



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, April 5, 2004

Edited by Jeanne McGeorge

Upcoming Programs:

- April 12** **State of the City**
Robert Jones
- April 19** **Medieval Conference**
Paul Szarmach
Introduced by Jim Schmotter
- April 26** **No Meeting; Friday District Rotary Meeting**
Group Study Exchange
Rick Briscoe

Rotary Monday, March 29, 2004:

PRES RICK welcomed Rotarians and guests. GRETA WILLIAMS' invocation was timely as she asked blessing on the children of the Middle East. WKZO's Randy Spencer shared the news of the day as well as a "golf joke". TERRY WILLIAMS listed the week's Art News – what a wonderful community filled with abundant opportunities.

Visiting Rotarians:

MIKE MARSHBURN (Portage) and JOE DEBIAK (Vicksburg) were introduced by GLEN KELLAM.

Guests:

KARL SANDELIN – Bobbie Jo Gumage; BARB WALTERS – Ren Lopes; JOHNNY THOMPkins – Suzanne Rhoades Tidey; KEVIN McCARTHY – Chris Tracy; ROBERT COLMAN - Sandy Denby; REX BELL – Mark McMullin, Paul Ickes, & Tim Larker; ELEANOR PINKHAM – Sherie Veramay; LISA PALCHICK – Paul Smithson, Bernard Palchick, Scott Ryder, Russell Cooper, Peter Zilmann, Russ Aspinwall, & Don Mack; JENNIFER LANG – Anna Maksaeva, Nicolay Senichev, Svetlana Samoylova & Andoy Minakov. Then to our total enjoyment LISA PALCHICK invited Scott, Russ, Pete and Russell to perform the infamous ALL HAIL TO KALAMAZOO (the K College Fight Song) including audience participation. Rah Rah Kazoo – we were amazed that these students are information services majors not music majors. Duly impressed we were! Broncos, Spartans and Wolverines eat your hearts out! Cheers for the Orange & Black.

Committee Reports:

RICK WORDELL reported on the Red Rose Committee which chooses the recipient of the Red Rose Award for devoting time to benefit the community. It has been awarded annually since 1945. Nominations are made in April, reviewed by the committee in May and then awarded in June. KELLY CODY reported on the 2 person Battle Creek Liaison Committee (w. Pete Schma). They work to break down barriers by scheduling two joint meetings. The next is May 17 at Brook Lodge.

Announcements:

Thanks to AMY KRONE and the 22 Rotarians who donated at the recent blood drive. Thanks are also in order for Rotarians JACK HOPKINS, HAROLD HOLLAND and PRES RICK for their matching dollars. Remember April 30 at McCamley Square to hear Keynote Speaker at District, speaker Pete McPherson will share his experiences in Iraq. KARL SANDELIN announced the April 14 "Walking Together" at 6:30 p.m. starting at the Garden Lane entrance to Portage's Bicentennial Park. PRES RICK offered the club's congratulations to Rotarian GEORGE ARWADY and the outstanding vocal success of his daughter.

Rotary Program:

ELEANOR PINKHAM introduced her friend, colleague and today's speaker LISA PALCHICK, Dean of Information Services for Kalamazoo College. LISA's topic was the New Information/Library Complex at Kalamazoo College. This \$90.5 million project reflects the relationship of print and electronics for some years to come. As electronic information increases, so to does printed material need to be stored. Over 7,000 printed volumes a year go into the college's collection. The project includes the A.M. Todd Rare Book Room and College Archives. During construction the library is moving to the Hicks Center; the A.M. Todd Rare Book Collection will reside at U of M for 2 years and the Art Collection will be at the KIA for that time period. Imagine 14,000 boxes of books moving to the Gibson Guitar Factory Building – whew! The new library is slated for a January 2006 opening. Great project.

Rotary Monday, April 5, 2004:

PRES-ELECT TIM BROWN welcomed Rotarians and guests, explaining that PRES RICK was out of town playing with his grandchildren. MARK LOGEMANN offered an invocation appropriate to the Easter season. WKZO's Robert Ford shared the news of the day, along with a snoozy Al Gore joke.

Visiting Rotarians:

BUD BETTS introduced JON PELLOWE (Portage), BILL DIMOND (Kalamazoo Sunrise) and JERRY KOHEL (Gull Lake).

Guests:

JOHNNY THOMPSON - Suzanne Rhoades Tidey; JOHN POLZIN – Russian visitors Glen Varsin and Konstantin Poltokasky; RALPH JARL – Dan Blackledge and Roger Lepley; MARY ANN MITCHELL – original Velvettes Bertha McNeal and Cal Street; JENNIFER LANG – Marek Kuzmu (State Department), Drita Frasniqui, Sermin Kazazi and Agim Mehmeti (Kosovo). Anna Maksaeva (Russia) and Elena Wolf (Mexico); SAUL AMDURSKY – Jim VanderRoest; DAN GUSTIN – Carol Janowicz and MARY McCORMICK – Axel Hormeister (team leader), Gunther Hega and the German group. Axel then presented multiple flags to PRES-ELECT TIM.

Music:

Brave song leader JERRY ALBERTSON tried again, this time to the tune of "You're the Top" in honor of the Gilmore Festival. Nice try but...oh well!

Announcements:

PRES-ELECT TIM BROWN announced an upcoming "Fireside Chat" and noted PRES RICK recently attended one. TIM invited everyone to attend one before becoming President. Mayor JONES reminded us of the "Walking Together" event to be held April 14 at 6:30 p.m. starting at the Garden Lane entrance of Bicentennial Park.

Committee Report:

Bob Spiegelman reviewed the goals of the Classification Committee. In 2001 it was decided to not go for membership drives but rather count on “club vitality” leading to membership growth. Good idea – dramatic rise in numbers. Keep eyes open to emerging leaders as well as professions and businesses that reflect the community. This enlivens fellowship and improves the club’s ability to carry out service projects.

Rotarians in the News:

LINDEN GRIFFIN bought his article with \$67 noting the company size as 67th largest firm in the U.S. JIM SCHMOTTER paid for his article as he noted happiness that someone actually reads the Gazette.

Rotary Program:

JANET KARPUS introduced speaker DAN GUSTIN director of the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival. Under his leadership the festival has doubled in length and added numerous features. DAN share the theme this year of “Collaboration”, including those with WMU, K-College, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, KVCC, Fontana and the Medieval Institute – WMU. An exciting new collaboration is with the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre production of “George Gershwin Alone” with Hershey Felder in his one-man performance of Piotr Anderszewski and Steven Mayer. Looking forward to joining music lovers from 22 states in this big city event in a rather small town. Irving Gilmore’s dream continues of helping you musicians with their careers with financial assistance and performance opportunity.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB

MAKE-UP LIST

April 5, 2004

BLOOD DRIVE:

Saul Amdursky, Tim Brown, Sam Cupps, Anne Elias, Drew Elliott, Don Gilmer, Caroline Ham, Bob Heasley, Joe Hemker, Tom Ihling, Brian Kaufman, Jim Kilway, Dave Koestner, Amy Krone, Andy Latham, Judy Moore, Jeff Murphy, Mark Pawlowski, Rob Peterson, Bob Spiegelman, Ken Young

CLIMAX, MI:

Don Gilmer

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Joe Herdus, Mary McLean

PORTAGE, MI:

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ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR:

John Dillworth (3)

SINGER ISLAND, FL:

Bob Britigan

SOUTH MANATEE, FL:

Cecil Kerr

STRIVE 03/19/04:

Jerry Albertson, Steve Duisterhof, Jill Eldred, Mary Jo St. John