classes and attended the summer camp. John and his father agreed to the new plan, and John graduated with his baccalaureate degree in 1951. He stayed in school one more to earn a MF degree early June 1952.

In late June he went to work in Alabama for the U. S. Forest Service's Southern Forest Research Station. In late August he joined the navy and served 40 months of active duty. He rejoined the U. S. Forest Service and by 1960 was working as a forest soil specialist with five other Forest Service scientists assigned to the U. S. Corps of Engineers at their Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Part of the project he was working enabled him to gather data suitable to fulfill the dissertation requirement of the Doctoral degree he was pursuing at the University of Michigan. When John needed to have his dissertation typed, he went to the secretarial pool and there he met June! She agreed to type the dissertation; he dedicated it to her; a fine courtship ensued and they were married in 1962 and moved to Crossett, Arkansas.

Their first daughter Amy was born in 1963, and Jennifer was born 17 months later. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Amy had serious health problems and would need special care. John and June were delighted to learn of an opening in the School of Natural Resources (SNR) at the U of M. John would be on the faculty, they would live in Ann Arbor, and Amy would have the medical care she would need.

In 1967 John joined the SNR faculty in the Forestry department, teaching classes and running the Summer Forestry Program on 210 acres the University owned in Iron County in the Upper Peninsula. Students came to the camp to learn about forest communities and how to take care of themselves in the forest. John directed this program from 1967-1982. He served as Associate Dean from 1982 till 1990. John retired from the University in 1994....and that's when Jon Bulkley told him about Kiwanis.

John and June cared for Amy in their home until she was fifty. By that time June was having health issues of her own and could no longer provide the personal care Amy needed. They joined a group of parents who have disabled children, the Intentional Communities of Washtenaw; many of these disabled adults live at Summerfield Glen, a complex of condos on the south side of Liberty Street immediately west of where Liberty crosses over I-94. Amy lives in her own condo there, assisted by caregivers at all times that she is home. Amy is taken out everyday to volunteer at a nonprofit and also enjoys social activities at her residence. As any parent of a child with special needs knows, there is a major concern about their care when parents are no longer able to provide what they need. This has been a good solution for Amy's care, and Jennifer is taking over guardianship for her sister, which gives John peace of mind.

When we come to Kiwanis we see a glimpses of one another's lives, but each of us has a story that is rich and complex. As I have talked with a few Kiwanians recently for this project, I have come to appreciate the challenges and successes they each have experienced. And now you have come to know them better as well.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision - Age 66



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MEALS ON WHEELS...

Ann Arbor Meals-on-Wheels, in response to Governor Whitmer's stay-at-home [Executive Order 2020-21](#), and in an effort to limit interpersonal contact between staff, volunteers, and clients, has reduced weekly meal-delivery days from Monday through Saturday to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. While reducing the number of delivery days, they are increasing the number of meals delivered to clients each day in order to ensure that their nutritional needs are still being met. You can find recent AAMOW announcements [here](#).

Sixteen members of the KCAA MOW committee have agreed to continue participating in MOW deliveries. They compose twelve solo or two-person teams, more than enough for us to cover the total of nine Tuesdays and Thursdays in April for which a schedule has been created and distributed. We are currently assuming that it is likely we will be continuing in this mode of operation in May.

KCAA MOW committee members continuing with deliveries are: **Mike Anglin, Marti Barden (Western), Jim Carey, Gordon Beeman, Claire Dahl, David Drake, Paul Gallagher, Al & Karen Gallup, Jim Huck (previously KCAA), Bob and Linda Johnson, Dave Lamoreaux, Dale Leslie, Bill Robb, Sandy Suddendorf (Western), and Chris Winkler.** Chris's neighbor, **Kari Longacre** will also join our MOW committee as a non-member (at least initially) volunteer.

HOSPITALITY...

Max Ziegler reports that **Jerry Brown's** wife Lyn continues to recover. He was unable to reach **Deb Jones** but left a message. **Bob Gray** has talked with several members and volunteers and things seem to be all right. **Dave LaMoreaux** hit a pot hole while out riding his bike and has a 'displaced & shortened fracture' of his right clavicle. Because he's not Tom Brady, he won't need surgery and is able to recover with rest at home over the next 6-8 weeks. He's thankful he was wearing a helmet, avoiding further injury. We're thankful too and wish him a speedy recovery. The wonders of technology allowed for a video Dr. visit (see photo at right). We send prayers for healing and comfort to everyone at this time of uncertainty.



VIRTUAL HAPPY DOLLARS...

- ☺ **Dale Leslie** has \$20 happy dollars for the latest response in numbers of his You Tube site of local people (including Kiwanians) and events www.YouTube.com/WatchmanOfTheTracks His producer Jim Campbell notes that Dale's YouTube channel now has **1,070** subscribers and over the past 365 days, his videos have been viewed 179,840 times. Thanks for keeping us informed and entertained, Dale.
- ☺ **Bob Johnson** has \$5 happy dollars because he and wife Linda are healthy, he can practice golf outside and he started his 50 tomato seeds. He's especially happy for all the people still working to provide life's necessities.
- ☺ **Bob Carr** is happy for the nice weather we've been having, so we can get out and walk around in these times of otherwise hunkering down.
- ☺ **John and Claire Dahl** are happy that they can help their daughter, Kara, and her 2 year-old Matilda, during this virus "stay-at-home" period. Kara's husband, Matt, is a first responder (ER nurse and a Chicago fireman) so he is in daily contact with the dangerous germs. He's healthy (after a forced 14 day quarantine) and his family is safe with us. We are happy to have them in Ann Arbor. We will give 14 dollars (one for each day of his quarantine) when we meet at Kiwanis again!!!

