

Kalamazoo Rotary News

May 3, 2004

Editarian: Dick Roosenberg

Monday, May 10

Ed Sackley and Mike Williams
**"The Rotary Foundation and World Community Service-A
Decade of District 6360 Success"**

Monday, May 17

Gov. Jennifer Granholm
At Brook Lodge, Joint meeting with Battle Creek

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day, No Meeting

-April 30, 2004

There was no regular Kalamazoo meeting. On Friday noon, for the District Conference in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo club members were the largest club representation present. President Rick thanked everyone for coming to the keynote speech by MSU President, Peter McPherson.

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Pres. Rick opened the meeting. **Bob Straits** gave a Buddhist reading as the invocation that encouraged the difficult acceptance of aging.

Bob of WKZO recounted from his youthful travels in rural central Washington being attracted to a flock of chickens. They seemed unusual. On closer look he realized that they had three legs. Curious, he asked the farmer why he was raising three legged chickens. The farmer said that with the extra leg he planned

on increasing his profits. Bob then asked how they tasted. The farmer responded that he could not say as they run too fast for him to catch them.

Terry Williams did a magnificent job of quickly review the extensive list of arts activities. In addition to all the fine Gilmore Keyboard Events, Friday is Art Hop which includes the Park Trades Building. Old Times is playing at K College. And River Dance is at Miller for the week.

Visiting Rotarians: Jerry Kohel joined us from Gull Lake. **Guests** included: Patrick Donnelly with **Terry Williams**, Bill Lustig and Jeanne Grubb with **Deb Chope Hughes**, Barbara Hamilton Miller with **George Lennon**, Barbara Updike and Val Stoilova with **Pres Rick Briscoe**, Sandra O'Doherty with **Judy Moore**, and Marc Schupan with **Mike Williams**.

Jerry Albertson and **John Dillworth** bravely brought us songs: *Smile – Sing a Song* and *Tiptoe through the Tulips*.

New Members: Barbara Updike was invited to rejoin Rotary by **Pres Rick**. She was a member in Green Bay – the only club where all member support the same NFL team. Born in Wisconsin, Barbara attended the Univ of Wisconsin, then taught and managed food services at Northern Michigan Univ. She moved on to Human Resources work and in 2002 was invited here to head the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek branches of Davenport University. She enjoys cooking, gardening, golden retrievers, and kayaking.

Barbara Hamilton Miller, our second new member, is sponsored by **George Lennon**. Barbara is known for her service on the KPS Board. Her Father, Fran, served 5 terms on the the City Commission. She has three children. She does a little catering and enjoys cooking, sewing, and reading. Barbara is currently working on a fund raising effort for the auditorium of Kalamazoo Central High School.

Pres. Rick complemented all involved in the successful group study exchange with Germany. He gave special thanks to **Mary McCornick** for the organization and to the hosts.

Committee Reports: **Bob Miller** says the Fund Development Committee is working on the feasibility of creating an endowment fund for Casa Ampara. **Sandy Bliesener** of the Editirain Committee discussed the move to a digital newsletter that has saved about \$2,200 per year. The Committee is now exploring a website link to news letters.

World Service met after the general meeting. **Bob O'Boyle** announced the closing of the Red

Rose nominations.

Happy \$\$\$. Pres Rick reminded us that Happy Bucks is for celebration not announcements of events. Fins (\$5.00) will be expected of people making announcements. **Jeff Clapp** gave for his son's competition in the Olympic trials. **Barbara James** gave for the pleasure of hosting Germany guests. Don honored **Tim Corwin** and the K Men's Tennis team for their 66 consecutive championships. **Glen Kellam** celebrated the 3rd of May as 5th/3rd day with a heavy fine. **Drew Elliot** gave for the joy of cooking at the Beacon Club for 65 people. **Joe Gagie** gave to keep the City Manager, **Pat DiGiovanni** in Kalamazoo. **Kenneth Young** honored the volunteer work of **Dan Schut**.

Physical Fitness and Health

Karl Sandlin introduced **Deb Berkey**, WMU Head of Physical Education.

Deb started her presentation on the risk of inactivity by quoting a cartoon. "Do you believe in Fate?" which brought a response of "Yes, I would hate to think I turned out like this because of something I had control over."

Now there are 22 million children under 5 who are overweight. The number of overweight youth has doubled in the past 20 years. 60% of adults are overweight. This leads to an array of diseases that cost \$1,175 per person in Michigan. And we can do something about it. Two solutions would help: take personal responsibility and walk. She is working with Karl and others to create a walking program. An April 14th Kick off at Bicentennial Park was joined by 400 people.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
May 3, 2004

BOARD MEETING: Jerry Albertson, Rex Bell, Rick Briscoe, Joe Brogger, Jr.,
Tim Brown, Drew Elliott, Blake Hart, Henry Holland, Glen
Kellam, Bob Kent, Vickie Langkam, Marvin Ludwig, Mary
McCormick, Nancy Owen, Rachel Packer, Gayle West-
Webster, Mike Williams

CLIMAX, MI: Joe Herdus, W. Craig Misner

DISTRICT AUDIT COMM.: Giff Blaylock, Blake Hart, Barbara James, Karl Sandelin

DISTRICT CONF.-SAT.: Rick Briscoe, Gordon Duisterhof, Barbara James, Cecil
Kerr, Keith Roe

EDITARIAN: Dick Roosenberg

FIRESIDE MEETING: Rick Briscoe, Tim Brown, Sharon Carlson, Brian Kaufman,
Bob Kent, Mary McCormick, Nancy Owen, Doug Vernon,
Barb Walters

GALESBURG, MI: Don Gilmer, Joe Herdus

GSE: Karl Sandelin

MARCO ISLAND, FL: Dave Boutell

OSHTEMO, MI: Bob Boughner, Bob Squire, Greg Taylor

PALM BEACH GARDENS: Bob Britigan

PARCHMENT, MI: Sandy Bliesener, Don Flesche, R.L. Heasley, Joe Herdus,
Bob O'Boyle, Nancy Thompson

PLAINWELL, MI: Bill Wieringa

PORTAGE A.M., MI: Dave Boutell, Mark Harsha

PORTAGE, MI: Mark Logemann, Greta Williams

SINGER ISLAND, FL: Bob Britigan

STRIVE 4/23/04: Jerry Albertson, Giff Blaylock, Phil Carter, Steve
Duisterhof, Jill Eldred, Jim Holtgreive, Glen Kellam, Jim
Kneen, Jennifer Lang, Karl Sandelin, Mary Jo St. John, Rick
Wordell

Board Meeting Notes, April 21,2004:

-Recommendations from the Club Contributions Committee were accepted as follows:

\$1,000 to Hospital Hospitality House to help pay for a furnace;

\$1,500 to Kalamazoo Public Library's Ready to Read Program for the purchase of
books that will be distributed through doctors' offices to at-risk children;

\$3,000 to Kalamazoo Chapter of the American Red Cross to help purchase a relief
services trailer;

\$3,000 to St. Luke's Partners in Transition program for the purchase of 18 to 20
beds.