

# *Kalamazoo Rotary News*

December 1, 2003

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## Monday, December 8 Holiday Charity Program

By Loaves and Fishes, Ministry with Community, Salvation Army

### *Announcements*

**Salvation Army: Jim Holtgreive** is looking for a last group of 10 bell ringers. Please call him.

**Casa Amparo needs Volunteers** Skilled people interested in helping should call Bob Boughner or Barbara Walters. Airfare may be available.

### *November 24, 2003*

Pres. **Rick Briscoe** opened the meeting. In the invocation, **Fritz Freund** challenged us to share our bounty.

Robert of WKZO reported the news and recounted his experience as a young adolescent visiting his grandparents on Long Island. There he frequently rode his bicycle through a cemetery. Sometimes people would be kneeling at headstones. Once he stopped to check on a man more distraught than most. After hearing him cry, "if only you had not died," Robert asked, "Who died?" The man responded, "My wife's first husband."

**Visiting Rotarians** included: Mark Dralette of Climax, Mike Debiak of Vicksburg, Bill Dimond of Sunrise, and Paul Mallard of Portage. **Guests:** Ann Elias with **Rick Briscoe**, Anne Fergemann with **Deb**

**Chope Hughes**, Jeff Lee with **Jim Kerstner**, Carol Braksick and Dick Glass with **Ed Sackley**, Jesse Anzaldra with **Giff Blaylock**, Carol Baker with **Lloyd Hanton**, and Mary Jo and Ken Asmus with **Joe Brogger II**.

**Jerry Albertson** and **John Dillworth** honored the Wolverines with "*Hail to the Victors*," and opted not to force the issue after looking over the words so elaborately composed by Al Milovich.

**Pres Rick** called on **Blake Hart** to explain the short menu of **lintel soup**. Blake gave generous thanks to the professional support of the simple meal by Chef Wayne Wells and staff. Of course, the savings were donated to Rotary's **Hunger Plus**. Blake told how 44,000 pounds of food were provided in Ethiopia last year. The purpose of the charity is "to feed the hungry and create self sufficiency." The other targeted countries are: Mexico (water and milk), Romania (food for orphanages), and Haiti (food to reduce starvation).

New Member: **Mary Jo Asmus** was born in West Michigan, married to Ken for 25 years. And after 25 years working for one employer, she has found sudden unemployment forced her to rethink life and her contributions. She has created *Aspire* to teach servant leadership which works to create growth in those served.

**Nancy Owen, Barb Walters, and Vickie Langkam** received praise by Pres. Rick for a great Fireside Chat.

**Happy \$\$\$: Joe Gagie** for the end of the Big 10 and WMU seasons, **Joe Herdus** for George Lennon, **George Lennon** for 20 point spread, **Karl Sandelin** in appreciation of Andy Latham going to India with Polio Plus, **Janet Karpus, Eric Dewey** for United Way exceeding goal, **Kelley** for U of M, **Bob Kittredge** for re-opening of FabriKal plant, **Jerry Meinzinger** for the Broncos, **Jerry Albertson** for the Boundless Park, and **Rick Briscoe** for George Arwady and the Gazette and of course, the end of the Chippewa's season!

## Food Resource Bank

**Former District Gov. Bill Dimond** introduced **Norm Brasick**, who he has known since coming to Kalamazoo and worked with at Asgrow through Norm's retirement in 1997. Before taking on the Executive Director role of Food Resource Bank in 2000, Norm served on several community boards including that of Ministry with Community.

Norm described many of the facts of world hunger, including that 800 million go to bed hungry each night. FRB is designed after a model that has put 15,000 acres in Canada to work for hunger relief. Here, 15 denominations are working together to provide training and seeds and to give the dignity of sustainable production. A video described the model of twining rural and urban churches. An example of water catchment ponds in Kenya illustrates the rejoicing and dignity that new sustainability brings.