TODAY'S INVOCATION...

Garry Evans was scheduled to give the invocation for the weekly meeting and, in lieu, sends these words to encourage us during, as he states, "this time of trial as well as religious celebration".

The spring period on the calendar is a time when Christians, Jews and Muslims observe special practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For Jews Passover begins on April 8, for Muslims Ramadan begins on April 23, and for Christians Lent concludes with Holy week beginning on April 5 and ending April 12. During Lent Christians are asked to make some sacrifice, however little did anyone realize that the NCAA tournament and the opening day of baseball season were to be given up.

In this time of unpredictables we remember that we are not alone and we ask our Lord to be with our virtual gathering as we pray. Lord may you have mercy of those experiencing mourning and on people providing essential services and on those we know who are impacted by the spread of the virus. We ask that in this time when our efforts to help are diminished that your protection may fall on the elderly, the homeless and children at risk. Lord we look forward to the day when restrictions are lifted and once again Kiwanis will be able to provide the help needed for our community. Amen, Garry



KIWANIS 2020 FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION/PLEDGE FORM

Yes, I wish to pledge my support to the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation 2020 Finish Line Scholarship Program. I understand my pledge and contribution will help fund these goals for selected Washtenaw Community College students with financial need:

- 8 “full ride” scholarships for first year students who are 2020 graduates of the Ann Arbor Public Schools
- 12 “full ride” scholarships for students who have successfully completed their first year at WCC but require financial support to complete their second-year studies

Each scholarship will cover tuition, books, and fees for the entire year. These 20 students will also have access to Kiwanis' WCC Student Emergency Fund to assist with unexpected financial expenses throughout the year that may interfere with their studies.

Your generous donation will be matched at a significant level by the Ray and Eleanor Cross Foundation. All who donate will be recognized for their generosity as noted below:

<u>Donor Level</u>	<u>Amount Donated</u>	<u>Donor Level</u>	<u>Amount Donated</u>
Benefactor	\$1,500 and above	Sponsor	\$100 - \$499
Sustainer	\$1,000 - \$1,499	Friend	\$1 - \$99
Patron	\$500 - \$999		

The following chart describes our financing plan:

Costs:

8 First Year Scholarships x \$3,500	\$28,000
12 Second Year Scholarships x \$3,500	\$42,000
Emergency Fund	\$ 2,000
Administrative & Publicity Expense	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total:	\$73,000

Donations:

Kiwanis Foundation	\$27,000
<i>Individual Members*</i>	\$25,250
Cross Foundation Matching Funds	\$16,000
Smith/Gray Grant	\$ 3,000
Burg/Hillenburg Grant	<u>\$ 1,750</u>
Total:	\$73,000

**We hope all members will wish to contribute at some level, anonymously or through the official recognition program shown below.*

PLEDGE FORM

I (We), _____ am (are) donating to the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation's Finish Line Scholarship Program a contribution of \$ _____ to support the funding of 2020 Scholarships.

NOTE: If you are donating \$1,750 or more OR are donating in conjunction with other donors for a Named Scholarship- please complete the section below:

Named Scholarship: Please select one option below for attributing monies donated:

- 1.) IN MEMORY OF: _____ In-Full
 Name of a deceased Kiwanian (or other person) you would like to recognize. Joint
Letitia Byrd, Al Dailey & Sheridan Springer are examples of those who have been recognized in the past.
- 2.) IN THE NAME(S) OF: _____ In-Full
 Name of a living Kiwanian (or other person) or entity you would like to recognize. Joint
"Celebration of Kiwanis Volunteers" or "Past Presidents" are examples of entities recognized in the past.

Kindly send this pledge form to Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, 100 N. Staebler Rd., Ste. C, Ann Arbor, MI 48103; or give to Mary Schwartz, Administrative Assistant, at any weekly Kiwanis meeting.

Make all checks payable to *Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation* and submit no later than April 30, 2020.

THANK YOU!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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This Week's Numbers

Attendance
No Meeting

Fines
\$0

Happy \$ IOUs
\$40

Mott Pot
\$0 Today
\$408 YTD estimate

Vouchers
\$0
0 Families
\$38,179 YTD
192 Families YTD

Thrift Sale
Mon - Friday
Closed
Saturday
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Other
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Closed
\$547,763 YTD
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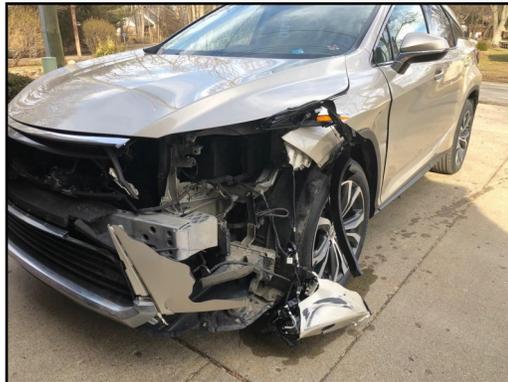
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- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays at UM Union or League (Check Calendar on Website)
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