



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, October 6, 2003

Edited by Mary McCormick

Upcoming Programs:

October 13, 2003

Dr. Tim Fishell

Introduction: Jim Schmotter

October 20, 2003

Ed Foster, Rotary District Governor

Introduction: Rick Briscoe

Rotary Monday, September 29, 2003:

PRESIDENT RICK opened the meeting with MARV LUDWIG delivering an inspiring invocation for the day and WKZO's Robert Ford sharing the day's news.

Visiting Rotarians:

Hal Creal (Coldwater) and Allan Reiff (Portage).

Guests:

ED GORDON – Alice Gordon; KARL SANDELIN, Rob Peterson; WES FREELAND, Viji Morali; DAN HARTLIEB, R. Brent Bassett; JANET PISANESCHI, Carol Hustoles; DEBRA CHOPE HUGHES, Sondra Phillips and Carol Baker; TIM KILMARTIN, Jim Barnum; JOE BROGGER JR., Mary Jo Asmus; JANET KARPUS, Alan Walker; GENE WRIGHT, Ramon Baca and Shoichi Nochi; HENRY HOLLAND, Larry Baker; BOB MILLER, Greg Rosine; GEORGE ARWADY, Carey Phelps.

Songs:

JOHN DILWORTH accompanied JERRY ALBERTSON and the entire group in two Western Michigan University songs in honor of the day's program – "Brown and Gold" and "WMU Fight Song".

New Member Autobiography:

KARL SANDELIN introduced the club's newest member, Rob Peterson. Rob is a lifelong resident of Kalamazoo and the son of Rotarian, GEORGE PETERSON and his wife, Amy. A WMU alum, Rob married a hometown girl and together they have preschool twins. Rob is currently working as a realtor in the Kalamazoo area with Jerry Arnold. Rob told Rotarians that he is driven to do his very best in everything he undertakes.

Announcements:

MAYOR ROBERT JONES and DORIE KUNKEL (in her capacity as board chairman of the Chamber of Commerce) presented WMU President Judy Bailey with a declaration in honor of the university's 100 year centennial celebration.

MIKE WILLIAMS encouraged Rotarians to fill out a survey to make suggestions of projects for the World Community Service committee.

Happy Bucks:

At PRESIDENT RICK's invitation, D. TERRY WILLIAMS congratulated recent performances of "Women of Troy" and "Buddy – The Story of Buddy Holly". DIETHER HAENICKE contributed for the Gilmore Keyboard Festival lineup for 2004; PAT NORRIS gave for the opening of the Stryker Interactive Learning Hall at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum in addition to the winning weekends for both OSU and University of Minnesota. DAN GUSTIN contributed for recent Fontana performances and the KSO's principal players' solos. STACEY RIDENOUR joined in the accolades for the KSO's great opening night, the artists in residence series and the string quartet at the Ladies Library. GIFFORD BLAYLOCK gave his congratulations to the Fontana. DUWAIN HUNT, as a DKI Board member, expressed his pleasure in noting the number of downtown restaurant patrons catching dinner before a concert or play in the downtown area. JEFF MURPHY was excited about WMU's hockey success and BOB

SPIEGELMAN gave for all of the happy bucks supporting the arts. MAYOR ROBERT JONES contributed for the upcoming Art Hop and auction for breast cancer. DAN HARTLIEB gave for GVSU and WMU and then all WMU alums gave for the Bronco win. JOHN POLZIN celebrated K-College's win. BOB O'BOYLE announced a recent award bestowed on WMU's BTR park by the Michigan Society of Landscape Architects. BOB HUISKAMP gave for the Cincinnati Reds' win. BARBARA JAMES contributed for Bronson Hospital's recent designation by Working Mother magazine for ranking in the top 100 places to work for working mothers. JOHN DILWORTH was grateful the Radisson piano's recent tuning and his son's accomplishments as an 8th grader in Special Olympics. KARL SANDELIN gave a fin for Finnish coffee sold in Marquette, Michigan. KELLIE CODY contributed for WMU, U of M and USA women's World Cup soccer. NANCY OWEN and GEORGE LENNON and JOE BROGGER, JR. gave for respective alma mater wins and JIM WOODRUF for Old Man Winter's arrival October 1st. GAYLE WEST WEBSTER gave for her daughter's Portage Central tennis win, JOE GAGIE for a Sousa museum in Illinois, DREW ELLIOTT for the lively Rotary meetings and RICK BRISCOE gave for the WMU song.

