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OF ANN ARBOR**

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## **Today's Program.....**



**John Dahl** introduced today's speaker with a teasing disclaimer that, although due to the fact that he was standing up at the podium and because of the identity of today's speaker, he would say that the U of M Marching Band is # 1 although he really felt that the Wisconsin band was # 1 and closed his introduction by pointing out that the speaker, from 1989 - 2006 had led the Madison Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps in Madison Wisconsin. Without further adieu, he gave us Mr. Scott Boerma, Director of the University of Michigan Marching Band. Director Boerma opened with a volley that drew lots of laughs proclaiming that the Wisconsin band is somewhat good enough "they don't play well, but they are entertaining" but qualified his remark by stating that he loved Madison and his time there but that he is glad to be in Ann Arbor going on

his 6th year with the Wolverine program. The band program consists of @ 370 members who audition in the summer to become part of the band. The staff is already working on what shows to produce for the coming season as a great deal of time and effort goes into producing each one of the half-time shows. They try to gear their show each week toward a different segment of the audience so that by seasons end, they will have connected with everyone. Some of their best ideas come from the students themselves and they are always mindful that it is the students who make up the biggest segment of the Big House each week and have tried to gear more modern themed shows towards this body, including use of the video boards to tie into their tightly choreographed shows, a massive undertaking. Many people work on the pre-production of the show, with Mr. Boerma writing the arrangements for the wind instruments, another person doing the same for the percussion section, someone else taking on the daunting job of arranging the drill portion which, in addition to having to jive with the music, now also has to move to the videos being shown on the boards. While listing several themes from shows of the past, Mr. Boerma related that the most well-received shows were always the ones that made good natured fun of other Big 10 teams and closed with a video of the 'Wizard of Oz' themed show the band put on last year which had our members laughing and which left no Big 10 team unscathed. Go Blue!

## **Next Weeks Program.....**

Elections and Perfect Attendance recognition and Legion of Honor.

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| <b>Lamps:</b>              | <b>Chris Winkler, Rob Schultz &amp; Friends</b>                                  |
| <b>Antiques:</b>           | <b>Sally Lamkin &amp; Gary Elling</b>  |
| <b>Beds and Toys</b>       | <b>Lee Bachman, Ty Knoy &amp; Steve Hiller</b>                                   |
| <b>Office and Medical</b>  | <b>Jim Mattson &amp; Team</b>  |
| <b>Invocation:</b>         | <b>Dale Leslie</b>   |
| <b>Greeters:</b>           | <b>RoseMarie Barhydt, John Kidle, Bill Tasch &amp; Jim Wight</b>                 |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>        | <b>Mike Barrett</b>  |
| <b>Cashier:</b>            | <b>Max Ziegler</b>   |
| <b>Vouchers:</b>           | <b>Howard Ando, Rose Marie Barhydt, Bob Carr, Molly Kelly &amp; Sharon Keyes</b> |

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

**Garry Donner** introduced the following guests: **Chris Winler** hosted Cheri Dunn, Graham Leslie joined his father **Dale Leslie**, **Gretchen Preston** was joined by Pam Smith, Narda Wishka & Bobbie Hyter were there as guests of **Mark Wishka, Sally Lamkin** hosted Deb Gordan & Bob Iser. Rounding out our guest list were the Circle K representatives Katy Tylus, Melanie Browns, Jonathan Pevornek & Jessica McCrory in addition to our speaker, Scott Boerma.

### Announcements.....

**Past President Ron Gardner** announced that we have a slate of nominees for Vice-President, Treasurer and Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting & Elections will be next week, May 7th, 2012. . 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**. **Nick Dever** announced that we have the warehouse staffed for the upcoming weeks but lots of opportunities to work in the future. Plans as of now include changing the warehouse hours beginning in August to noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. **President Fred Sanchez** announced that **Melissa Tyler** will be training volunteers & members on the use of the credit card machine both before and after next Monday's meeting. **Bob Gray** announced that he will be picking up a block of 20 tickets for 'On Golden Pond' to be performed at the Purple Rose Theater on June 21 and that the cost per ticket is \$16 for the preview night tickets; more information will follow. **Claire Dahl** told the group that the Gerald Ford Library had been made available on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of 'Black and Blue'; this is a joint presentation by Kiwanis and Rotary and all members, friends, family are invited to attend this important film. The Kiwanis grant has been instrumental in getting this film into all Washtenaw public schools. **Claire Dahl** sent the editor the following email and asked for its inclusion in the newspaper:

Here's a copy of the email sent to the school personnel who received the video, "Black and Blue". It might be something we want to put into our newsletter because we want a lot of Kiwanians to attend the special showing! We helped PAY for it, so we should enjoy the night!

## Fines and Happy Dollars.....

Too much happening for this stuff today.....bring \$\$ next week.

## Hospitality Information.....

**Max Ziegler** announced that numerous people we hadn't seen in a while were back including **Pat Buhner, Mike Barrett, Bob & Lou Snider, Tom Lovell, Anne Frey** and **Gene Buatti**. Also announced that **Judge Sandy Eldon** was recuperating at home after a gallbladder flare up last week and that **Evans** fell off a horse and is in the hospital for observation.



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## Stuff you should know.....

