



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, November 1 & 8, 2004

Edited by Debra Chope Hughes

Upcoming Programs:

- November 15, 2004 **Blaine Lam, "Lakeside Reborn"**
Please bring new items (e.g., t-shirts, sweatshirts) for our Casa Amparo girls.
- November 22, 2004 **Michael Hackman, "The New Mid-Link Facility"**
(**Special note:** this will be a "spare" soup luncheon of reduced calories!
"Hunger Plus" will benefit from the reduced cost of serving this \$10 lunch.)
- November 29, 2004 **Dr. Andy Latham**

Rotary Monday, November 1, 2004:

PRES. TIM opened the meeting, welcoming **PHIL CARTER** to the podium. **PHIL'S** invocation was most appropriate, with its references to sports and the 4-way test. WKZO's Robert Ford shared the news of the day.

Visiting Rotarians:

Ed Schaadt (*Gull Lake Area*); Dick Weaver (*Santa Fe Springs, CA*); Kathleen Tosco (*Stanton, VA*); Cyndi Trobeck (*Portage*); Dr. Dirk Vander Steen (*Kentwood, MI*); Rob Kropf (*Portage*)

Guests:

ANN HANNON – Vince Westra, Rich Santoni, Quinn Benson, Carol Husum; **BOB COLEMAN** – Jim Bishop; **JIM KILWAY** – Anne Blatchford; **AMY REMMERT** – Jill Flipse; **JOHNNY THOMPSON** – Eric Trevan; **BOB JONES** – Lee Kirk; **SANDY BLIESENER** – Todd Brunner; **JENNIFER LANG** – two groups hosted by Colleagues International – from the Czech Republic and the Cote d'Ivoire.

Songs:

JOHN DILLWORTH and **JIM HOLTGREIVE** led the group through the *WMU Fight Song* and *God Bless America*.

New Member:

PRES. TIM introduced **KATHLEEN TOSCO**, our newest Rotarian, who comes to our club as a transfer from Staunton, Virginia. In September she became the new Executive Director of the Arts Council of Kalamazoo. Her sister is Patricia Reeves, recently retired Superintendent of the Vicksburg Public Schools. Born in Muskegon and raised in Portage, **KATHLEEN** is a 1970 graduate of Portage Northern High School. She attended college in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband and proceeded to work with him all over the world. Most recently, she led an arts organization in Staunton, Virginia, where she was president of the local Rotary club in 2001. In 2003 **KATHLEEN** led a group study exchange to the Philippines. **WELCOME, KATHLEEN!**

Announcements:

PRES. TIM noted that **GORDON DUISTERHOF** is back home from the hospital and is recovering – and would probably appreciate the good wishes of fellow Rotarians. **DAN HARTLIEB** gave an update on the endowment fund established at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to benefit Casa Amparo and invited Rotarians to contact **P.P. JACK HOPKINS** or **WES FREELAND** for additional copies of

the state tax credit information sheet that appeared in the packet distributed recently. (*Editor's note:* You may also contact **DEB CHOPE HUGHES** for this information.) **DAN** also shared that there will be a truck headed to Casa Amparo in two weeks. Rotarians may share new, unwrapped items for the girls.

Happy Bucks:

P.P. JOE GAGIE – the Gagie School's 8th grade basketball team won the tournament; **P.P. JACK HOPKINS** – to say "Hi" to P.P. Dirk Vander Steen, and to note for our Czech visitors that he recently met someone from the Prague in the community foundation world; **AMY KRONE** – giving a check to thank each of the 12 people who donated blood recently; **D. TERRY WILLIAMS** – to welcome **KATHY BEAUREGARD** back to Rotary after her medical leave; **JIM HOLTGREIVE** – for the birth of his newest (9th!) grandson; **JUDY MOORE** – for not singing *Hail to the Victors*; **MAJ. LLOYD HANTON** – for the upcoming Salvation Army band concert (the Chicago Staff Band) on November 13; **P.P. GEORGE LENNON** – for MSU to win and go to the Rose Bowl; **P.P. DEAN LEWIS** – for K College and for the team from Ann Arbor...he was there, but left when the score was 20 – 10; **BARB WALTERS** – "Go, Blue!" and a check for Rotary International; **P.P. CHARLES MARTELL** – for the visit from the candidates for judge; **DALE HEIN** – for **D. TERRY WILLIAMS'** unintended oversight of another arts event taking place this week. His band, Blue Moon, will be playing at Wonderful's this weekend; **AL HEILMAN** – for Kalamazoo Rotary's newest member and "next prosecutor," **JEFF FINK**.

