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Don't forget, it's Mott Pott Week!

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM...

January 4— *Ann Arbor Kiwanis Centennial Celebration* Speaker: **Bob Conlin**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS...

January 11— *Member Recognition* Introduction: **Bob Carr**

January 18— *MLK Day Presentation* Speaker— *David Rutledge* Introduction: **William Hampton**

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

The Grant Coordination Committee will meet by Zoom on January 4 from 1:30 to 2:30. Contact **Mike Dabbs** with questions.

Happy New Year!
May 2021 Bring Peace, Healing and Normalcy to All.



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Our last meeting of 2020 began with President Margaret ringing the bell and Claire Dahl on piano. Max Ziegler offered the invocation, noting we're heading into our 100th year of serving the community. God willing, we'll serve for 100 more.

Club meetings are recorded, click this [link](#) to view today's/past Zoom meetings.

TODAY'S PROGRAM ...

The Kiwanis Year in Review

President Margaret Krasnoff hosted today's program and talked about the ideas and goals she initially had for our Club, and how the events of the past 9 months turned the end of **Past**



Pres Margaret Krasnoff

President Dan Dever's and the beginning of her tenure into a frenzy of simply trying to keep up with state and federal mandates while ensuring the safety of our members, staff, volunteers, and the public at large. Their leadership, along with the hard work of *Mario Gasbarro*, *Tanya Salamin* and the rest of our wonderful staff, have made this possible while still allowing the Club to contribute to the community at large. We won't have the record sales we had last year, but we're still making life better for children and families in need. We're in a crisis and will get through this together.

In October, we passed both a Foundation Operating budget and a Foundation Capital budget. **Greg Meisner** and the Budget and Finance Committee were tasked with creating these without the profits from our regular weekly thrift sale. They did a tremendous job with this difficult task and will revisit these budgets quarterly.

Thanks to the efforts of our Membership and Growth Committee, headed by **Lynne Lande** and **Francine Bomar**, we're adding more and more members who share our Kiwanis spirit of helping others. In the past year, we've added 30 new individual members, 3 corporate memberships and 5 new Kiwanis Young Professionals. 26 of the aforementioned are sponsored/co-sponsored by members of the committee. **Lynne Lande** served as host to most induction ceremonies and **Kathy Barden** arranged for past president interviews of new member prospects. This committee is doing great work and hopes to keep adding memberships and engaging with new members. Zoom meetings will be scheduled for this purpose so look for email invitations from the Committee. You can also contact **Francine** with questions.



Lynne Lande

Mike Dabbs next updated us on the work of the Grant Coordination Committee. **Mike** gave a summary of the grant application and rewarding processes, providing information on the number of grants applied for, the Board approval process, and the number and monetary amount of grants awarded to date. You can see some of these numbers on Page 6. We also learned of a total of \$75,000 in grants made to local non-profit organizations in response to the pandemic's impact on the community.



Francine Bomar



Mike Dabbs

TODAY'S PROGRAM CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

CORRECTION: Last week's newsletter incorrectly stated the name and photo caption of the member who introduced our speaker, Eli Savit. That member was **Delphia Simpson**, not **Miriam Perry**, and you can find a corrected newsletter on the Club website.



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GUESTS AT OUR CLUB...

We were joined by Elissa Benedek, wife of **Dick**, and Mary Schwartz, KC Adm. Welcome!



HOSPITALITY...

Lynne Lande was unable to connect with **Max Supica** and **Bud Roberts** by phone but **Max Ziegler** was able to report **Max S.** is doing well, staying safe at home. **Bob Gray** reports **Bud** has been busy with the Lions Club and working at the KC on occasion.

John Sampelle was able to leave the hospital on Christmas Eve, spending the holidays at home with family. He says Hello and Happy New Year.

Luz Snider is still grieving the loss of **Bob**; cards and words of encouragement are welcome for **Luz** and all those missing someone this holiday season.

Jeanette Oakley remains positive despite the pandemic keeping her homebound since February. We're happy knowing her son is in the area and able to check in and bring groceries regularly.

Jean Robinson is doing well and hopefully, her new laptop will allow her to join us more often. A nephew is helping her remotely so we should see her back soon.

Kathy Barden has been unable to visit with **Deb Jones** but reports things are the same. You can email or call if you'd like and **Deb** will respond when she's able.

Bob Greene's wife Elaine is awaiting heart surgery and we send healing thoughts and prayers their way.

Dale Leslie is January's Hospitality contact at daleleslie@comcast.net or (734) 660-1023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Pam Brown

◆ **Pam Brown** provided an update on the [Big Hearts for Seniors](#) event and announced a workshop for interested storytellers is being held on Sunday, January 16. The theme is "Generations" and storytellers of all ages are welcome. More key dates can be found on Page 5.

