



# Kalamazoo Rotary News



September 20 & 27 , 2004

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## Aphasia in Adults:

Communicating with People with Aphasia

**Prof. Sandy Glista, WMU Speech Pathology Dept.**

October 11, Ken Miller, Entrepreneur/Owner, Millennium Restaurant Group

October 18, Casa Ampara: A New Venture

### *Announcements*

**Blood Drive: October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Website:** Quick access to schedules and newsletters [www.kalamazoorotary.org](http://www.kalamazoorotary.org) as simple as that!

## September 20, 2004

Pres. Tim Brown opened the meeting with **Timon Corwin** offering the invocation.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jose introduced Betty Ongley and Kathleen Tosco.

**Guests** included: Dave Hutton with **Ralph Jarl**; Dan McGlenn and Kris Fleming with **Don Gilmer**; Tony McDonnell with **Jill Eldred**; Melissa Montague with **Rex Bell**; Jill Flipse and Courtney VanderMolen with **Amy R Emmert**; Kristen Rimes and Sarah Harding with **Sandy Bliesener**; Coby Chalmers and Laurie Kmen with **Pam Kingery**; Mark Polega with **Jerry Albertson**; and Jerry Lord with **Dave VanArsdale**.

**Jerry Albertson** and **John Dillworth** led us in “Hail to the Victors” and a special “Take Me Out to the Playground.”

**Sandy Bliesner** thanked **Bob Brown**, **Thell Woods**, and others for setting up a club website – the address is: [www.kalamazoorotary.org](http://www.kalamazoorotary.org)

**Pres. Tim** said that **Herb Pifer** is out of the hospital and can take calls.

**Karl Sandelin** urged participation in the District Raffle and thanked the Mayors and others for participating in the Challenge Walk.

**Drew Elliott** reported on the Board’s search for social events and sought feedback for an evening gathering at the Radisson. Members gave a strong show of hands supporting development of the idea.

**Polio Plus** needs volunteers in Nigeria and Egypt in November and in India in February. The Visiting Nurse Association will give flu shots on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy \$\$\$:** **Joe Brogger** gave for the Irish; **Keith Mumma** gave for Int’l Child Care, **Tim Brown** for Keith’s work in taking photos for the Roster; Ann **Nieuwenhuis** for South Michigan Alliance; **Amy R Emmert** for hosts of Russian guests; **Jose Santamaria** for his wife’s completion of Library Science degree; **Peter Schma** for Wabash College; and **Nancy Thompson** for the Allegan County Fair.

## **Greater Kalamazoo Able to Play Playground Project**

**Jerry Albertson** introduced **Carol McGlenn** of the Junior League as the person who stepped up to the challenge of the Kellogg Foundation to support boundless playgrounds. Carol is a Past President of the League and has been a member for 10 years.

Carol underscored the value of play in creating confidence and skills in youth and the even greater need for that opportunity for the handicapped. The Kalamazoo Project is also committed to creating a facility in which the handicapped child can play alongside those without handicaps. They choose the Upjohn Park location since the City had already planned for the development of a playground there. The plan includes elevated sandboxes, ramps, and chair access to bridges that parallel the monkey bars. The Kellogg Foundation gave a challenge grant of \$150,000 toward the \$650,000 project. \$450,000 has been raised.

**New Member:** Gif Blaylock introduced Pete Ter Louw. Pete heads the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy. He moved here recently from the Metro New York area. He studied architecture at Michigan State earlier. At 40 and single, he is pleased to come back to Michigan and enjoys the optimism of the area.

## **September 27, 2004**

**Pres. Tim** invited **Jill Eldred** to offer the invocation. Her prayer asked not that we be perfect, but that we be wise.

After the news, Robert Ford of WKZO recounted how a bachelor friend who kept a stereotypically dirty apartment expressed fatigue at always eating out. With the gift of a cookbook, he still failed to eat in. When asked why he did not use the cook book, he whined that each recipe suggested starting with a clean plate or pan.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Kathleen Tosco of Virginia and Jon Pellowe of Portage.

