



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, May 17, 2004

Edited by Debra Chope Hughes

Upcoming Programs:

May 24, 2004 Governor Jennifer Granholm

May 31, 2004 **NO MEETING**

Rotary Monday, May 10, 2004:

PRES. RICK opened the meeting, welcoming **CAROLINE HAM** to the podium. **CAROLINE** delivered a most appropriate invocation on this very beautiful day. WKZO's Robert Ford shared the news of the day, and it was noted that it would be his last Rotary presentation in that capacity. We wish him well.

Visiting Rotarians:

Tim Sinclair (*Grosse Pointe Sunrise*); Dick Weaver (*Santa Fe Springs, CA*); Jon Pellowe (*Portage*)

Guests:

P.P. KEN YOUNG (for **ED SACKLEY**) – Jan Sackley; **GAYLE WEST-WEBSTER** – Amy Remmert; **DAN HARTLIEB** – Marilyn Jacobs; **JOHNNY THOMPkins** – Suzanne Rhoades-Tidey

Songs:

JOHN DILLWORTH and **JERRY ALBERTSON** entertained the group with their original version of *Secret Agent Man*, aptly renamed *Secret Service Man*. **JOHN** explained that a Rotarian by the name of **BOB MILLER** had been mistaken for a Secret Service man. Sounds impossible, but then again.....

We must have performed that tune really well, because we were offered the opportunity for an encore in the form of *Be Kind to Your Rotary Friends* – sung to the tune of *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Last but not least, we sang *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Whew!

New Member:

JOHNNY THOMPkins introduced **SUZANNE RHOADES-TIDEY**, our newest Rotarian, who initially flattered us with her admission that she joined our club because of our wonderful weekly singing. Suzanne was born in Kalamazoo and is a 1997 graduate of WMU. She has spent 11 years in the banking industry, which includes 2 years in Grand Rapids. She has worked in a variety of banking departments, currently serving as the branch manager of the downtown branch of Standard Federal. Suzanne has a 2-year-old son and welcomes advice on raising him. **WELCOME, SUZANNE!**

Announcements:

PRES. RICK invited Jan Sackley to the podium. It seems that Jan's husband, **ED SACKLEY**, had made donations sufficient to honor his wife with a **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW** award. Rotarians honored both with a standing ovation.

MARK PAWLOWSKI came to the podium next with Marilyn Jacobs, president of the board of the St. Luke's Partners in Transition program. **MARK** handed Marilyn a check for \$3,000 on

behalf of Rotary to buy beds for people who don't have them. Marilyn explained that the need has grown astronomically, and there are currently 22 children awaiting single beds. Mattress Mart has given the program a wonderful deal, so the check will allow them to buy 26 new beds.

STEVE BOSCH reported on the activities of Table Hosts, noting that the group focuses on making visitors feel welcome.

JOE HERDUS offered a generous check for numerous happy events, including his retirement in April and his 35th wedding anniversary.

Happy Bucks:

P.P. JOE GAGIE – for his grandson being a national finalist for his portrayal of Thomas Jefferson and for his granddaughter being a Medallion winner – plus his own significant wedding anniversary; **GORDON DUISTERHOF** – for the great Art Hop and a successful family event numbering 18 at their lake home; **BARBARA WALTERS** – for the stellar closing ceremony of The Gilmore at Chenery on Saturday evening and for her son taking her to the Country Club for the buffet on Mother's Day (oh, and her husband bought her a rose at the gas station for the occasion!); **ED SACKLEY** – for Congressman Upton's sponsorship of a commemorative stamp for 100 years of Rotary and for the fact that President Bush has been here and is gone (he added that **MIKE RATHBUN** did great work through Centennial Wireless at the event) – AND: **ED** gave for his wife's supportiveness of his work in Nicaragua; **KARL SANDELIN** – Rotarians will hear about that wonderful work in Nicaragua, and it wouldn't have happened if **MIKE WILLIAMS** hadn't gone to Guatemala awhile back.

