



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, March 1 and 8, 2004

Edited by Mary McCormick

Upcoming Programs:

March 15, 2004

Dr. Janice Brown

“K-12 Education -- the KPS Way”

Introduction: Pat DiGiovanni

March 22, 2004

Rizek Abusharr, retired director, Jerusalem International YMCA

“Peace Initiatives in the Middle East”

Introduction: Marvin Ludwig

Rotary Monday, March 1, 2004:

President Rick opened the meeting with Charles Martell delivering an inspiring invocation for the day and WKZO's Robert Ford sharing the day's news.

Visiting Rotarians:

Steve Kreider (Battle Creek), John Zull (Portage) and Joe Debiak (Vicksburg).

Guests:

Rob Peterson – Ken Barnard; Ed Sackley – Sean Bonyun; Nancy Owen – Ken Detloff; Pam Kingery – Stephanie Kennedy; Don Gilmer – Peter Battani; Thell Wood – Kelley Kellis, Tammy Woodhams, Don Nitz, Curt Cobb; Rick Briscoe – Rep. Fred Upton and Terry Bullard – Jennifer Price.

Music:

Jerry Albertson led the club in an a cappella version of “This Little Light of Mine”.

Washington Update:

Rep. Upton gave a brief report on his recent activities here and in Washington. Topics include meetings with local leaders regarding the expansion of I-94 and upcoming vote on a decency bill before Congress.

Committee Reports:

Mark Harsha reported on the Rotary Sports committee which revolves around formation of Club teams to participate in the District's annual golf outing. In 2003, our club had three foursomes participate in the District tournament.

Sean McCann reported on the Club Contribution committee by presenting a check for \$1200 to Ken Detloff representing Community Advocates. The money will be used for bus transportation for students to attend a performance of the “Dancing Wheels” which is a planned benefit for Community Advocates.

Announcements:

Amy Krone announced that the Club will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, March 22nd. Krone reminded Rotarians that donating a pint of blood counts as a meeting make-up. Both Henry Holland and Jack Hopkins challenged Club members to donate blood by offering to each pay \$5 to Rotary Charities for every pint of blood our Club donates. President Rick joined their challenge to give each pint of blood donated by our members worth \$15 to Rotary Charities.

Happy Bucks:

Charles Martell offered venison jerky in recognition of the deer that recently crashed through his office window. Rob Peterson gave a happy buck for his picture in the paper wearing his Rotary pin. Bob Kent celebrated MSU's win over Michigan and for birthday wishes to Jack Bosch with whom he shares a birthday. Jerry Meininger contributed in honor of WMU's lady Broncos. Phil Carter was proud to announce the opening of Loy Norrix High School's annual musical of which his daughter plays a part. Ken Bernard gave for the community leadership of Ken Detloff. Andy Latham contributed to Rotary

Charities in honor of his recent visit to India to participate in Rotary's polio immunization project. He expressed gratitude to the numerous Rotarians who contributed children's clothing for he and his wife to bring with them to India and for the fantastic experience they enjoyed. Duwain Hunt gave an added pitch for the upcoming benefit for Community Advocates noting what an amazing program that the "Dancing Wheels" put on. Jose Santamaria reminded Rotarians that it has already been eight years since his triplets were born! It's gone fast for us, Jose. Sean McCann joined Amy Krone's plea for Rotarians to donate blood and to attend the American Red Cross' "Touch of Red" gala on March 20th at the Kalamazoo Country Club. Jeff Murphy highlighted the Arts News with a pitch for the KSO's "Fantasy Fiddles" exhibit at the Little Cities Gallery and a part of Friday's Art Hop. And finally, Rick Briscoe gave for WMU's win over CMU.

Rotary Program:

Diether Haenicke introduced Commissioner Brian Johnson who talked with Rotarians about the Building Restorative Community strategic planning effort at the county level that focuses on integrating the juvenile justice system into a comprehensive community healthy youth and families. The ultimate goal is to create a system of juvenile justice in Michigan that provides a seamless transition for youth and families, so that youngsters can grow up to become productive adults and not adult offenders.

Rotary Monday, March 8, 2004:

President Rick opened the meeting with Lloyd Hanton delivering an inspiring invocation for the day. President Rick also asked Rotarians for a moment of silence in memory of Father James Holt who passed away on March 1st.

Visiting Rotarians:

Steve Kreider (Battle Creek) and Paul Ballard (Portage).