◆ **Jim Wolfington** notes we had sales of \$1,829 this week and also gifted \$18,018 worth of goods to area non-profits, including Chelsea Goodwill and Mercy House (aka Peace House).

◆ **Peter Schork** reports WDIV's coverage of the AA YMCA and Kiwanis collaboration providing gifts for children in Washtenaw County. You can read about it [here](#).

◆ **Peter Schork** also reported on the successful [T. Wall Foundation](#) event on 12/15 in which family representatives and teachers shopped for 16 area families. Peter praised **Kathie Wilder's** work organizing this event while **Kathie**, herself, thanked **Carol Presley** and **Ellen Webb** for cashiering and the Kiwanis staff for their work loading furniture and helping in any way needed. Tom Wall sends his appreciation to the Club for helping those with disabilities. In October, he never thought this could happen. The note below is just one of many received from teachers who participated;



Tom Wall
T Wall Foundation

"I have 2 families with several kids under the age of 10. Some of the children have disabilities and some do not, but one of their commonalities is they all still believe in the magic of Santa. As we all know in time, this belief will disappear, but with the help of the T. Wall Foundation the magic of Santa and Christmas will continue on for these families this Christmas. This Christmas, the children of both families will have beds to sleep in, warm clothes, food in their bellies and gifts to open Christmas morning. They won't wonder on Christmas morning if Santa forgot them or if they were on the naughty list. Parents won't be losing sleep trying to figure out gifts let alone how to pay for basic necessities. In a tough year, during tougher times than normal with the pandemic, schools being closed, limited social contact and much more, the T. Wall Foundation provided some normalcy to my student's families and a little bit of peace." Thank you all for your amazing contribution: Tom Wall.

FINES...

Dan Dever was early in proposing a fine on **Ken Hillenburg** for doing such a tremendous job in muting us all, he even muted **Claire Dahl's** opening on piano. In appreciation of **Ken's** work, we passed this fine. **Dan** also proposed the second passing fine of the day, fining himself for not being able to present **Peter Schork** with his annual Christmas tie. **Peter** was clearly disappointed but, **Dan** hints a surprise may show up in **Peter's** mailbox soon.



Dan Dever

HAPPY DOLLARS...

- ☺ **Larry French** had \$50 happy dollars on behalf of **Mary Stewart** and the work she did this season for Warm the Children. 1,200 kids were served, mostly due to her efforts.
- ☺ **Mitch Goodkin** was happy for his granddaughter, who's a nurse, receiving her COVID-19 vaccine shot in Florida.
- ☺ **William Hampton** was \$13.50 worth of happy, 25¢ for each year of **Dan Burroughs'** marriage to his wonderful wife.
- ☺ **Dan Burroughs** also had happy dollars for his many years of marriage to Adrienne and has a nice photo of Ulysses S. Grant to prove it.
- ☺ **Larry Dittmar** is happy for his son's new contracts providing "crowd noise" for both the National Hockey League and the National Basketball Association until they get the real thing back in the arenas.
- ☺ **Dick Benedek**, happily wearing the hat he normally wears in NM for holiday festivities, was happy to present a UConn National Champs hat to **Past President Dan Dever**, who was mysteriously absent from the screen. Fear not, a man of many hats, **Dick** will present **Dan** and others with the hats he's collecting for them in person as soon as we can meet again.
- ☺ **Dave Hughes** is happy for a lighthearted parody based on The Sound of Music...Farewell!



Dick Benedek

BITE-SIZE JOBS FOR THE PANDEMIC HOME BOUND

For our **Centennial** celebration in 2021, there are some tasks that can be performed while members and friends are quarantined at home. See if some of them attract your fancy:

- ~ Compile a mailing or calling list of former club members and their spouses and widows or widowers sourced from past club directories and current member word-of-mouth (see **Kathie Wilder**);
 - ~ Contact former club members and their spouses electronically or by phone to confirm they wish to receive information and/or have any questions during the year-long observance;
 - ~ Envision and arrange how a table or bookcase display of our **Century of Service** might appear in the AA District Library branches, the Washtenaw County Historical Society and other public settings (Archivist **Ken Hillenburg** and **Kathie Wilder** are idea people);
 - ~ Alert the Ann Arbor non-profit community about our history and planned Centennial year;
 - ~ Compile and contact a list of likely contributors and items for our silent auction table & door prizes if the banquet proceeds (*at present the tentative date is Sunday, June 13, 2021*);
 - ~ If the banquet proceeds, identify the transportation and parking needs to be addressed, the cost and from what sources?;
 - ~ Obtain and arrange for distribution of a map of the U-M Michigan Union if the banquet plans proceed; and
 - ~ Work with **Alan Burg** and **Bob Gray** to select club photos and create a video to be displayed on the screens at the Thrift Sale;
- ~Club Members and friends - Other ideas? Contact Dale Leslie, Centennial Co-chair, 734.660.1023

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Sale, gifts from
our members,
and the work of
our volunteers
to benefit our
community
totals over
\$7,500,000.



