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## Today's Program.....

President:

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**Dale Leslie** introduced us to the Rev. Dr. Debby Mitchell, an ordained minister, poet, actor, playwright, director, teacher, anointed speaker, retreat leader and author. She is the founder of 'All Things Artistic Ministries, Inc.' (ATAMI). Rev. Dr. Mitchell thanked **Dale** for his introduction and thanked **Alan Caldwell** for facilitating her speaking to us today. Rev. Dr. Mitchell opened with a rich poem about a great-grandmother raising her great-grandson in her waning years in order to instill in him her set of values and closed with a poem about changing lives one at a time. In between these two readings, she related how her values and the Kiwanis values of helping one child, one community at a time were in sync and how, as a 15 year old, she had dramatized a poem at our Kiwanis meeting and that the encouragement she had received had changed her life.

Three years later, as a graduating 18 year old, she had received a \$500 scholarship from Kiwanis which made a huge difference in her circumstances at school and enabled her to buy her books for several years. She related that Ann Arbor Kiwanis club again changed her life when, after college, she worked at the A2 Community Center and realized her mission was one she had learned here, to change one child, one community at a time. She went on to get her MSW from U of M and joined the staff there, now with the goal of changing one student at a time. She then went on to get her PhD in Theology and related how, with the founding of ATAMI, all her passions have converged. At present, Willow Run is there target community and the goal of ATAMI is to change the community through Arts & Education, which has been severely slashed; ATAMI is hoping to change the world one child, one community at a time. After closing with a poem, **Alan Caldwell** asked the Rev. Dr. Mitchell how ATAMI was funded and she related that at the present time they are funded solely through charitable contributions.

## Next Weeks Program.....

Faye Askew-King, Executive Director SOS (helping the homeless)



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- Officer of the Day:** Lynne Lande
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- Dockers:** Doug Ziesemer, Nate Foerg & Kathy Griswold
- Sorters:** Patrick McLean
- Hardware:** Steve Pezda, Bob Greene & Burt Lamkin
- Furniture:** Mel Williams, George Gilligan, Jim Kane & Andy Piper
- Sporting Goods:** Rip Kinney & Larry French
- Electronics:** Bill Robb & Associates
- Lamps:** Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz & Friends
- Antiques:** Liz Elling & Pat Materka
- Beds and Toys:** Lee Bachman, Gretchen Preston & Ken Shaw
- Office and Medical:** Jim Mattson & Team
- Invocation:** Jane Talcott
- Greeters:** John Dahl, Claire Dahl, Garry Donner
- Hospitality:** Max Ziegler
- Cashier:** Martha Petroski
- Vouchers:** Claire Dahl, Rose Marie Barhydt, Don Clewell, Garry Evans & Sharon Keyes

### Guests at our Club.....

**Claire Dahl** introduced the following guests: **Dick Smit** was joined by his brother Ray Smit; **Bryce Babcock** hosted Jyoti Gupta; David Sweetman was a guest of **Sandy Elden**; **Sally Lamkin** hosted Missy Orge & Brian Weenhoff; the Circle K representatives were Megan Pratt, Michael Manning & Brad Bergeron

### Announcements.....

**President Fred Sanchez** announced the April Birthday's for: **Murray Franklin, Burt Lamkin, Gene Buatti, John Bassett, Past President George Gilligan, Past President Peter Schork, Jean Robinson, Dave Fox, Jim Carey, Howard Ando, Sandy Williams & Dennis Powers;**

Golf outing details were delivered by **Al Dailey** who related how this is now the only district golf outing left in the State of Michigan and a significant source for fund-raising. Kiwanis Ann Arbor club takes the lead in Michigan fund-raising efforts and this golf outing is now 100% dedicated to raising monies therefore they are trying to get 144 golfers from the state for the outing on Friday June 15th;

**Past President Ron Gardner** related the great turnout for the Big House Big Heart event yesterday and then **President Fred Sanchez** informed the group that **Past President Gardner** had won a Distinguished Past Present award;

There is a Warehouse Sale this Saturday and **Nick Dever** called for volunteers for the sale. He also asked that the group 'stick around' next week after the meeting to try to hammer out a schedule for the warehouse much the same as the Thrift Store schedule;

Meetings after today's meeting were Sales Policy, Membership & Growth, and Sporting Goods; there is one meeting scheduled for next week after the meeting for the Communication Committee.

## Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Happy Dollars: **Kathy Barden** had \$5 happy dollars for running the 5 K at the BHBH event; **Larry French** was happy for the Distinguished Club Award achieved through the work of the Growth & Membership Committee; **Jim Kane** was happy for his new great-grandniece, Sierra Joy; **Sandy Elden** had \$13 happy dollars for the 13 weeks he spent in Florida and then presented **Ron Williams** with a genuine chocolate alligator from his trip; **Harry Cross** had two happy dollars, one for the response from the matching grant challenge and one for becoming a granddad for the second time to baby Alice Rose; **Martha Petroski** had \$2 one for selling the football tickets and one for her upcoming Middle Eastern vacation; rounding out the happy dollars was **Don Kenney** reminding us of the 'Lurch & Stumble' even on May 20th reporting that we can register with him. Fines: **Dale Leslie's** proposed fine failed but **Garry Evans** proposed fine for anyone not participating or attending the BHBH event, thereby not getting wet on the rainy Sunday, passed.

## Hospitality Information.....

**Max Ziegler** related the sad news of Red Simmons passing at age 102 & fondly recalled Kiwanians singing 'Happy Birthday' when he turned 100; **Max** also informed us that **Gene Buatti** was home from the hospital and, while still not feeling chipper enough for phone calls or visit, welcomes e-mails and cards.

## Stuff you should know.....

Last Week Sale: \$ 7479

Today's Fines: \$ 22

Today's Happy Dollars: \$ 26

Vouchers: 6 families, \$896 in goods

**Past President Ron Gardner** announced that thanks to an outstanding effort by **President Fred Sanchez** we have a slate of nominees for Vice-President, Treasurer and Board of Directors. There will be an annual meeting on May 7th when this will be finalized. He also called for any nominations from the floor but there were none. The following have been nominated:

**John Dahl** for Vice-President; **Cliff Sheldon** for Treasurer; and for the open Board of Directors seats the nominees are **Gordon Beeman, John Goff, Sheridan Springer, Alan Burg & Phil Chen**.

**Grant Checks: Judge Sandy Elden** presented David Sweetman, director of the MyLead program, with a grant check to enable local high school students to attend a conference for leadership development; **Dave Hughes** presented a Community Services check for Food Gatherer's in the amount of \$2000 to Missy Orge who related how the money will be used for their job training program which enjoys an 88% placement rate. Ms. Orge also shared how she had been the president of her high school Key club; **Bryce Babcock** presented Jyoti Gupta from the Washtenaw Area Council for Children a check with she explained will be used for their 'Stewardship of Children' program which teaches how to recognize the signs of child abuse.



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Past Pres Ron accepts the awards for last year from Past Governor Bill Gohier. Our own Larry French was Lt. Governor and Fred King is recognized as part of the Distinguished Club award.

President Fred accepts the Service Leadership awards for this year from current Governor Liz Wilson and Lt. Governor David Bartley.



**3 Minute Speech: Alan Burg** related that he was born near Pinckney Michigan, one of seven children, and went through the Pinckney school system before getting his Bachelor's Degree from EMU. He then returned to the Pinckney school system as a teacher. During the Vietnam War he was drafted and, after his service time, he returned to school, earning his Master's in Special Education from EMU. He then went on to the Adrian school system where he stayed for 39 years, rising from teacher to principal to assistant superintendent of Special Education to assistant superintendent of the entire system. Joined Kiwanis in Tecumseh 12 years ago where he is a Past President and also the recipient of a distinguished Past President Award. Since moving to the Ann Arbor area he has become an active member of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club.

# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7 WAREHOUSE SALE ONLY
8 EASTER	9 Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 SALE
15	16 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 SALE + Warehouse
22	23 Meeting	24	25	26	27	28 SALE
29	30 MEETING					

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