



# Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, August 4, 2003

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## Upcoming Programs:

- August 4-8, 2003      **Boys National Tennis Championships**  
(Reminder: Attendance any day counts for meeting attendance/makeup. Meet at Stowe Stadium)
- August 11, 2003      **“Legends of History: Caroline Bartlett Crane, Minister and Civic Leader”**  
Emily Crane
- August 18, 2003      **WMU Football Program**  
Gary Darnell
- August 25, 2003      **WMU Centennial Celebration**  
Ruth and Ed Heinig
- September 1, 2003      **NO MEETING – LABOR DAY**

## Rotary Monday, July 14, 2003:

### Visiting Rotarians:

Joe Debiak, Vicksburg; Dick Weaver, Santa Fe Springs, CA; Fred Minmun and Jon Pellowe, Portage; Gifford Blaylock, Baltimore, MD; Jim McCain, Gull Lake Area

### Guests:

**TOM IHLING** introduced Mark Meuladyx, **BOB MILLER** introduced Anne Elias, **BILL ROSE** introduced John Beck, Kim Loftus and Heather Tanja

### New Member:

Newest Rotarian **GREG MILLER** was introduced.

### Paul Harris Fellow Award:

The Paul Harris Fellow Award was presented to **CINDY STEWART** (wife of Terry).

### Rotary Program:

**BILL ROSE** presented an update on what's happening at the Nature Center. He started off by introducing Heather Tanja, a friend of the Nature Center, and asking her to share her thoughts on what the Nature Center means to her. She entitled her remarks "Why I Love the Nature Center". Here are some excerpts:

Did you know that you can make your own makeup by smashing a rock and adding water to the powder? Did you know that a yellow bandana makes a nice soft home for baby mice? When they're born, my son tells me, their eyes are sealed as if they've had an eye operation. Have you ever pulled up Queen Anne's Lace to find the roots smell just like a carrot? The roots of sassafras make an excellent tea. Were you aware that pioneers built barns for their animals before they even built their own homes?

Well, these are just a few of the things I didn't know, but my kids learned, and more importantly experienced while they were at Nature Camp. Studying about pioneer life in Michigan is much more exciting when you get to try on the pioneer clothes, churn butter, and make homemade ice cream at the Delano homestead.

As my children get older, I look forward to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing on the trails. Expanding the trails would give us more to explore. The Kalamazoo Nature Center is a community treasure and the more we invest in its facilities and programs, the more people will be drawn to the wonder and serenity of nature.

Then **BILL**, president of the Kalamazoo Nature Center, described the current campaign which has the goal of \$3.6 million: He described the campaign as the launch pad for taking us into the next level of service. With all the improvements and updates, we'll be able to serve more people and serve them better. "The two year campaign will raise the funds for a wide-ranging series of initiatives to enable the Nature Center to accommodate more people, enhance the quality of programming, and upgrade the existing facilities. The co-chairmen of Growing for the Future are **HENRY HOLLAND** and **RON KITTREDGE**. To date over 89% of the goal has been raised.

### **Rotary Monday, July 21, 2003:**

#### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Dick Weaver, Santa Fe Springs, CA; Pat Conlon, Oshtemo

#### **Guests:**

The following guests were introduced by Kalamazoo Rotarians: **ANN HANNON**, Cheryl Stewart, Gary Stewart, Tina Keifer, Paul Bridenstine, Quinn Benson; **RICK BRISCOE**, Ron Dundon, John Beck; **JENNIFER LANG**, Khemraj Ramjattan, Johnsy Middleton, Dharmasaputra Karaniya, Jim Larix, Dileta Kassabora, Allison LePage, Erma Siswowaluyo, Isaac Harry, Steven Moyd

#### **Paul Harris Fellow:**

Paul Harris Fellow Award presented to Cheryl Stewart and Tina Keifer, Court Administrators, by Judge Ann Hannon

#### **Rotary Program:**

**PRESIDENT RICK** reported on Rotary Convention 2003:

Approximately 15,000 Rotarians from 113 countries joined together to Sow the Seeds of Love in sunny Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, from Sunday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 4.

A highlight of the first day was the thank you speech from RI President Bhichai Rattakul. On the second day of the convention charter presentations were made to Rotary clubs in the new Rotary countries of Timor Leste and Afghanistan. Convention attendees also had the opportunity to discuss issues facing their clubs in intimate discussion groups. Topics included membership development and retention, Rotary's image and the Rotary Centennial, strengthening basic club principles, and Rotary's youth programs.

"Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio", the 15-month polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC) that has had Rotarians racing ducks, building snowmen, running marathons, and coordinating countless other fundraising efforts throughout the current Rotary year, celebrated a dramatic moment on June 3 when RI President Bhichai Rattakul and Trustee Chairman Glen Kinross announced that Rotarians worldwide have raised US\$88,557,000 for the PEFC. The amount, which surpasses the fundraising goal of \$80 million set in 2002, includes cash contributions, District Designated Funds, and pledges.

Four days of fun and fellowship came to a close on Wednesday, June 4 with the ringing of the Rotary Centennial bell at the fifth and final plenary session. The bell now will travel from Brisbane to the first 100 Rotary clubs and will finish its journey at the centennial convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA in 2005.