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Our Sponsored Programs
in Service to Youth:



Angell Elementary



Huron High School
Pioneer High



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WISD Aktion Club

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	2 KYP Meeting 7pm	3 No Vouchers	4 No Sale or Donations until further notice	5 No Sale or Donations until further notice
6	7 ZOOM <u>State & Michigan Theaters</u>	8 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	9	10  Hanukkah Begins No Vouchers	11 No Sale or Donations until further notice	12 No Sale or Donations until further notice
13	14 ZOOM <u>Member Recognition</u>	15 Board Meeting 6:30pm Donations accepted 9am—Noon	16	17 No Vouchers	18 No Sale or Donations until further notice	19 No Sale or Donations until further notice
20	21 ZOOM <u>Eli Savit</u>	22 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	23 Festivus For the rest of us	24 No Vouchers	25 Merry Christmas 	26  Kwanza Begins
27	28 ZOOM Mott Pott Week	29 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	30	31 No Vouchers		No Sale or Donations until further notice

January 2021

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17	18 ZOOM <u>MLK Day Presentation</u>	19 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	20	21 No Vouchers	22 No Sale or Donations until further notice	23 No Sale or Donations until further notice
24 / 31	25 ZOOM <u>Kiwanis Community Impact Report</u> Mott Pott Week	26 Donations accepted 9am—Noon	27	28 No Vouchers	29 No Sale or Donations until further notice	30 No Sale or Donations until further notice



This Week's Numbers

Attendance

67

Fines Deferred

Happy \$ IOUs

Keep filling those jelly jars!

Mott Pot

Give Online or by Check.

Vouchers

\$0

0 Families

\$6,088 YTD

27 Families YTD

Thrift Sale

Mon - Sat
Closed Until
Further Notice

Other

\$1,829

TOTAL

\$85,275 YTD

(Unofficial)



The fact that you are taking time to read this indicates a high aptitude for being a newsletter editor. ✉ Email: John Kiddle at jkiddle@gmail.com immediately to volunteer.

**"YOU GET OLD AND YOU
REALIZE THERE ARE NO ANSWERS,
JUST STORIES."**
Gerrison Kellor

Big Hearts for Seniors...A Call Out to All Storytellers of All Generations!

Do you have a story to tell? **Big Hearts for Seniors** (BHS) is searching for storytellers to tell their true stories using the theme, "Generations" and children are encouraged to consider applying.

Key Dates To Note Are As Follows:

- ◇ **Storyteller Submissions** - accepted from **December 1, 2020 - February 1, 2021**
- ◇ **Storyteller Workshops** - Worried about how to turn your experience and idea into a great story?

You are not alone! Have the opportunity to learn the inside scoop on compelling live storytelling taught by professional storytellers. Q&A session included. **January 16, 2021, 10:00- 12:00noon.**

- ◇ **Stories Chosen to present at Pitch-Fest** will be announced on **February 15, 2021**
- ◇ **Pitch-Fest- February 27, 2021 - February 28, 2021** (30 minutes appointments will be set) - selected storytellers will have the opportunity to "pitch" their story ideas to the selection committee.
- ◇ **Final Big Hearts storytellers will be announced on March 8, 2021.**
- ◇ **Three, one-hour coaching sessions** on the **weekends of March 20, March 27, and April 10, 2021.**
- ◇ **Public presentation:** May 27, 2021.

If you have any questions, please email jwhowrd@med.umich.edu or call (734) 998-9353. You can find more information [here](#) or, if you'd like to make a monetary donation, you can just click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL BIG HEARTS FOR SENIORS EVENT

Big Hearted Stories: Generations

MAY 27, 2021 | 7:00 PM EDT | VIRTUAL

An evening of storytelling and silent auction to benefit five important community programs. **And, it's free** - donations are welcomed.

- **Apply to become a storyteller!**
Storyteller submissions are being accepted December 1 - February 2
- **Learn how to become a sponsor!**

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TODAY'S PROGRAM CONTINUED...

Alan Burg next discussed our annual Community Impact Report, the topic of our January 25, 2021 noon meeting. An updated total of information dating back to 1921 will be provided. Many people have contributed to the compilation and we'll learn about this and the new "Annual Report" to be prepared going forward. Tune in January 25 to learn more.

Jim Dries and **Dan Burroughs** reported on the work of the Scholarship Committee and students assisted this fall at WCC. This is an especially trying time for community college students, who are typically older adults trying to complete

2020 Community Grants by the Numbers

- Kiwanis Grant Funds Budget Allocation: \$300,000
- Grant Applications Received: 87
- Grant Applications Total Grant Requests: \$468,964
- Grants Applications Recommended and Approved: 66
- Approved Grants Funding Total: \$259,660
- Approved Grants Distributed: 60
- Approved Grants Funding Total Distributed: \$238,826



Preview of January 25, 2021 Program.

