Kiwanis

Dearborn Outer Drive

Weekly meeting at Park Place - 6:15 PM

We welcome new members!



NEWSLETTER

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With President **Jim Dulmage** back at the helm from roundups, we started the meeting at 6:15. **Len Walkusky** provided the invocation, and President Jim led us in singing "Take me out to the Ballgame". **Kathy Smith** introduced our very talented guest speaker, **Caleb Senn** from the Salvation Army. You may remember Caleb as one of the musicians who entertained us at our Christmas party. He is a also a fellow Kiwanian! He moved from Warren a year ago, and went through the chairs in Kiwanis there. He is now a member of the Dearborn Heights Kiwanis. Captain Caleb now works with the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army Center on Warren Avenue, has two children, and lives in Livonia. **Glad to have you with us, Caleb. Welcome!**

Captain Caleb Senn and his wife Stephanie are Pastors of the Dearborn Heights Citadel Corps and Community Center. As Pastors they are not only responsible for Sunday services and bible study, but a whole lot more. The center runs a day camp from June to August, children's and adult music programs, and many character-building programs for children. They include dodge ball, basketball and after school programs. There is even a senior volleyball program! The character building programs are biblically based with caring, well-trained leaders. The Salvation Army is a global denomination, and is now in 123 countries around the world, including Togo now! Togo, officially the Togolese Republic, is a country in West Africa bordered by Ghana. Togo covers an area of 57,000 square miles, with a population of 6.7 million. (It was in our student dictionary.) The Dearborn Heights Center is responsible for five surrounding communities. Captain Caleb reviewed the many responsibilities the Salvation Army provides, such as food, personal, and baby needs. In addition to that, they also provide housing, rental assistance, and help with utilities and shutoff notices. To receive assistance, recipients need valid Michigan ID, birth certificates for all minors, and proof of income. Besides all these social services, they also can help low income individuals with prescription assistance. Beyond that, the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic has volunteer attorneys' to help people with Family law, landlord/tenant problems, and Social Security and Disability issues. They are doing God's work.

Dictionary Project



What is it like distributing dictionaries? Let's look at Oakman School. A time is arranged, and you check in at the office. An older, but beautiful school. See the round windows on the left? That is the media center, pictured on the right, where you will meet the kids.



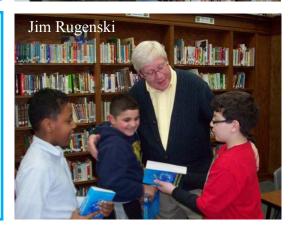


The schools are a wonderful place. Notice the science projects, and seedlings ready to grow in the window? On the right, oak bookcases full of books and knowledge are beside an excellent carved hearth. It is easy to be impressed by Dearborn Schools.





Assigned readings and exploration facilitate learning in a safe, monitored environment. It is a pleasure to be there with the kids. As the kids assemble from their classrooms, the teachers maintain a very respectful decorum. They are the best.





The kids listen attentively as you tell them about Kiwanis and their focus on children. They understand the importance of this "gift of words," and are excited when you tell them not only can they learn faster, but also there are many other resources at their fingertips in this gazetteer dictionary. They immediately begin to discover this wonderful resource, and share with each other. You answer a few questions, and let them know that their teacher will help them develop its use to their full potential. (Don't worry about the questions, you are smarter than a third grader!) The kids are very sharp today. After sharing their enthusiasm and smiles, you ask them to learn as much as they can, and do a lot of reading this coming summer. The gratitude of the kids and teachers are touching. **You can do this!** Join us and see for yourself.



Special Thanks to **John Matthews and Ted Bilan**, who joined **Jim Rugenski** for the dictionary dispersal at DuVall Elementary on March 28. They are in front of the "CAFÉ" board. C=Comprehension: I understand what I read. A= Accuracy: I can read the words correctly. F=Fluency: I can read with accuracy and I understand what I read. E=Expand my vocabulary: I know, find, and use interesting words. With March being reading month, our timing is good in giving them this wonderful resource at this time. I am glad I had some backup in the classroom; the kids asked some good questions while we were there, and they were excited about the books.





