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NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

January 20—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Speaker: Dr. Ronald C Woods Introduction by **William Hampton.**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 27—League of Women Voters 2020 Census Update.
Speaker: Margaret Leary. Introduction by **Kathie Wilder.**

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



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TODAY'S PROGRAM... *Hidden Lake Gardens and Reach for the Sky!*

Evan LeRoy introduced Paul Pfeifer, managing director, and Allan Brittain, volunteer and steering committee leader, of Hidden Lake Gardens. Paul and Allan brought us exciting news of the construction now underway at Hidden Lake Gardens of a 100-foot Tree Tower and a 700-foot Canopy Walk, described as the Gardens' "Reach for the Sky" project. Hidden Lake Gardens is located in the Irish Hills on Highway M-50, five miles west of Highway M-52.



Evan LeRoy

Hidden Lake Gardens is a 225-acre arboretum and botanical jewel known for its large collection of native and nonnative trees, shrubs and flowers, with a visitors' center, paved roads and a partially paved trail system. The Gardens were given to Michigan State University by Adrian businessman Harry A. Fee in 1945, Allan told us, and today is visited by nearly 45,000 people annually. The Gardens provide a quiet, contemplative and serene setting near Ann Arbor to enjoy nature in all four seasons. Yoga, youth field trips and a wide variety of classes, programs and special events regularly occur at Hidden Lake Gardens.

After Allan provided general information about the Gardens, Paul described the "Reach for the Sky" campaign, which will permit walking with nature up in the trees. The canopy boardwalk

will be located 0.6 miles from the visitors' center, starting at ground level, proceeding over a valley on a suspension bridge and ending at ground level as well. This design permits wheelchair, walker and stroller accessibility. The Tree Tower concept is ADA compliant, with an elevator providing access above the treetops for all and with stops at various platform levels. The cost of this innovative project is expected to be \$2.2 million, and fundraising continues. Paul told us about "forest therapy" that boosts the immune system and decreases anxiety and stress as visitors use all five senses. The completed project will emphasize interpretation and education, with abundant signage, changing displays and educational programming. The Tree Tower is expected to be open this summer, and the entire project is scheduled for completion by October 2020, in time for the Gardens' 75th anniversary.



Paul Pfeifer



Allan Brittain

Watch an animated video of the Canopy Walk experience at <https://youtu.be/BGf-OgHTpO4>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Before next week's luncheon on January 20, the Bylaws Committee will meet. After the January 20th luncheon, the K-Family Leadership, Personnel and Investment Oversight Committees will meet.

Mary Stewart expressed some concern that committee meetings have been "triple booked" both last week and this week. Might be a problem for some members who want to attend more than one of the scheduled meetings. Pres Dan urged committee chairs to coordinate meeting schedules through Mary Schwartz, our Administrative Assistant.



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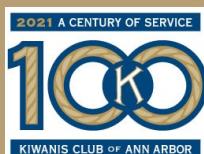
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KYP NEWS...

Kiwanis Young Professionals is participating in...

- World Medical Relief project (sorting medical supplies) with Dearborn KYP on February 1 from 9am to 11:30am. Location is 21725 Melrose Avenue in Southfield.
- Kiwanis Blood Drive on February 11. See flyer on page 4.
- Meals on Wheels on February 15. Contact **Caroline Gracheck** (cmgrache@umich.edu) and **Leo Tse** (tselaiyu@umich.edu) for the sign-up link.

Future meetings of KYP are...

- Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm—Jolly Pumpkin
- Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm—Old Town Tavern
- Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm—Detroit filling Station (in Kerrytown)

GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

Guests at our Club: **Jim Blomquist** introduced **Ken Dill**, guest of **George Gilligan**, and **Rick Goff**, guest of **William Hampton**. Both Ken and Rick have completed applications for Kiwanis membership. **Dorothy Yen**, an MBA student at UM and a Ross Fellow working with our board of directors, was a guest of **Pres Dan Dever**. And we were delighted to have Circle K members **Jaylene Gutierrez** and **Peter Chen** as our guests.

HOSPITALITY...

Max Ziegler filled in for **Dale Leslie** to provide hospitality news because Dale himself was speechless and at home with laryngitis. Can you believe it! Our club extends its sympathy to **Francine Bomar**, upon the passing of her mother in North Carolina last week. **Bob Carr** is in Glacier Hills Rehabilitation after breaking his hip and subsequent surgery in the past week. Visitors are welcome but please call first at 734-904-1192. Bob is in Room 2407. **Bill Robb** added that Bob is expected to return home on Monday. **Mitch Goodkin** was treated for kidney stones and has recovered sufficiently to attend the Kiwanis luncheon.

It is with sadness that Max reported the death of nonmember **Dave Hirth**, who has been a longtime friend and supporter of Kiwanis. As mentioned last week, many members know Dave very well as a good friend and as co-founder of the M Den. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 15, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with funeral services following on Thursday, January 16, at 11:00 AM, both at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7474 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor.

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. First printing.

VOUCHERS...

The schedule for January 16 is **Ellen Webb**, **Susan Smith**, **Sally Lamkin**, **Lara Koch**, **Claire Dahl**, **Dennis Lopatin**, **Bud Roberts**, **Dee Smit**, **Francine Bomar**, and **Debbie Rydzor**.

*Holiday Cheer...
Marilyn Drake,
Jim Carey, and
Dave Drake work-
ing at this year's
C. S. Mott Holiday
Toy Sale.*



FINES...