Rotary Program:

BOB MILLER introduced Steve Hawkins, who is entering his second year as WMU's basketball coach. Last year, he had a 26 – 5 record, which was the highest in the school's history, and he was voted top rookie coach. A native of Ventura, California, Hawkins has had a 19-year coaching career. In reflecting on last year's success, Hawkins noted that it was fun working with an "unbelievable group of kids" with great attitudes who also managed to average 3.0 in the classroom. This year, he has a new group of players, and he asked everyone to be patient. He has high hopes for them once they have had some court time. In reflecting on what he learned from UCLA coach John Wooden, with whom he once worked, Hawkins noted that Wooden almost never talked about winning – but rather, on the fact that success is the peace of mind that we are doing the best we can every day. Effort is what we should focus on, he said.

Rotary Monday, November 8, 2004:

PRES. TIM opened the meeting, welcoming **BRIAN KAUFMAN** to the podium to deliver an inspiring invocation about our choices in responding to life. WKZO's Robert Ford shared the news of the day.

Visiting Rotarians:

John Zull (*Portage*); Dick Weaver (*Santa Fe Springs, CA*); Tim Britain (*Grand Rapids, Downtown*); Dave Becker (*Portage*); Paul Ballard (*Portage*)

Guests:

DON GILMER – Dan McGlenn, Jeff Balkema, Tom Drabik, John Zull (and his son), Ted Vlieg, Margaret O'Brien, Jim Gregart, Christine Tshalis, **JEFF FINK**, Rick Kinan, Grace Anne Kalafut, Jeff Sorensen, Peter Battani, Peter Dams, Mike Anderson; **MAYOR BOB JONES** – Mary Balkema, Bobby Hopewell; **LORENCE WENKE** – Joe Calvaruso; **WES FREELAND** – Bruce Fetzer; **AMY REMMERT** – Larry Pacini; **GAIL WEST-WEBSTER** – Dr. David Putnam; **DREW ELLIOTT** – Elaine Williams; **JOHN LONG** – Ken Fischang; **JOHN HINKLE** – Aaron Chusid

Songs:

TIM KILMARTIN and **DUWAIN HUNT**, along with members of the Civic cast of *Beauty and the Beast*, led Rotarians in a couple of songs from the production. (We had a little help from background music!)

Announcements:

MARY ANN MITCHELL shared the results of the recent District 6360 raffle. The 60 clubs in the district raised a total of \$19,920, which was a 23% increase over 2003 results. Kalamazoo Rotary Club members purchased a total of 996 tickets, which was a 44% increase over last year and represented one fourth of the total tickets sold – and our club’s contributions were three times that of any other club! Our club had two winners, and both of them donated their winnings back to Rotary. **LINDEN GRIFFIN** won \$500, which he directed to the Casa Amparo project our club supports, while **JAMES KERSTEN** donated his \$100 winnings to Kalamazoo Rotary Charities. Our thanks to these generous Rotarians! **MARY ANN** also offered thanks to **P.D.G. KARL SANDELIN** for the information he shared on these results.

