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PGX president Orville Smith, left, and Sandi Switzer, PGX executive director, right, present Susan Mussleman and Vera Rickbiel of the Muscular Dystrophy Association with a cheque for \$6,500. The association was this year's beneficiary of the fall fair's charity auction. JENNIFER PARKS/FREE PRESS





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## KAVA at a Glance

- Native to the South Pacific.
- The root is the part of the plant that is used medicinally.
- Small doses can produce a sense of well-being.
- Large doses may produce relaxation, lethargy, and drowsiness.
- Can improve vigilance, memory, and reaction time.
- Decreases anxiety, heart palpitations, chest pain, headaches, dizziness, and gastric irritation.
- Acts as a tonic for the gastrointestinal tract.
- Relaxes muscles and relieves spasms in both skeletal and smooth muscles.
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