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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

All Monday meetings and programs are suspended until further notice.



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A Note from March Newsletter Editor, Lynne Lande...

Dear Kiwanis Family and Friends,

We have been in our shelter at home situation for more than a week now, and I thought it would be interesting to check in with a few of our Kiwanis members to see how they are doing and what they would like to share with you about themselves.

I invited four Kiwanians to participate: **Dick Benedek, Ann and Jim Mattson, and Evan LeRoy.** They all generously allowed me to spend virtual time with them in their homes and shared stories and perspectives. I had a wonderful time doing this; I hope you will enjoy reading the following stories.

Dick Benedek has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor for 57 years! He has been a loyal member with faithful attendance and participation. For many years, when he and **Elissa** would travel to other parts of the country and world, he would make a point to visit a Kiwanis Club and to bring back a pennant to hang in our meeting room downtown.

Longer lived than his Kiwanis membership, however, is Dick and Elissa's marriage: they will celebrate 62 years this summer! I asked Dick about their marriage; his face lit up, he looked to Elissa, who said, "We have a lot of fun together!" Dick agreed and said that early in their marriage they each decided to learn about and enjoy activities the other liked. Dick loved sports, and so Elissa became a fan, too. In fact, Dick says, "She often makes the right call before the referee!" Conversely, Elissa loved ballet, concerts, the theater; but Dick had no experience with any of it. He figured if Elissa enjoyed it, there must be something to it, and so he became a fan of ballet, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, and the Ann Arbor Civic Theater. There is great wisdom in this approach and countless hours of shared enjoyment.



Elissa and Dick celebrating their 60th anniversary

Jazz is another shared interest of Dick and Elissa. They have gone to the New Orleans Jazz Fest and the French Quarter Festival for more than 20 years. Here in Ann Arbor, the Benedek's followed Kiwanian trumpeter Paul Klinger and his Easy Street Jazz Band for more than 25 years. Paul is gone, but his band continues on.

Asked to stretch his memory way back, Dick recalled his early days as a barrister: graduating from U of M Law School in 1958, completing his required stint in the Reserves, passing the Bar Exam, and joining the Zwerdling legal firm in Detroit. He rode the commuter train from Ann Arbor to the Michigan Central Station in Detroit and walked to the law offices in the Cadillac Tower.

Most of Dick's legal career was spent in private practice here in Ann Arbor. He often was assigned cases by the judges to represent poor defendants, because there was no Public Defender at that time. If there were space here I could tell you some wonderful stories of his successful efforts to represent and defend people who had been caught up in the legal system with no resources to defend themselves. Dick also spent ten years as the Washtenaw County Friend of the Court, adding social workers and a referee system to help families through the painful and complicated process of divorce. He is proud that he initiated affirmative action procedures to increase diversity in the Friend of the Court.

Dick and Elissa will miss the Jazz Fest this spring, and are sad that March Madness was cancelled. They also will not have their Seder Passover meal shared with family and friends. Still, they say, these are only inconveniences compared to the suffering and anxiety so many are experiencing. A sharp mind, quick wit, unassuming nature, and warm heart define and describe our beloved Kiwanian, Dick Benedek.

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A Word from the Operations Coordination Committee and the Personnel Committee about our Valued Employees...

During the period that the Governor's Stay-at-Home Executive Order is in effect, all employees other than those identified as critical infrastructure workers have been directed not to report for work. However, during this period, all employees, both full-time and part-time, will receive their full pay. After the Stay-at-Home period, each employee will continue to be paid in full for the number of hours normally scheduled and worked regardless of whether he or she is asked to work normal hours, is asked to work a reduced number of hours as a result of our sales closure or the Coronavirus crisis, is asked not to report to work due to our sales closure or the Coronavirus crisis, or is unable to work due to Coronavirus illness or factors related to the Coronavirus. Medical benefits continue in full force, to the same extent in effect before the Coronavirus crisis. We respect and value our employees and want to treat them as we would hope to be treated if we were in their shoes. All of us strive to serve and benefit the community, and we start these aspirations with our employees who serve Kiwanis and the community every day.

KIWANIS/WCC FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIPS...