P.P. JACK HOPKINS thanked Rotarians involved in recently establishing the special endowed fund at the Foundation called the **Kalamazoo Rotary International Education Endowment Fund**. He then took a few moments to explain that the state tax credit available for a gift to this fund was the third of three tax credits available for gifts, as follows, in the state of Michigan:

- 1) Public Contributions
- 2) Homeless Shelters or Food Banks
- 3) Community Foundations (gifts to endowed funds)

While encouraging Rotarians to obtain advice from their advisors, **JACK** explained that a gift to this special endowed fund at the Foundation would qualify for a 50% state tax credit as follows:

Individuals: **the first \$200** of a gift

Couples: **the first \$400** of a gift

Corporations: **the first \$10,000** of a gift

JACK showed examples of the real cost of a gift given by Rotarians in each of the three categories and invited Rotarians to see him or his colleagues **WES FREELAND** or **DEB CHOPE HUGHES** for a copy of the sheet he presented today. (*Editor’s note: We will try to have this as an attachment to this email.*)

Happy Bucks:

PRES. TIM reported that he and **P.P. RICK BRISCOE** had an outstanding fireside chat – with the help of other Rotarians.

MAYOR BOB JONES – for the newly elected office holders and those returned to office; **BRIAN KAUFMAN** – for Allegra’s “Footprint Fund” – applications from local nonprofits are due by Friday for possible awarding of some of the \$25,000 available in printing (and he added a happy buck for Michigan Tech!); **DAN HARTLIEB** – what may be his last happy buck for Grand Valley, and for Michigan Tech’s success in winning the conference and advancing to the playoffs; **ED GORDON** – for the article in the November *Encore* about how a young man (his son, Scott) developed an interest in snow boarding and developed a successful business, Gordo Enterprises, based right here in Kalamazoo; **P.D.G. KARL SANDELIN** – for the walking program and the intergovernmental support that took place with that event; **P.P. JERRY MEINZINGER** – for WMU’s basketball season starting.

Rotary Program:

DON GILMER introduced Deb Buchholtz-Hiemstra, current chair of the 17-member Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. Deb grew up in Kalamazoo; attended the University of Michigan; and obtained an MBA from the University of Chicago. In 2000 she was elected to the Kalamazoo County Commission, where she is serving her second year as board chair.

Deb shared with Rotarians about the current the “State of the County,” noting that this is a time of continued learning and relationship building. A theme for 2003 was “Challenges Bring Opportunities,” while the 2004 theme is “Process and Priorities.” The three guiding principles she cited were Leadership, Community Involvement, and Resist the Temptation to React. Several challenges lie ahead, including the need to increase collaboration, consolidation, and other cooperative measures. The county board must also decide on a solution to the justice facilities dilemma. To this end, they are exploring four different but similar options. On the horizon, Deb sees issues of the airport; workforce development; transportation; housing; and drug enforcement.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
November 8, 2004

<u>BATTLE CREEK, MI:</u>	Steve Kreider
<u>EDITARIAN:</u>	Deb Chope
<u>GULL LAKE AREA, MI:</u>	Dave Boutell, Bob Britigan
<u>KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:</u>	Tucky Elliott, Mark Harsha, Jerry Love, Mary McLean
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	Dave Boutell, Jeff Fink, Chuck Martell, Greg McLogan, Bob Squier, Greg Taylor, Peter TerLouw, Carl Walker (2)
<u>PAW PAW, MI:</u>	Greta Williams (2)
<u>PORTAGE A.M., MI:</u>	Jerry Love, Mary McLean
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Steve Duisterhof, Jeff Fink, Rick Thompson
<u>SOUTH HAVEN, MI:</u>	Greta Williams
<u>STRIVE (10/22/04):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mary Jo Asmus, Phil Carter, Jill Eldred, Brian Kaufman, Glen Kellam, Tony McDonnell, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
<u>STRIVE (11/5/04):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Giff Blaylock, Phil Carter, Jill Eldred, Brian Kaufman, James Kneen, Jennifer Lang, Linda Likely, Tony McDonnell, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
<u>VANCOUVER, BC:</u>	Ann Hannon

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS: JILL E. FLIPSE of Bishop, Flipse & Meyer, P.C. has been proposed for membership by AMY REMMERT with a classification of Accounting; ERIC S. TREVAN of Northside Economic Potential Group has been proposed for membership by JOHNNY L. THOMPCKINS with a classification of Youth and Social Welfare Organizations. Both have been approved by the Membership and Classification Committees. Any comments or objections must be received by the Administrative Secretary within 10 days.