1. **Community Impact - Since 1921 data. (99 years)**
 - > Income Sources, Fundraising Projects, Grants, and Gifts.
 - > An Updated Grand Total of Giving Since 1921.
2. **Community Impact in FY2020.** (½ page yellow flyer.)
3. **New "Annual Report" for FY2020.**
 - > Who is Kiwanis? Activities, Capital Projects, COVID 19, Annual Percentage of Giving, and the Grand Total Grants and Gifts.



Information will be emailed to members and placed on websites. A big thank you to members who provided information.

their educations while working or raising a family. A total of 27 scholarships were awarded to students this past semester due to the work of the Committee and the generosity of Kiwanis members. Shana Barker of WCC also played a big part in making this happen. Our scholarship awardees are doing well and we'll continue to support them every way we can. Members will be receiving letters soon regarding the upcoming year's funding goals and how each of us can help.

Dale Leslie, chair of the Centennial Committee, provided a list of "Bite-Size" jobs that can be done to assist with the upcoming 100-year celebration by those homebound during the pandemic. You can find the list on Page 3 and tune in to the Club's noon meeting next week to learn more. His goal is to see involvement by every member of the Club.

Dan Dever lastly followed up a bit on SMOC and **Mike Dabb's** report on grants awarded and the process involved. **Dan** summarized new collaborations with other local agencies in which we're gifting some of the immense amount of goods we receive. These collaborations will continue to some extent after we're able to open the thrift sale again.

This is just a sample of the work being done by our many committees and **President Margaret** hopes to have more reports in the coming months. It's even more important to keep members up to date with committee work while we're not able to meet in person. You're encouraged to watch the full program portion of today's meeting, which starts [here](#). Much more information than what could be included in the Newsletter is discussed.

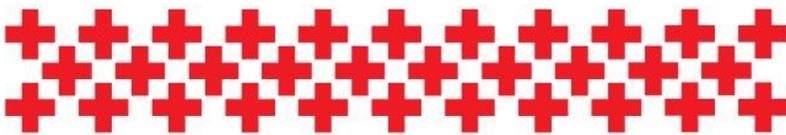
While **President Margaret** many times mentioned her appreciation of how the whole Kiwanis team has pulled together, a huge Thank You goes out to her and our 2019/2020/2021 leadership and the role they played in keeping us safe and productive during this time. We've still helped many in our community and will continue to do so under their helm. Happy New Year.

INTERCLUB...

Larry French reports a successful InterClub meeting with AA Western was held on 12/22. In attendance along with **Larry** were **Max Zeigler**, **Kathie Wilder**, **Robert Johnson** and **Dick Benedek**. Another InterClub will be scheduled in January. Contact **Larry** or peruse last week's Newsletter for information on how you can join other local Kiwanis Clubs' zoom meetings.

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Kiwanis Ann Arbor

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- [Kiwaniis International](#)
- [Kiwaniis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 7pm first Wednesday of Month
- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays (Check Calendar on Web-site)
- [Kiwaniis Club of Ypsilanti](#)
Meets 7:30pm, 1st and 3rd Monday of the month
- [Ann Arbor Western](#), Meets Noon Tuesdays

*In-person meetings suspended until further notice.

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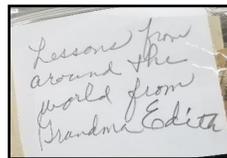
Centennial History...

While we await our June celebration of 100 years of service to the community, below are a few tidbits of history. More to come in future editions of the Newsletter.

- ☞ Kiwanis Thrift Sale - Customers by the car load- train car that is! (1990)
<https://youtu.be/yTMW0O4cRFU>
- ☞ 2015 Ann Arbor News "Deals of Year" Retail Award winner, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor <https://youtu.be/aUJFIYdf0Xs>
- ☞ 2010 "BANDS, TAKE THE FIELD!" U-M & MSU Marching Band memories
<https://youtu.be/sgXviKdcspM>

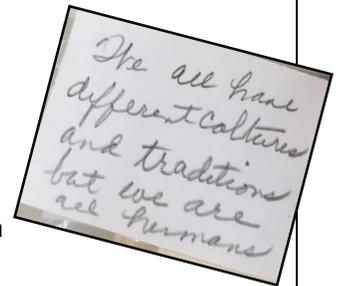
Life Lessons from Grandma Edith....

"We all have different cultures and traditions but we are all humans"



If Grandma Edith wasn't a Kiwanian on record, she was clearly one in spirit.

(notes included with a donation of dolls from around the world)



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