**Guests** included: Steve Allen, Jeff Hawkins, and Lynn Spurr with **Bill Rose**; Rep. Fred Upton and Jeff Fink with **Bob Kent**; Bric Trevan with Rev. **Johnny Thompkins**; Kristin Armstrong with PP **Nancy Owen**; Tony McDonnell of the Borgess Foundation with **Jill Eldred**; Ed Edwards with **Jerry Meinzinger**; Dave Sanford with **Kevin McCarthy**; Anne Blatchford with **Jeff Lee**; Lee Kirk with **Chris Shook**, Jill Flipse, Larry Pazini, with **Amy Remmert**; and a group of Russian financial officers with CIP, **Jennifer Lang** and **Janet Brown**.

**Tim Kilmartin** and **Stacey Ridenour** used “Happy Days are Here Again” as the best approximation of the benefits of sustainable business practices – the theme of the day

**New Members:** **Dennis Berkebile** was introduced by **Bill Rose**. He works with Consumers Energy and is taking on the role of Joe Herdus in 6 counties of SW Michigan. He and his wife Sue, moved to Kalamazoo in 1996 from Northwest Indiana. He grew-up in Pennsylvania and is a Penn State fan. He is finishing a term on the Texas Township Board. He and his wife have traveled to 50 countries – many as a United Methodist volunteer. His wife works with the WE Upjohn Institute.

**Ed Edwards** was introduced by Jerry Meinzinger. Ed is the Interim Dean of the Business School at WMU. He was born in Newfoundland as 14<sup>th</sup> in a family of 18. Worked as a banker after high school then went to Nova Scotia College and University of Detroit, ending up playing hockey at Ohio State. He came to WMU to finish his dissertation and started coaching hockey and then refereeing. He and his wife were planning to retire to Hilton Head when Jim Schmotter called asking if he would serve as Interim Dean.

**Rep. Fred Upton** gave a brief account of his visit to Iraq last week. The temperature was 110 in Baghdad. He went to check on the millions apparently skimmed from the Food for Oil program. He was very impressed with the work of our troops and observed, "We must move from occupiers to liberators." He expects violence to be up before both our elections and those in Iraq. He also announced a 1 billion dollar contract to Parker Aerospace to be met primarily with its Kalamazoo workforce.

### **Sustainable Business Forum**

**Bill Rose** introduced **Paul Murray**, Environmental Affairs Officer of Herman Miller, coordinator of the company's green initiatives and a leader in the development of the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum.

Paul emphasized that the first test of sustainability is profitability. He showed a video of the increase in population for 1000 AD to 2030 when we expect a global population of 9.5 billion people. While that is good in that it represents a great market for Herman Miller chairs, it means that we must reduce materials waste and conserve resources that will become increasingly expensive. The Grand Rapids Forum meets monthly to share best practices. These range from cooperatively re-cycling florescent bulbs for less to building that use 33% less energy. For example, Herman Miller has reduced waste tonnage in 12 years from 41 million tons to 5 million. Paul urged us to support the new Forum being organized in Kalamazoo.

### KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB MAKE-UP LIST September 27, 2004

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<u>KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:</u>	Mark Harsha, Johnny Thompkins, Gayle West-Webster
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	Steve Duisterhof, Greg Taylor
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Carl Walker
<u>PORTAGE A.M., MI:</u>	Craig Glass
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Charles Martell, Keith Mumma
<u>ROTARY AMB. (9/23/04):</u>	Robert Brown, Gordon Duisterhof, Jill Eldred, Robert Jones, Glen Kellam, Cecil Kerr, Pam Kingery, Bob Kittredge
<u>STRIVE (9/16/04):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mary Jo Asmus, Gifford Blaylock, Phil Carter, Jill Eldred, Brian Kaufman, Glen Kellam, James Kneen, Jennifer Lang, Linda Likely, Johnny Thompkins
<u>STRIVE (9/24/04):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mary Jo Asmus, Jill Eldred, Glen Kellam, Jennifer Lang, Johnny Thompkins
<u>WALKING TOGETHER:</u>	Deb Berkey, Jim Holtgreive, Robert Jones, Brian Kaufman, Cecil Kerr, Andy Latham, Karl Sandelin, Johnny Thompkins, Richard Thompson, Suzanne Rhoades-Tidey, Mike Williams, Thell Woods