Earlier in the day, incoming RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe addressed Rotarians on the importance of fostering a family atmosphere within clubs. "Our clubs are where we find the core of our Rotary family", said Majiyagbe. "And that is why, in the coming year, I will be asking every club to form a family of Rotary committee to find more ways to create and nurture that atmosphere of warmth and caring. A greater sense of a family atmosphere within our clubs will support the work we do outside of our clubs."

## Rotary Monday, July 28, 2003:

**PRESIDENT RICK** opened the meeting with **JENNIFER LANG** providing violin accompaniment for the national anthem and **RICHARD BROMFIELD** delivering an inspiring invocation. Cathleen Orr shared the days' news including a tribute to Bob Hope.

### Visiting Rotarians:

Gifford Blaylock, Baltimore, MD; Bill Dimond, Dick Weaver, Santa Fe; Fred Upton.

### Guests:

**KEN YOUNG**, Brad Harrison; **LISA PALCHICK**, Bernard Palchick and Sherie Veramay; **ED SACKLEY**, Jamie Schubnell; **JANET KARPUS**, Emily Durham.

### Song:

**JERRY ALBERTSON** led the group with **JENNIFER LANG'S** violin accompaniment in "It's a Small World" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth". This has to have been one of our finest performances!

### Announcements:

**PRESIDENT RICK** presented a **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP** to **LISA PALCHICK**. He then called for a pin check. The fine coffers are growing!

### Happy Bucks:

**GEORGE LENNON** for a chance to hear the K-College POEM to violin accompaniment. **ROGER STORTEBOOM** contributed to honor his son's recent wedding. **JOHN DILLWORTH** gave to thank **CHUCK VANZOEREN** and presented a gentle reminder that they can sell almost any furniture with college starting, so please check for extra pieces. **JIM AMOS** contributed to announce "DKI and the Parking System" on cable. **JENNIFER LANG** gave to announce \$125,000 grant from the State Department for Colleagues International. **ED SACKLEY** contributed cheerfully for pulling off a surprise trip to Scotland and England for his wife. **PRESIDENT RICK** contributed for a picture of the Korean infant soon to be his adopted grandchild. We also heard from a group of awesome Rotarians who gave for the various Rotary Centers for International Studies for Peace throughout the world, including the 2 in the United States. These included **PP PAT NORRIS, DAN HARTER, DREW ELLIOTT, CARL AWE, BOB O'BOYLE, PP BUD BETTS, and PP BARBARA JAMES.**

### Rotary Program:

**PDG BILL DIMOND** introduced the program with a historical review of the Rotary sponsored academy to study world peace. In 1949, 45 Rotarians wrote the draft **BILL** then introduced our district's nominee for Peace Scholar, Brian Adams. The first thing Brian did was offer a happy buck to announce and introduce his wife of three weeks, Carol Ann Gilbert. Brian is certainly well qualified for a program on "Conflict Resolution and Peace". He has studied the African continent extensively and is familiar with the political scene. He is impressed with Rotary because when they say they'll do something they do! Brian will complete his doctorate in Paris, a specific area of study is the Mali Rebellion. He will be leaving in September for 2 to 3 years of study. A web page to be designed will keep him in touch. When asked his future dream positions, he spoke of consulting w. businesses going to Africa or African companies expanding to other markets. Eventually he would like to be an ambassador. Obviously our Rotary International Program has wide ranging positive effect.

**KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB  
MAKE-UP LIST**

July 28, 2003

**BATTLE CREEK, MI:**

Joe Licavoli

**BOARD MEETING:**

Rex Bell, Rick Briscoe, Tim Brown, Blake Hart,  
Glen Kellam, Mary McCormick, Nancy Owen, Rachel Packer, Keith Roe

**CARIHO, RI:**

Bob Boughner

**CHEBOYGAN, MI:**

Dick Sanford

**CLIMAX, MI:**

Joe Herdus

**CONSTANTINE, MI:**

Wayne Kruger

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**GAYLORD, MI:**

Dori Kunkle

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI:**

Mary McCormick

**GULL LAKE AREA, MI:**

Tim Light (2)

**OSHTEMO, MI:**

James Amos, Brent Bierma, Dave Boutell (3), Kellie Cody, Don Gilmer, Jerry Love (2), Linda Phillips,  
Janet Pisaneschi, Stacy Ridenour

**PARCHEMENT, MI:**

Lloyd Hanton, Joe Herdus, Mark Rainey

**PLAINWELL, MI:**

Lloyd Hanton

**PORTAGE, MI:**

Brent Bierema

**ST. JOSEPH/BENTON HARBOR MI:**

Ed Sackley

**THE STONINGTONS:**

Bob Boughner

**VICKSBURG, MI:**

Rick Briscoe

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Dave Boutell, Joe Herdus

**NEW MEMBERS PROPOSALS:**

BRADLEY HARRISON of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network has been proposed for membership by PP T. KENNETH YOUNG. He has been approved by the Membership and Classification Committees with a classification of Insurance. Any comments or objections must be received by the Administrative Secretary within 10 days.

**BOARD MEETING NOTES, JULY 16, 2003**

Transfer of membership approved from the Baltimore, Maryland Rotary Club for GIFFORD E. BLAYLOCK III of Blaylock and Associates. Classification: Accounting. Resignation of Elise Jorgens accepted with regret.