Nick Dever asked to address **Past President Cliff Sheldon** to propose a fine upon **Pres Dan** for stepping between the Kiwanis photographer and **Mary Stewart** as Mary reminded us from the podium of the Holiday Party details. Pres Dan did this thinking that Mary did not want her photograph taken. But, on hearing Nick's motion, Cliff agreed with Nick, complaining that Pres Dan has been jumping into photos his entire life. Motion passed unanimously. Later, **Garry Donner** proposed a fine on any Kiwanian present who has not been named "Bell-ringer of the Year." That excluded this year's honoree, **Claire Dahl**. Motion passed and everyone paid (except Claire). **Ken Hillenburg** raised the thought of raising the amount of our luncheon fines, from 25 cents to perhaps one dollar. Murmurs among the crowd followed, and Pres Dan mentioned something about a bylaw restriction.

HAPPY DOLLARS...

☺ **William Hampton** contributed happy dollars to celebrate his and **Esther's** 34th wedding anniversary on January 4. William is also happy that he has lost four pounds on his current fasting diet. He also paraphrased the late **Fred King** by observing that Friday the 13th came on Monday this year. And, finally, William told us that his guest and prospective member **Rick Goff** cancelled his large January 13th birthday party in order to attend Monday's Kiwanis luncheon. Way to go, Rick! [Picture](#)



Dick Benedek

☺ **Dick Benedek** contributed his happy dollars to rebut a past speaker's remarks to the effect that Hanukkah is not a major Jewish holiday. Dick told us that US Supreme Court Justice Brandeis declared that it is Hanukkah that establishes the right of anyone, anywhere to celebrate their own religion. In Israel, Dick said, Hanukkah is celebrated with bells on rooftops ringing.



Luke Panning

☺ **Luke Panning** recounted a wonderful performance by the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic that included contra and square dancing, with 15 to 20 fiddlers on stage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- **Garry Evans** took the mike to complete club Salvation Army bell ringing ceremonies, observing first the spring-like weather that blessed all bellringers on the last Saturday before Christmas, our assigned bell ringing date. Garry then told us that one of our members rang the Salvation Army bell a few days early because she would be out of town on our assigned bell ringing date and didn't want to miss the bell ringing fun. This member is none other than the irrepressible **Claire Dahl**, who, as it turned out, rang the bell in freezing and frigid



Bell-ringer of the Year, Claire Dahl, receives the Big Bell trophy from Garry Evans

weather two days before everyone else rang the bell under balmy weather conditions. For her dedication and perseverance, Garry declared Claire as the "Bell-ringer of the Year" and presented her with an oversize bell as her trophy!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D...

- Charlie Phibbs relayed the news that Division 6 of the Michigan District of Kiwanis (our division) is in need of a Lieutenant Governor for 2020-2021 as well as a Lieutenant Governor Elect for 2021-2022. Charlie asked each of us to seriously consider one of these positions! It is fun and an honor to serve as Lieutenant Governor. Charlie has served as Lieutenant Governor twice and recommends the experience. Training is provided.



Charlie Phibbs



Bronwyn Gubachy and Gordon Beeman

- Gordon Beeman happily introduced Bronwyn Gubachy as our new Setup and Cleaning Assistant. Bronwyn is our newest employee and began work on this club meeting date with the primary responsibilities of setting up our luncheon room for our weekly meeting and cleaning up the after the meeting. Bronwyn will perform these duties as well as other tasks assigned by Facilities Coordinator Tanya Salamin. Bronwyn is married to Assistant Facilities Coordinator Dan Gubachy and has an interesting background as an Irish citizen.

- Remember, our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Kiwanis Center on February 11. The time will be 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The February 11 date provides a sufficient period of time to permit new blood donations from donors who earlier donated blood at the last blood drive event at the Kiwanis Center or as part of the UM-Ohio State Blood Battle.
- Chris Winkler reports that next Monday at 10AM, UM will live-stream the MLK keynote lecture by Angela Davis at this website: <https://oami.umich.edu/um-mlk-symposium/watch-party-toolkit/>



KIWANIS BLOOD DRAWING

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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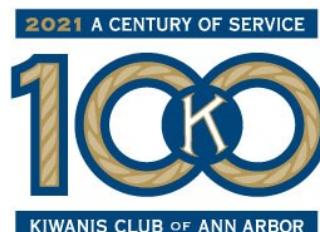
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES...

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Party, to be held at the Kiwanis Center on Thursday, January 30 beginning at 5:30 PM. All members, volunteers, employees and their guests are cordially invited to attend. Signup will be at the club luncheon check-in and also at next week's luncheon. See **Mary Stewart** for more details.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION...

Our club's 100th year will be celebrated in 2021. Additional volunteers are needed to help in the planning. See **Dale Leslie** or **Kathie Wilder** to sign up.



January 2020



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	

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This Week's Numbers

Attendance
68

Fines
\$19.74

Happy \$
\$6

Mott Pot
\$0 Today
\$408 YTD estimate

Vouchers
\$1,408
8 Families
\$25,437 YTD
127 Families YTD

Thrift Sale
Mon - Friday
\$12,927
Saturday
\$10,449
Other
\$746
TOTAL
\$24,122
\$355,098 YTD
(Unofficial)

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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- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [Kiwanis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 7pm first Wednesday of Month
- [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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