**Last Week Sale: \$ 5969**

**Today's Fines: \$ 0**

**Today's Happy Dollars: \$ 0**

**Mott Pot: \$ 174**

Attendance: 93

**Late Breaking News: Claire Dahl** just emailed me with this message: After the meeting today, Scott Boerma, UM Band Director, mentioned that he was sorry that he had forgotten to invite everyone to the daily band practices at ELBEL FIELD on Hoover Street during the fall football season. It is FREE, exciting, lots of fun and happens every day at 4:45 PM. It's more fun as it gets closer to game day, since the kids are better at knowing their music and their steps!

**Grant Checks: Sally Lamkin** presented a Children & Youth Services check to Bob Isler & Deb Gordon for C.O.P.E. in the amount of \$2500 for the 'Telling It' program which is a combination of Arts & Education combined with Social Work for struggling children;

**Chris Winkler** presented a \$1650 to the Friends of CASA director Cheri Dunn. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) advocate on behalf of children who have been removed from their homes and our grant money has been used for their 'Cinderella Fund' which pays for purchases for things such as soccer fees for a child to play, a birthday cake for a child who otherwise wouldn't have one, school supplies, boots, coats, etc. **Gretchen Preston** presented a \$2000 check to Pam Smith, executive director for Child Care Network for their conference teaching new techniques to child care providers.

**Inter-Clubs: Dave Drake** announced that we had a nice turnout of 6 at Western Kiwanis last Tuesday to hear a speech by Brian Clark, son of former Detroit Lion couch Monty Clark. Brian is a former Spartan QB who then went on to play professional football with the 49's and the Lions. There will be a super-interclub in Manchester on May 16th at 6 pm at 'Dan's Common Grille' which is being opened just for the occasion.

*"Serving the  
Children of the  
World...our  
motto, our  
mission"*



Forerunner of the Thrift Sale....the vision continues.

**Dick Smit** gave his 3 minute speech during which he spoke of growing up in Detroit and of all the changes that have occurred since his childhood there. His education was from U of M where he attained both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Engineering, and also where he met his wife. He then started his professional career as an engineer including a period where he worked in Detroit; related how, during the Detroit riots in 1967, he was at home and how, when he returned to work the following week, there were soldiers in the streets and tanks at the intersections. His final job, where he retired from, was a 23 year stint with the Army Corps of Engineers. He is the proud parent of a daughter, born in 1971, and a four year old granddaughter. His brother Ray, a Past President, was a Kiwanian for many years. Related how impressed he was and continues to be when he found out how much charitable contributions the Kiwanis club makes to local community resources.

#### **WINDOWS VS. FORD:**

**At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,**

**'If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon!**

**In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:**

**If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:**

- 1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....Twice a day.**
- 2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.**
- 3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.**
- 4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.**
- 5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.**
- 6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.**
- 7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.**
- 8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.**
- 9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.**
- 10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.**

Hello! You are invited to a special showing of the video **"Black and" Blue~ The Story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 Michigan-Georgia Tech Football Game" on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. The event will be held at the Ford Presidential Library, 1000 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI at 7 PM.** It's an awesome video about President Ford and his senior year on the UM football team when the University of Michigan faced a major civil rights crisis surrounding the benching of their star player, Willis Ward, solely on the basis of race. It highlights a mostly unheralded side of Gerald Ford and it applauds friendship, morality and individual courage. The riveting video is loaded with UM sports history and legends, pictures of "old" Ann Arbor, the collision of well-known and recognizable local personalities with the larger civil rights movement and, eventually, inspiring scenes in the White House Oval Office. A copy of the video has been delivered to all of the public libraries and high schools in Washtenaw County. The marketing plan had originally been to get this video, and the educational support components, into the high schools by February, 2013 ( Black History Month ), but **The** Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Rotary, Joe Sesi Motors, Peter Fletcher of Ypsilanti Credit Bureau and Bill Ballagh of Chelsea State Farm felt that Washtenaw County high school students, including those at the 3 private high schools in Ann Arbor, needed to see it NOW when the civil rights movement and the **modern presidency are being addressed in their classrooms.** The rest of the state will be receiving copies as funding is made available. This video encourages positive conversations about race relations and offers a new look at our own President Ford that is missed by the history books. **PLEASE COME, BRING A FRIEND AND SHARE A WONDERFUL EVENING AT "THE FORD" WITH ALL OF US! ...**  
Claire Dahl, AAPS, Retired American History teacher, Pioneer High School.

**NOTICE:**

We expect to post the newly approved position of Thrift Sale Manager that was approved by the Board in February. As you have no doubt noticed lately, club leaders have been seeking not only input, but commitments by club members to step up to sale affiliated tasks including working at the Warehouse, joining the pick up crew for merchandise during the week and on Saturday, and soliciting new members and new merchandise. All of this is happening at the same time circumstances beyond our control (i.e. local real estate development) continues to impact our valuable community project.

Give some thought to how you can become involved or more involved in our Sale. The community needs us.....

**ALSO:**

Please consider how you can assure that our District Golf Outing in June is successful. We need not only golfers, but prizes, sponsors, and event day volunteers. Contact Larry French to help out on June 15.

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 SALE
6	7 Meeting	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 SALE
13	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 SALE
20	21 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 SALE
27	28 Memorial Day NO MEETING	29 Regular Meeting	30	31		

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