Guests:

Rob Peterson – Ken Barnard; Johnny Thompkins – Sueanne Rose Ridy; Mary Ann Mitchell – Ramie Almeda; Craig Misner – Lynne Cowart; and Jennifer Lang introduced a group of journalists from Bangladesh – Mostofa Kamal, Monir Hossain, Shyamal Dutta, Mainul Alam, Anis Alamgir and their interpreter, Richard Berger.

Songs:

Stacey Ridenour converted the lyrics from "How Great Thou Art" in honor of the day's program to "How Great The Art". Jerry Albertson led the group with Stacey's accompaniment in one of the most moving tributes to art by this esteemed group of Rotarians.

Committee Reports:

Henry Holland reported on The Family of Rotary committee by listing for the group some of the activities recommended by Rotary International for this committee. He noted that in recent years, Ed Gordon has organized a social outing to the Barn Theatre in mid-summer. A poll of Rotarians showed that there is little interest among club members to increase the number of social activities.

President Rick Briscoe reminded Rotarians on behalf of Amy Krone that the club will host a blood drive at the March 22nd meeting.

Announcements:

President Rick also shared news from Marvin Ludwig. He called from a hospital in Florida where he was recovering from a recent heart attack. Marvin wanted to remind Rotarians that the World Service Committee meeting scheduled for March 15th should go on as planned whether or not he is present.

Happy Bucks:

President Rick prompted CSM Group's Curt Peterson to contribute for his photo in a recent issue of Encore magazine. Joe Gagie paid tribute to his Fighting Illini's number one seed in the upcoming Big Ten basketball tourney. Gordon Duisterhof gave for the WMU men's and women's basketball teams successful seasons, for the inspiring skills of men's coach, Steve Hawkins and for Kalamazoo's recent Mardi Gras Art Hop. Mark Pawlowski shared his pride for the Three Rivers Wildcats successful season. The American Cancer Society's annual raffle is coming up and Dan Van Sweden reminded Rotarians that

they can buy a ticket for a chance to win a new BMW. Mary Jo St. John extended birthday greetings to fellow Rotarian, Dick St. John, and as chairman of the Community Advocates' fund drive, reminded Rotarians of their upcoming fundraiser, "The Dancing Wheels". Jose Santamaria contributed for WMU's number one seed in the MAC tournament and for the open house at the YMCA's newly renovated Fitness Center with all new equipment. Jerry Meinzinger paid tribute to the luck of WMU's occupational health department whose winning ticket at a recent AMBUCS dinner netted the department \$10,000. Jennifer Lang also thanked the downtown merchants for the recent Art Hop and reminded Rotarians of the KSO's raffle of "Fantasy Fiddles" on May 22nd. Ed Sackley gave a "Happy Illini Fin" for the last time that Illinois won the Big Ten outright was 52 years ago. Thell Woods was excited for his son's recent publication in the Lansing State Journal and President Rick rounded out the happy bucks by making a donation in honor of our five visiting journalists from Bangladesh.

Rotary Program:

Diether Haenicke reminded Rotarians of Jim Bridenstine's impressive background as an art historian and educator before and eventually arriving in Kalamazoo in 1990 to serve as Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. The KIA's August 15 of "Millet to Matisse" was the subject of Bridenstine's presentation to Rotarians. Kalamazoo is one of only six c applications) who will be hosting this impressive exhibition of the work of impressionist masters. The staff at the KIA has b since its acceptance as a host in January, 2002. The exhibit from Glasgow contains 64 of the most important and valuable in period of 1850-1925. The majority of these works (85%) have never left the Glasgow museum. The exhibition includes wo Gauguin, Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse to name a few. The KIA has marketed this exhibit regionally and will be hosting regional groups from Wisconsin, Indiana, etc. Bridenstine mentioned that both the KSO and Fontana are planning music pe exhibit. There will also be a French film series at KVCC and a one man play on Van Gogh this summer at the New Vic The and others, the museum staff will be conducting an economic impact study of the arts in the Kalamazoo community.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
March 8, 2004

<u>BATTLE CREEK, MI:</u>	Joe Licavoli
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<u>N. PALM BEACHES, FL:</u>	Bob Britigan
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	Janet Pisaneschi, Greg Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Greta Williams
<u>OTSEGO, MI:</u>	Ed Sackley
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Lloyd Hanton
<u>PLAINWELL, MI:</u>	Amy Krone
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Steve Duisterhof, Jerry Love, Bill Wieringa
<u>SINGER ISLAND, FL:</u>	Bob Britigan
<u>SOUTH MANATEE, FL:</u>	Cecil Kerr (2)
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