Rotary Program:

ED SACKLEY and **MIKE WILLIAMS** presented a captivating view of the work that is being done through Rotary's world community service program. Through a video presentation, Rotarians were treated to an inside look at the "Belizerve" project in 1994, in which 35 Rotarians and friends took 10 vehicles to Belize. The goal was to raise educational standards in part of the country, which they succeeded in doing – raising it from last to #1 in the nation! They also presented the activities undertaken in Nicaragua, including the creation of water wells, orphanage restoration, and health clinic repairs, to name just a few. The needs in Nicaragua were great even before Hurricane Mitch wreaked havoc in Nicaragua in 1998. One exciting aspect of their work there was that they formed a partnership with Rotary Clubs in Nicaragua and have subsequently been able to build 176 homes just through Rotary.

Rotary Monday, May 17, 2004:

P.P. NANCY OWEN shared the podium with Phil Slayton, the president of the Battle Creek Rotary Club, presiding over the joint Kalamazoo/Battle Creek meeting held at Brook Lodge. **ANDREW LATHAM** shared an invocation that referenced Mahatma Ghandi's custom of observing a day of silence on Monday, noting that we can take some time out to achieve a bit of inner harmony.

P.P. NANCY offered kudos to **PETE SCHMA**, **KELLIE CODY**, and **STEVE KREIDER** for their good work in pulling together the joint meeting today.

Guests:

NANCY OWEN – Jill Bland and Madeline Pinder; **REBECCA PIERCE** – Al Jones; **PHIL CARTER** – Luke Austenfeld and Dan Fullenkamp; **FRITZ FREUND** – Floyd Parks; **GAYLE WEST-WEBSTER** – Amy Remmert; **BOB SLAGER** – Dick Buttery; **BOB MATTHEWS** – Chrissie Matthews

Announcements:

ED GORDON announced that the Rotary social outing this year would once again be at the Barn Theater. The date is June 29, and it will feature Tom Wopat in “Guys and Dolls.”

P.P. NANCY OWEN reminded Rotarians that Gov. Granholm will be speaking at Rotary next week, and that we are to let Rick know if we are bringing more than one guest so that there will be enough food. She added that there will be **NO ROTARY on May 31**; the Kalamazoo Red Rose Award is on June 14; and the Changing of the Guard occurs on July 12, when **TIM BROWN** will take over for **RICK BRISCOE**.

Happy Bucks:

DAN HARTLIEB announced that his son was selected to be a page in Washington, D. C. this summer.

Rotary Program:

JIM SCHMOTTER introduced Barry Broome, who serves as the CEO of Southwest Michigan First. In his presentation on “Effecting Economic Change,” Barry explained that our community is necessarily using a new model to function effectively. The new Michigan model has the Michigan Economic Development Corporation beginning to focus on retention and new venture creation. The Life Sciences sector is particularly attractive these days, and that is driving the success of the WMU Business, Technology, Research Center – which is projected to be at 100% occupancy by the end of the year. Once the largest biotech center in the U.S., it is no longer the largest. Southwest Michigan First is trying to make our community competitive by serving as a solutions provider that attracts and retains talent. The organization lists its accomplishments as creating over 1600 jobs and retaining 2200 jobs. Barry acknowledged the important roles of Battle Creek’s Jim Hettinger and Grand Rapid’s Birgit Klohs in achieving community success.

**Kalamazoo Rotary Club
Make-Up List
May 17, 2004**

ALBION, MI:

CLIMAX, MI:

EDITARIAN:

GALESBURG, MI:

GULL LAKE AREA, MI:

KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:

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OSHTEMO, MI:

PARCHMENT, MI:

PLAINWELL, MI:

PORTAGE, MI:

VICKSBURG, MI:

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Joe Herdus (2)

Deb Chope Hughes

Don Gilmer

Dave Boutell, Bob Kent

Tucky Elliott

Brent Bierma

James E. Amos, Lloyd Hanton, Amy Krone, Jerry Love,

Rob Peterson, Bob Squier, Greg Taylor

Mary McLean

Bob Heasley, Bill Rose

Keith Mumma

Cecil Kerr, Craig Misner

The End