



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, May 24 & June 7, 2004

Edited by Mary Jo St.John & Jeanne McGeorge

Upcoming Programs:

- June 14** **Perspectives on the Middle East**
Howard Dooley, Western Michigan University
Introduced by Randy Eberts
- June 21** **Changing of the Guard**
Tim Brown, Rick Briscoe
- June 28** **Michigan Maritime Museum: "Friends Goodwill"**
Jim Spurr, Barbara Cruiser
Introduced by Jerry Mason

Rotary Monday, May 24, 2004:

The entire ballroom was full during Governor Jennifer Granholm's speech, so guests and visiting Rotarians were recognized as a group. Nancy Thompson gave the invocation.

Announcement:

Past District Governor Jim Alden announced the district raffle retains 20% of the funds to send kids to life leadership camp. KARL SANDELIN was the top seller. Part of the money goes to fund the Strive Mentor program. An advanced leadership program was established for a 4-year scholarship. One of our own Strive students, Chris Towns, is the recipient – we are very proud of him. Dr. Judith Bailey, President of WMU, was given an honorary Rotary membership – she is just too busy to be a full participant.

Program:

KELLIE CODY introduced our guest speaker who graduated from U of Berkeley and Harvard Law School and is the 37th Governor of Michigan. She inherited a \$1B budget deficit and has cut \$1M at present. 43,000 manufacturing jobs have been created or retained. The main issue is participation in the global economy – we all have to work together – not a bipartisan issue.

The #1 issue is keeping jobs. To do so we must:

1. Direct the state's tools towards growing and keeping jobs: Michigan Growth Authority Grants has created 8,600 jobs in Michigan.
2. Give a clear message that the state's bureaucracy won't be in the way of growth – streamline the process.
3. Be strong about supporting manufacturing on the federal level – World Trade Organization must be watched to see what others are doing. We have a \$500B trade deficit.

The #2 issue is to look at the state economy for the future.

1. Target emerging trends – focus of research and development, life sciences.
2. Encourage entrepreneurs - \$600M for venture capital is being set up.
3. Retrain the work force for the 21st century. 12 regional skills alliances across the state have been set up to access needs and train. Michigan is in the bottom tier of number of college-educated people.

4. Double the number of college graduates in the future. Must have highly educated work force to compete. Keep the bar up.
5. Attract work force in Michigan. Lost 40,000 people between 18-35 over a 4-year period – a brain drain. The future economic development comes from them. Create vibrant cities to retain these young people – “Cool Cities Initiative”.
6. Must have broadband – every part of the state must be “wired”.

A high quality of life and product must be affordable.

Governor Granholm was appreciated as a receptive, well-educated speaker and governor.

Rotary Monday, June 7, 2004:

Following the national anthem, JOHN DILLWORTH presented an invocation reflecting on the good homes and abundant food we take for granted with a hope for the good use of our good fortune. WKZO's Randy Spencer shared the day's news including announcements regarding the arrangements for former President Reagan's funeral and where to sign register books in his memory. He ended with a golf joke encompassing the question, “What will you do for golf?”

Guests:

ED SACKLEY introduced State Senator Tom George; JIM HOLTGREIVE introduced Representative Lorence Wenke and his wife Nancy; PP KARL SANDELIN introduced Stanley Clouse, Francisco Gomez and Peter Ternow; JEAN FORREST introduced WMU intern Tanya Zorecki; BRIAN KAUFMAN introduced Andrea Theodore; GAYLE WEST WEBSTER introduced Amy Remmert; DALE HEIN introduced Jim Rutherford and JENNIFER LANG introduced a group of five Russian visitors.

Visiting Rotarians:

Table hosts introduced these visiting Rotarians. JOE BROGGER II introduced Chris Haenicke (Oshtemo) and Dick Weaver (Santa Fe Springs, California). SEAN McCANN introduced Bonnie Miller and Quinn Kelly (Battle Creek); Joe Debiak (Vicksburg) and David Becker (Portage) were also introduced.

Songs:

The team of TIM KILMARTIN and JOHN DILLWORTH led us through “America the Beautiful” and “Sentimental Journey” in honor of President Reagan.

Committee Report:

JOHN DILLWORTH performing as a triple threat today presented the Music Committee report in Chair JERRY ALBERTSON'S absence. JOHN thanked the musical contributors (STACY RIDENOUR, JENNIFER LANG and himself) and concluded with JERRY'S TOP 10 list of Reasons for the Songs of Rotary. They included: aid for digestion, friendship, doesn't harm anyone, laughter and the epitome: Someone started this a long time ago and we can't get out of it.”

Announcements:

PRESIDENT RICK extended thanks to KELLIE CODY for arranging last week's speaker. ED GORDON reminded all about the Barn Theatre event on June 29th.

Happy Bucks:

KARL SANDELIN wished JIM SCHMOTTER the best with his new position. ROB PETERSON announced the Home Builders Association of Kalamazoo's Parade of Homes beginning June 11. The first grandchild of JIM WOODRUFF drew multiple contributions. Bucks were displayed for TOM IHLING'S son who ended a perfect 17 win season, anniversaries of CHUCK VANZOREN, SANDY EDWARDS and DALE HEIN. The sons of KELLIE

CODY were noted for plans to attend CMU and for the other's soccer team success. ED SACKLEY congratulated 700 new citizens. THELL WOODS contributed part of winnings from pool at Portage Rotary.

Program:

ED SACKLEY introduced radio/TV/author and celeb ("On the Record") Tim Skubick, a man with 656 unique Google hits! Tim entertained with stories of current Governor Granholm and did comparisons of recent campaign winners. He concluded that "image" not "experience" is how we choose leaders in the media driven world we live in. Those who connect with an audience will win. Term limits were another area of intense comment – they are crazy!

Can't say Tim held back on his opinions, as they gave clear reason for thought. His read on leadership is you should vote and act on how you feel in your heart, not whether you get re-elected. Note: CHUCK VANZOREN has a new career ahead as a comedy writer! Great line, Mr. SEMI-retired.

**KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
June 7, 2004**

<u>BOARD MEETING:</u>	Jerry Albertson, Rick Briscoe, Blake Hart, Henry Holland, Bob Kent, Marvin Ludwig, Nancy Owen, Rachel Packer, Keith Roe, Mike Williams
<u>EDITARIAN:</u>	Jeanne McGeorge
<u>GULL LAKE AREA, MI:</u>	Bob Kent
<u>KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:</u>	Cecil Kerr (2), Jerry Love (2)
<u>OAXACA, MEXICO:</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mike Williams
<u>OSHEMO, MI:</u>	Dave Boutell, Steve Duisterhof, Keith Mumma, Janet Pisaneschi, Carl Walker
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Lynne Cowart, Lloyd Hanton, Joe Herdus, W. Craig Misner
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Lloyd Hanton, Bill Wieringa, Thell Woods
<u>STRIVE 5/27/04:</u>	Jerry Albertson, Steve Duisterhof, Jill Eldred, Jim Holtgreive, Glen Kellam, Jennifer Lang, Karl Sandelin, Mary Jo St.John, Rick Wordell
<u>THREE RIVERS, MI:</u>	Brent Bierma
<u>??:</u>	Bob Britigan

Board Meeting Notes, May 19, 2004:

- Resignations of Thomas E. Cassidy, Robert O. Hayes and Judy Jolliffe were accepted with regret.
- Honorary Membership for Judith Bailey approved.