## December 1, 2003

**Pres. Rick** opened the meeting. The invocation was a beautiful reading of the Lord's Prayer in French. Missing a reporter from WKZO, Pres. Rick informed us of the origins of "black Friday." For retailers, its meaning is not at all dark, but a celebration of that last Friday of November when account balances are likely to change from red ink to black.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Judy Sivak of Sunrise and Dick Weaver of California. **Guests** included: Anne Elias with **Rick Briscoe**, Betty U. Mason with **Jerry Mason**, Dr. Jim Kilwax with **Dick Hodgman**, Jesse Anzaldua with **Jim Escamilla**, Susan Schroen with **Mike Williams**, Barb Stone with **Duwain Hunt**, Hazel Brophy and Jasmine Otoofi with **Sean McCann**, and Jeanne Grubb with **Deb Chope Hughes**.

Given the professionals present for the program, Pres. Rick vetoed members singing for the day. **Amy Krone** announced that 10 members gave blood and assured everyone that blood donors are credited with a make-up. **Vickie Langkam**, on behalf of the Contributions Committee and the Board, announce a gift of \$1,000 to the Civic Theatre for an industrial quality washer and dryer for the costume department. Barb Stone of the Civic relayed thanks on behalf of their perspiring actors.

**Happy \$\$\$: Karl Sandelin** gave a flying fin for the Civic's Peter Pan, **Dan Hartlieb** for Grand Valley and lights in Bronson Park, **Dale** for the Gazette's coverage of Healthy Babies program, **Mark Pawlowski** for Healthy Babies and the Three River Wildcats, **Dan Guston** for the Gilmore Fest, **Terry Williams** read arts events, **Bob Kent** for Taming of the Shrew, **Rodger Storteboom** for pen, **Thell Woods** for being named Exchange Specialist, **Ed Sackley** for Bush in Detroit, **Bob O'Boyle** for Kalamazoo Singers, **Ken Youngs** for Ellis Island play, **Ann Nieuwenhuis** for budget support for extension, **Tim Kilmartin** for Civic washing machine, **Jean Forest** for the Club meeting in the basement.

## WMU Music Theatre Singers

Introduced by **Terry Williams**, these BFA students are carefully selected and get much of their experience at the Civic. We enjoyed, *Frosty the Snow Man, ... City Sidewalks, Jingle Bells, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Night, ... We Wish You a Merry Christmas!*

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB  
MAKE-UP LIST  
December 1, 2003

BLOOD DRIVE: Saul Amdursky, Giff Blaylock, Tim Brown, Sam Cupps, Don Gilmer, Caroline Ham, Tom Ihling, Brad Klow, Jeff Murphy, Rob Peterson, Bob Spiegelman

BOARD MEETING: Rick Briscoe, Tim Brown, Jill Eldred, Blake Hart, Henry Holland, Glen Kellum, Bob Kent, Vickie Langkam, Mary McCormick, Nancy Owen, Rachel Packer, Keith Roe

CLIMAX, MI: Joe Herdus

EDITARIAN: Dick Roosenberg

GULL LAKE AREA, MI: John Dillworth

JINOTEPE, NICARAGUA: Ed Sackley

PARCHMENT, MI: Bob Britigan, Tom Cassidy, Howard Dooley, Joe Herdus, Mary McLean

PORTAGE A.M., MI: Craig Glass (2)

PORTAGE, MI: Keith Mumma, Ed Sackley, Bill Wieringa

STRIVE 11/21: Jerry Albertson, Phil Carter, Steve Duisterhof, Jim Holtgreive, James Kneen, Ed Sackley, Karl Sandelin, Johnny Thompkins, Bill Wieringa, Rick Wordell

STURGIS, MI: ?? (no name on card)

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**Board meeting notes, November 19, 2003:**

-Resignations of Dick Bryck, Thurm Pryant, Anne Fassler, and Jeff Patton accepted with regret;  
-Transfer of membership of David Springgatge to Morgantown, West Virginia Rotary approved;  
-\$1,000 contribution to Civic Theatre for purchase of industrial size washer and dryer approved.

**PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2004-2005**  
(election to be held December 15, 2003)

<b><u>President:</u></b>	Timothy L. Brown
<b><u>Vice President and</u></b>	
<b><u>President-Elect:</u></b>	Randall W. Eberts
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	James A. Bridenstine
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Robert Kent
<b><u>Continuing Directors:</u></b>	Rex L. Bell, Blake W. Hart, Keith Roe
<b><u>Directors:</u></b>	Joseph Brogger, Jr., Drew Elliott, Rachel Packer