If I were greeting you at Kiwanis today, I would give you a hearty HUG and gentle rub on the back. However, I am at home and my hug to you is a virtual one. This one is EXTRA hearty if you have helped us with the "Finish Line" Scholarship Program. Remember that we are helping local students with the dream and the reality of two years at Washtenaw Community College. In this very challenging time, our students need to know that they WILL BE SUPPORTED and won't need to worry about the security of their educational future. Everyone has enough to worry about! Let's erase "schooling" from their worry list. Thank you to the Kiwanis members who have so generously already donated to our program. Thank you to those of you who are getting ready to donate. Any amount helps. Please stay safe and, hopefully, we'll soon be enjoying each other's company at a group meeting at KCW. ~**Claire Dahl**

Donations to date total \$11,000 (44% of our \$25,250 goal) and the donors are: **Ray Argyile, 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 Santarpia, 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](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- 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.
- **Larry French** reports the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is reaching out to the Child & Family Life Departments at the four hospital we serve, the C.S. Molt Children's Hospital, the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Michigan to see what support Kiwanis can provide in these challenging times. As information becomes available we will keep Clubs and individual Kiwanians informed with your help.
- The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Club in their weekly newsletter (The Harpoon) (March 27, 2020), made note of the Kiwanis Club and Thrift Sale closure. Please express our appreciation to the Rotarians with whom you are acquainted. They have one of the largest Rotary Club memberships in the State.
- Vouchers have been suspended until further notice.
- The latest COVID-19 information from the Washtenaw County Health Department can be found at this [link](#).
- April's newsletter Publisher is **Sandy Rabidoux**. The April Editor is **John Kidle**. Send your Kiwanis newsletter items to either or both of them.

EDITOR'S NOTE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...

I connected next with **Ann and Jim Mattson** at their condo in Sarasota, Florida. This story is Ann's narrative because Jim was taking a nap out on the lanai. I was jealous already. I told Ann about my conversation with Dick Benedek and about their long marriage; turns out Ann and Jim will be celebrating their 55th anniversary this July!

Ann describes their life these days as "not doing much" since their Florida Kiwanis Club is not meeting and houseguests are no longer arriving at their door. Being outdoors, however, is a great advantage: there are walking trails around their condo, a central pool area where until recently they were able to socialize with other residents. Ann noted that everyone in the condo is older and is being very careful to maintain social distance. They carry wipes to clean common surfaces before sitting down in communal areas.



Jim and Ann on the lanai



One day Ann found a funny idea on the Internet and decided she could do that, too!

Ann and Jim each have siblings nearby and they stay in touch. They also have created a daily check in with their kids via group email, describing what and how they are doing. The kids, in turn, take turns talking about what's going on in their lives. This has alleviated kids worrying about parents and increased positive family connections.

Ann shared a story of their son's family in Ann Arbor: granddaughter Rachel had returned home and needed a workspace during the day. The solution was for Rachel to rent her youngest brother's bedroom during work hours for twenty five cents a day.

Ann also reported their daughter Wendy has been appointed "Worst mother in the world" for not allowing her sixth grade son to have a sleepover. Ann and Jim also have a new granddaughter, now three months old, in Colorado. Ann was happy that she got to meet the baby before travel restrictions went into place.

Jim has been elected to the Home Owners Association Board there and has taken on the Herculean task of organizing papers and records.

We will be so happy when two of our favorite snowbirds fly home to us.



Evan and family on a quarantine adventure

My third virtual visit was with a very different household: **Evan and Anna LeRoy** and their three children, Lucy, Owen and Sam. Little people were running through the room and voices of protest or pleading could be heard in the background. It was great fun. Both Evan and Anna are working from home, which is a challenge with a young family also at home. Evan said that he and Anna coordinate their schedules of meetings and conference calls and take turns parenting throughout the day.

Evan says, "We're in this for the long haul"... Lucy, who is in second grade, and Owen, who is in young five's, probably won't return to school this year. Three year old Sam pretty much runs free, but the older two need structure and a schedule. Screen time is limited to first thing in the morning, then a block of time for academic

activities, with resources and materials sent by the teachers. After lunch they go outside to play, joining other children living safely in social isolation. Evan and Anna have some adult quiet time once the children are in bed. Evan uses this time to catch up with Kiwanis business as Club Treasurer, or to work on Boy Scout matters as chair of the Huron Trails District Committee—which covers all of Washtenaw county (roughly 1,500 youth). Lucy has joined the Boy Scouts, drawn by the out of doors activities. Evan commented that he feels confident he could help his family in case of dire straits because of the skills he learned as a Boy Scout.