Rotary Program:

DIETHER HAENICKE introduced the seventh president of WMU, Dr. Judith Bailey. Dr. Bailey opened her remarks expressing her gratitude by donating five happy bucks to Rotary charities: first for being named WMU president; for the opportunity to live in a community like Kalamazoo; for the area arts community; for the sports successes and for a husband with the best haircut in town. Dr. Bailey reviewed for Rotarians the strong partnership that WMU has fostered through the years with the Kalamazoo area through the diverse arts community, through K-12 education as the 4th largest producer of teachers in the US, and through the health care community partnership. All of this collaboration is centered on a basic premise, "What's good for Kalamazoo is good for WMU and vice versa." Dr. Bailey envisioned for her audience the possibilities of the southwest Michigan region and the role that WMU can play in regional partnerships, cooperation, collaboration and community engagement. She reminded Rotarians that for every \$1 investment by the state of Michigan into higher education, Michigan receives a \$30 return and locally WMU's annual economic impact in Kalamazoo surpasses \$614 million. Dr. Bailey talked to Rotarians about our changing economy both locally and statewide and the need for us as a community to protect our most valuable resource – human capital. To survive in the new economy, according to Bailey, will require three ingredients: the creative class of educated individuals, "cool cities" with amenities that the creative class would like to live and lastly regional economic cooperation. Bailey sees WMU as the catalyst for change to redefine our region as a high-tech mecca to offer the global marketplace.

Rotary Monday, October 6, 2003:

PRESIDENT RICK opened the meeting with WAYNE KRUEGER delivering an inspiring invocation for the day and WKZO's Robert Ford sharing the day's news. PRESIDENT RICK also asked Rotarians for a moment of silence in memory of Glen Smith, Jr.

Visiting Rotarians:

Jon Pellowe (Portage), Ed Schaff (Gull Lake) and Alex Short (Baltimore, MD).

Guests:

ED GORDON – Alice Gordon; GEOFF CLAPP – Dr. Douglas Brewer; JANICE BROWN – Ibtusan Al Balushi; GIFFORD BLAYLOCK – Ellen Reed; JIM BRIDENSTINE – Tom Halstead and CRAIG MISNER – Garrett Boersma.

Songs:

JOHN DILWORTH accompanied JERRY ALBERTSON and the entire group in the "MSU Fight Song" and a song to the tune of "Don't Know Much About History" with new, creative lyrics in honor of the day's program on WMU history.

Paul Harris Fellow:

PRESIDENT RICK presented Rotarian VICKIE LANGKAM with a Paul Harris Fellow for her generous contributions.

Announcements:

ED SACKLEY spoke on behalf of the World Community Service committee encouraging Rotarians to share with the committee any projects outside the US that they are involved in to help the committee better plan for the future.

PRESIDENT RICK announced a new process for paying for meals at the Radisson. When paying your \$10 you will receive a ticket which must be handed to one of the servers as you enter the buffet line.

TIM BROWN reminded Rotarians that District 6360 raffle tickets are available for \$20 each.

Happy Bucks:

PRESIDENT RICK started things off by donating for his recent photo (minus a Rotary pin) in the KPS Excelsior newsletter. MAYOR JONES contributed for his Gazette photo that was missing a Rotary pin and CHARLES MARTELL gave for JANICE BROWN who he claims “never wears a Rotary pin”. This comment prompted a spontaneous pin check of all Rotarians by PRESIDENT RICK. JERRY MEINZINGER gave for the WMU and MSU wins and CRAIG MISNER for ED SACKLEY’s unusual outfit. ED SACKLEY gladly contributed to Rotary charities in celebration of the Chicago Cubs’ playoff success. BOB O’BOYLE gave for MSU’s win and challenged all MSU alums to pitch in for their alma mater. JIM WARE gave for MSU as did JOE BROGGER JR. for Albion College. DUWAIN HUNT paid tribute to the contributions of Lindsay Thomas to the area arts community. ED GORDON congratulated the Civic on their recent production of “Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story” and PRESIDENT RICK gave for his visit to see his grandchildren in Nebraska.

Rotary Program:

SHARON CARLSON introduced the day’s program, Michigan historian Larry Massey who recently published his 17th book, “Brown and Gold Memories”. Massey entertained Rotarians with his story-telling about the history of Kalamazoo and WMU. Massey noted six “plums” that were sought after and won by community leaders that established Kalamazoo as a major government, education and cultural center: the naming of Kalamazoo as the county seat; the state land office move to Kalamazoo; University of Michigan establishing a prep school in Bronson Park which later merged with Kalamazoo College; the railroad reaching Kalamazoo in 1846; the state legislature’s designation of Kalamazoo as the site for a state hospital and finally the establishment of the Western State Normal School in Kalamazoo. Twenty-eight communities had vied for the school but Kalamazoo won on the 15th vote beating out Allegan and Hastings due to the commitment of the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce whose leaders put together incentives for the school’s establishment in Kalamazoo and the local media’s support. Massey continued to review the growth of WMU under the leadership of Dwight Waldo and Paul Sangren interjecting interesting anecdotes along the way such as the effort by the state legislature to shut down the school during the Great Depression of the 30’s. Massey noted the impact of the GI bill on the growth of higher education on a national basis and how WMU capitalized on that opportunity.

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