



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, November 15, 2004

Edited by Ann Hannon and Linda Likely

Upcoming Programs:

November 29, 2004: Andy Latham – Polio Inoculations

December 6, 2004: Judith Bailey - Partners in Transition

December 13, 2004: Good Vibrations from the Gagie School - Holiday Music

Rotary Monday, 11/15/04

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Diamond, Training, from Sunrise Rotary; Mike Damschroeder, Financial Planner, from Lakeshore Rotary; Dick Weaver, City Planner, from Santa Fe Rotary

Guests: Joe Brogger Jr./Mary Mattson, Melissa Thornburg, Debra Meyers, Beth Broom, Blaine Lam, Fritz MacDonald, Mark Dobbins and Amy Upjohn; Thell Woods/Linda MacDonald; Bob Kent/Raenell Kent; Jerry Mason/Betty Upjohn Mason; Rev. Johnny Thompkins/Eric Trevan; Amy Remmert/Dave Hutton and Jill Flipse; D. Terry Williams/Elaine Williams; Jennifer Lang/Adalberto Flaviano Piotto and Jose Marcos Pereira; Janet Karpus/Carol Snapp; Wes Freeland/Don Jones, Susan Springgate and Bruce Fetzer

Songs: Compliments of Jennifer Lang and John Dillworth: It's a Small World [with very small print] and the MSU Fight Song [actually a joint recognition, as MSU's victory over the U of Wisconsin served UM's Rose Bowl aspirations very well.]

Special Presentation: Bill Diamond presented a letter and banner from the Chairman of the Board of trustees of Rotary International recognizing our club as one of the top three contributors in our district to the 2003-2004 Annual Program Funds.

Announcements: Rotarians are always welcome to attend Board Meetings the third Wednesday or each month at noon at the Park Club (call Sue to provide an accurate count); the Public Relations and Membership Development Committees will meet together at the Chamber Offices; our local web-site is up and running; all members were encouraged to forward their e-mail addresses to Sue in order that they can receive newsletters electronically.

Rotary Program: Prior to introducing our speaker, Joe Brogger Jr. provided a brief history of the Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center. Originally, Lakeside was an orphanage - first for boys, then boys and girls. Gradually, the center accepted more at-risk youngsters. For the last few years, the Center accepted many residents from outside our district, children with more severe problems and more manipulative/violent behavior. Safety became an issue. Eventually, FIA removed the Center's license; shortly thereafter the Director resigned. Blaine Lam was named interim director and has guided the Center for the past year. FIA has now restored the

license and kids are back. With this progress, the Lakeside Board has recently selected its new Executive Director.

With this background, Joe introduced our speaker, Dr. Jim Henry, Lakeside's new E.D., who will officially take control December 1, 2004. Dr. Henry provided an overview of his philosophy for the Center. His primary goal is to provide a safe place for children; secondarily, he wants to provide a place where the community as a whole can be involved, building on the past, successful interactions. The bulk of Dr. Henry's address stressed the importance of a safe place, and the difficulties surrounding its creation. Children living at Lakeside come from environments that have taught them to be wary and distrustful, even of those who try to help. Through understanding the complexity of changing the residents' perceptions and by providing realistic, consistent, expectations, the Center will attempt to change the future for these children.

Rotary Monday, 11/22/04

Guests: Kathleen Tosco/Lynn Jackson; Joe Licavoli/Charlie Hill; Johnny Thompkins/Eric Trevan; Greta Williams/Lindsey Bay; Glen Kellam/Jim Barnum and Ron Foor; Bob Miller/Barry Broome and Jill Bland; Saul Amdursky/Ann Rohrbaugh; Todd McDonald/Doug Phillips; Giff Blaylock/Ryan Dans

Songs: Compliments of Jerry Albertson and John Dillworth: Two Jerry originals to the tune of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" and "Thanks for the Memory" in recognition of the Midlink Business Park.

Announcements: (1) Jennifer Lang provided a list of art activities for the month and provided a website address: www.kalamazooartscouncil.com; and (2) Rotarians were reminded to submit pledge cards to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for the International Education Fund. Your tax deductible gifts are greatly appreciated for this worthwhile cause.

New Rotarian: Jerry Lord was introduced by Dave VanArsdale as a new member. Jerry was initially born in Wisconsin. He is married to Patricia, a corporate photographer, and has one daughter, Sarah. His career encompassed broad area in radio broadcasting beginning in 1981. Jerry holds a degree in business from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently employed at TDS Metrocom. His hobbies include golf, church and he also enjoys volunteering for the Kalamazoo Kings games. We welcome Jerry to the Kalamazoo Rotary Club.

Rotary Program: Bob Miller introduced Michael Hackman as the guest speaker for Midlink. Michael provided a history of the Midlink Business Park. The property was purchased in 1999 and since that time has been re-engineered and redesigned to accommodate build-to-suit sized use development. The Business Park has been designated as a State of Michigan "Tax Free" Renaissance Zone which waives state and local taxes through 2017. It is located in Kalamazoo along I-94 midway between Chicago and Detroit. The center has flexible lease terms and cost effective pricing.

The Midlink Business Park is ideal for manufacturing/assembly, warehousing, logistics, R & D flex-space, office, retail, call centers and service businesses. The website is: www.midlinkbusinesspark.com.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
November 22, 2004

<u>BATTLE CREEK, MI:</u>	Bob Tower
<u>BOARD MEETING:</u>	Rex Bell, Rick Briscoe, Tim Brown, Randy Eberts, Drew Elliott, Blake Hart, Glen Kellam, Bob Kent, Rachel Packer, Keith Roe
<u>EDITARIAN:</u>	Ann Hannon and Linda Likely
<u>GULL LAKE AREA, MI:</u>	Dave Boutell (2), Bob Britigan
<u>KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:</u>	Tucky Elliott, Jerry Love, Mary McLean, Keith Mumma, Janet Pisaneschi
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	Dennis Berkebile, Dave Boutell, Jerry Love
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Garrett Boersma, Stan Clouse, Lynne Cowart, Howard Dooley, Don Flesche, Craig Misner, Suzanne Rhoades-Tidey (2)
<u>PORTAGE A.M., MI:</u>	Mark Harsha, Suzanne Rhoades-Tidey
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Vickie Langkam, Charles Martell, Greg McLogan, Bob Squier, Peter TerLouw
<u>ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR:</u>	Keith Mumma
<u>??:</u>	Peter TerLouw

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS: ELAINE WILLIAMS of WMU-Miller Auditorium has been proposed for membership by DREW ELLIOTT with a classification of Education-Large University. She has been approved by the Membership and Classification Committees. Any comments or objections must be received by the Administrative Secretary within 10 days.