Some of the positive and fun things the LeRoy family has done includes going to Hewen's Creek Park, near Rolling Hills park. They found beautiful trails and a variety of ecosystems to explore. They also have gone on the Border to Border Trail, a portion of which goes from Dexter to Hudson Mills. The children were on scooters or bikes while Evan and Anna jogged alongside. There were numerous people on this trail, but people were being careful to keep safe distance.

One of my favorite memories of Evan at Kiwanis is seeing him and the three children working together to make popcorn for the Thrift Sale. This is the future of Kiwanis in action. Thank you, Evan, for all you do and how you model being a good father and citizen.



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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](#) and [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 who are 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.**

HOSPITALITY...

Dave Hughes sends this Hospitality news. **Jerry Brown** reports that his wife, Lyn, is recovering from surgery to repair three broken bones in her left ankle. She has a follow-up appointment 4/1 and is hoping to be fitted with a new, more comfortable, removable cast to replace her present cast.

I checked in with **Alan Berg** and found him in good spirits sheltering at home and wondering when family and friends will be able to come together for a rescheduled memorial service for his brother. He thanked us for our sympathy card.

Deb Jones wants to thank her Kiwanis family for notes, calls and emails. She is resting and healing, waiting for lung inflammation to clear, and is scheduled to see radiologist on Thursday. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Gray and **Susan Smith** have been in touch with a number of members and volunteers recently and report that **Ellen Webb** is making masks, as are **Cynthia Olcott, Pam Conway, Carol Buttram, and Cheryl Vogel. Carol Presley** is making a lot of progress on resettling her home. **Bill Robb** is at home tinkering with things. He and Bob reconfigured and updated the Filemaker system which broke down on March 16. Took them all week working with technicians from AT&T and then Filemaker and then Comcast.

Dale Leslie reports that **Bob and Luz Snider** have a new address and want all Kiwanians to know where and how to reach them:

Belfour Residence
2830 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-800-4766 (cell) or email luzvictoria@ameritech.net

Max Ziegler (antiquesz@aol.com) will be your contact for hospitality news in April. Please forward any hospitality news to Max in April. He welcomes all communications.

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

VIRTUAL HAPPY DOLLARS...

☺ **Sandy Rabidoux** is happy to have spent a month at the beach in Miami before coming home to the current "stay at home" situation we're in now. She's also thankful to be able to video conference with friends and family during this time. Finally, Sandy sent this musical [link](#) from the Detroit Symphony to help keep beautiful music (recorded in the musicians' homes) in our homes during this time of social distancing.

☺ **John Kidle** is happy that he and Marykay played *Fibbage* online with the kids and grandkids using Zoom. Lots of laughs with live video and audio of everyone. Not an advertisement, but [Zoom](#) is an online video meeting application that's simple and free (for basic consumer use). It's a way to stay in touch with friend and family groups.

☺ **Susan Smith** sent some timely thoughts gleaned from the web. We'll publish some of those here from time to time.

Remember to email your Happy Dollar information, with or without an illustrating photo, to **Sandy Rabidoux** and **John Kidle** by Noon Wednesday of each week.



As Sandy says, there's nothing like the beach!

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!

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	28	29	30		

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <u>Meetings Suspended</u>	26	27	28	29	30
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This Week's Numbers

Attendance
No Meeting

Fines
\$0

Happy \$ IOUs
\$3

Mott Pot
\$0 Today
\$408 YTD estimate

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

Thrift Sale
Mon - Friday
Closed
Saturday
Closed
Other
\$0
TOTAL
Closed
\$547,763 YTD
(Unofficial)



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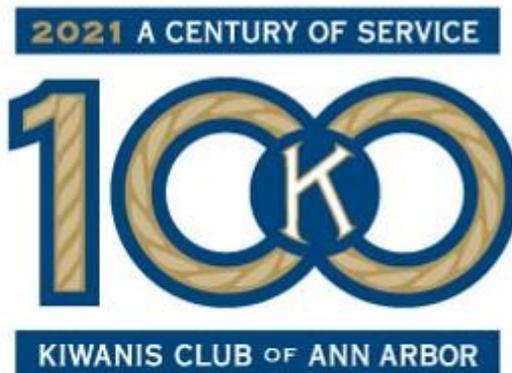
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- [Michigan District Kiwanis](#)
Click [here](#) to read the latest *Michigan Builder*.
- [Kiwanis International](#)
- [Kiwanis Young Professionals of Washtenaw County](#) Meets 7pm first Wednesday of Month
- [U of M Circle K](#)
Meets 7pm Thursdays 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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