On the left, Ms. Rosenau and her third grade class join John and Ted at the CAFÉ board. On the right, they are in Ms. Alabakoff's class. She is right next to John Matthews in the picture. Smart kids there! You would be impressed by the classrooms themselves with all the lessons up along with the work of the kids. It certainly shows the dedication of these fine two teachers. The school principal, Glenn Maleyko, was there to greet us also. Below, Peggie Pedenelli and her Key Clubbers handed out 85 books at Haigh Elementary on August 29. **Join us!**





The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, USA, in 1914. The group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915—the day that is regarded as the birth date of Kiwanis. The club's name is Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1 in recognition of its heritage. Detroit No. 1 is still active today in Detroit, and we still celebrate the birthday of Kiwanis every year. No, Dick was not at the 1st meeting.

Rugenski's Believe it... or Not!

No words in the English language rhyme with orange, silver or purple.

The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

There is a seven letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters, "therein": the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, therein, herein.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."

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Dictionary Disbursements:

Join us at the following schools:

Nowlin:

Wednesday, March 30 at 12:30

Long:

Wednesday, March 30 at 1:00

William Ford:

Thursday, March 31 at 12:30



Let's Talk Turkey!

Our Ham sale is only <u>three weeks</u> away from completion! Orders are due by the April 19 meeting, and will be delivered on April 21 at Don Dodge's house. Just in time for Easter Sunday on the 24th. There is a lot more than just ham available in the product brochure. You can order a spiral sliced breast of turkey, smoked or fresh kielbasa, and different kinds of "mini-stix", mild, hot, or teriyaki. Different kinds of franks are also available, and they freeze well, so you are ready for the Memorial Day Barbeque. If you would like a brochure, pick one up from President Jim at the meeting, and **SELL THOSE PRODUCTS!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2 Kiwanis One Day

April 5 Board Meeting at Park Place

April 12 Meeting at Park Place

April 15 Income Taxes due....OUCH!

April 17 Palm Sunday

April 19 Meeting at Park Place – Ham orders due!





Joining us tonight as **Shonda Brown's** guest was **Melody Fanslau**, a regional manager of TCF bank. She has interest in becoming an honorary member of the club. You are welcome anytime, Melody. It was nice having you with us. Pay no attention to that rowdy table, and we will have Shonda continue to send you our newsletters.

Lots of good news on the Happy Dollar Front! **Tim Ford** gave a dollar because his daughter **Erin** is returning from Afghanistan two months early! Paul Smith and Gene Smith both had proud dollars for all the awards our Dearborn and Fordson High Key Clubs won at the Key Club Convention last week. Gene added a happy dollar because his 5 year old grandson beat his son legitimately on the Nintendo Wii bowling game! The buck was for his son learning the "Joys of Parenthood." Speaking of parenthood, John Matthews had a sad dollar for his son and daughter-in-law moving to New York City. They are both MBA's, and the sad dollar is because of the loss to Michigan of their talent. He then added a happy dollar for being in the classroom with Jim Rugenski and Ted Bilan handing out dictionaries. Speaking of dictionaries, Jim Rugenski put in a happy dollar for Peggie Pedenelli and her Key Clubbers flying solo, and passing out Dictionaries at Haigh Elementary today! Dick Barnes had a happy dollar for being back at the meeting with the "motley crew" again. You know who you are. Peggie Pedenelli had a happy dollar for the Salvation Army, who provided the nondenominational service so excellently at the Key Club convention last weekend. Len Walkusky had a happy dollar for the Kennedy High Key Club. They are doing a fundraiser for "Relay for Life", and are having a "Teacher vs. Student" basketball game on Tuesday, April 5 at Kennedy High. (Yes, right on top of our meeting) See Len for \$3 tickets; we know the kids will win. Now, for the Bad News, Good News, and Breaking News...

The Bad News is...**DUES ARE DUE** my friends. The good news is that **Bob Bryer** will be taking **SCRIP ORDERS** next week! Our easiest fundraiser. Breaking news is President Jim will be presenting a request for \$500 to help lay to rest deceased veterans of war who have no family, and are unclaimed. The Disabled American Vets are attempting to claim these heroes, verify their service, and give them the proper burial they deserve. It will be presented at the board meeting next week. Consider this request. **I'm sure we can help out these heroes.**

Board Meeting Next Week!





