



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, January 31 & February 7, 2005

Edited by Jeanne McGeorge

Upcoming Programs:

February 14 Bell's Brewery: 20 Years and Still Hopping!

Larry Bell

February 21 Rotary Anniversary Social Event at the Radisson

5:30 – 7 p.m. – PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT MEETING TIME!

Bring a guest!

Rotary Monday, January 31, 2005:

President TIM opened the meeting and MARY JO ASMUS gave an invocation asking to begin again and make us instruments of love and healing. WKZO's Robert Woods read the day's news and delivered a chuckle at PG Engler's expense.

PP RICK BRISCOE delivered the Art News for the week and introduced Reverend Calvin Hill who makes and plays Native American flutes. Rev. Hill played a lilting melody on the flute and mesmerized the audience.

Visiting Rotarians:

President TIM called on Table Hosts to introduce visiting Rotarians. GLEN KELLAM introduced Assistant District Governor Betty Ongley from the Portage club and PP RICK BRISCOE introduced Brent Larson also from the Portage club.

Guests:

ED SACKLEY introduced Sheriff Michael Anderson, DREW ELLIOTT introduced Elaine Williams, BOB KENT introduced Sally Reames, REX BELL introduced David Hume, SANDY BLIESENER introduced Todd Brunner, NAN THOMPSON introduced husband Bob Commissaris, KEITH MUMMA introduced Reverend Calvin Hill, KEVIN MCCARTHY introduced David Rhoa, LISA GODFREY introduced Ann Rohrbault, STAN CLOUSE introduced Horace Brown and DEB CHOPE HUGHES introduced Chris Bourgeois.

Music:

TIM KILMARTIN and JOHN DILLWORTH led us in a parody of the Pinwheel phenomenon present at Bronco basketball games... "Ride a Central Chip"! This was hurriedly followed by the Bronco Fight Song.

Announcements:

The Galesburg Rotary is now meeting at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 a.m.

Happy Bucks:

LINDEN GRIFFIN gave for Portage Central's "Secret Garden" production. JERRY ALBERTSON gave for WMU's "Rent". BARB WALTERS gave to honor the Iraqi voters. HENRY HOLLAND gave to announce he just became Medicare qualified and then his son broke his hand to make the first claim.

Program:

ED SACKLEY introduced Bill Timmerman and Phil Newman of the Sheriff's Department "Road Patrol" or SWET. Their topic was the Methamphetamine crisis in Kalamazoo. The problem is expanding dangerously both nationally and locally. It is here in our community, fueled by this "poor man's cocaine", which is produced in "mom and pop" labs at an astonishing rate. It uses over the counter drugs, household ingredients and from area farms, anhydrous ammonia. A video brought this right up front and close and it made quite the impression. We applaud the work being done by these law officers knowing they need our support. We are all affected one way or another by this crisis.

Rotary Monday, February 7, 2005:

President TIM opened the meeting and DAVE VAN ARSDALE shared an invocation calling us to focus on family and things important in life – think about the children. WKZO wasn't there, but PRESIDENT TIM claimed the Northeast to be happy (Patriot fans). DAN GUSTIN was there to share the Art News for the week; be happy there's plenty to do.

Visiting Rotarians:

President TIM asked visiting Rotarians to stand and be recognized. They included from Portage – Dave Becker, Freeman Russell, Betty Lee Ongley, James Graham, and John Zull; from Oshtemo – Frank Eichelberg, Terry Schley and Bruce Kocher; from Kal. Sunrise – Bruce Justin and Doug Scripture; Rick Hughey (Parchment); Lee Philpart (Vicksburg); Mark Drallette (Climax) and Dick Weaver (Santa Fe Springs Club).

Guests:

President TIM introduced guests of the club from area governmental units including City of Kalamazoo, Portage, Ross Township, Kalamazoo County Government and State Representative Lorence Wenke. Rotarians also introduced their guests: KEN YOUNG (Marilyn Schlack, Terry Hutchins, Nancy Woods, Louise Anderson); DALE HEIN (Joni Idzkowski), Barb Young, Beverly Solik, Rick Tooker); RALPH JARL (Roger Lepley); PAM KINGERY (Coby Chalmers); DON GILMER (Grady Biby); GENE WRIGHT (Ramon Baca); BOB HUISKAMP (Bob Brown); BLAKE HART (Jamie Williams); BOB STRAITS (Tom Bartek, George Erickcek); JOE BROGGER II (Jeannette Meyer); RICK BRISCOE (Tom Huff); CHRIS SHOOK (Mariette Lemieux); DREW ELLIOTT (Chip Knappen, Elaine Williams), JUDY MOORE (Ken Fischang); JANET KARPUS (Jerry French); GREG TAYLOR (Kennedy Fillar); TERRY SCHLEY (Lori Beard); and SANDY BLEISNER (Todd Brunner).

Music:

GERRY ALBERTSON and JOHN DILLWORTH made it short and simple – "We're in the Money" – NOT!

Announcements:

Reminder that the February 21st meeting is at 5:30 at the Radisson Arcadia Ballroom instead of at noon. This is a social gathering and celebration of Rotary's 100th birthday.

Program:

PP JACK HOPKINS introduced the program on Michigan's Budget Deficit presented by Tom Clay of the Citizen's Research Council. Tom, Director of State Affairs for the Council, introduced Earl Ryan, President of the Research Council and Paul Good, Director of Development. Also introduced was DON GILMER, former Michigan State Budget Director who joined in the Q and A portion. This presentation was the first in a series to be presented throughout the state. We all know our state is in the fifth year of serious budget problems. The question is – how bad? The rainy day funds are gone. CRC states that even though the economy is improving (although sluggishly in the state) the structural deficit problem will remain. That is caused by cost increases outpacing revenue growth. The chief expenditure causes are Medicaid and Corrections. We are paying the price of not diversifying earlier, relying too heavily on manufacturing. A lively Q and A followed. There are difficult choices ahead!

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
February 7, 2005

<u>EDITARIAN:</u>	Jeanne McGeorge
<u>KALAMAZOO SUNRISE:</u>	Tucky Elliott, Jerry Love
<u>NORTH PALM BEACH, FL:</u>	Bob Britigan
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	James E. Amos, Lloyd Hanton, Greg Taylor
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Dave Boutell, Lloyd Hanton
<u>PAW PAW, MI:</u>	Greta Williams (2)
<u>PEORIA, IL:</u>	D. Terry Williams
<u>PORTAGE A.M., MI:</u>	Mary McLean, Barb Walters
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Bob Coleman (2), Steve Duisterhof, James B. Kilway, Bob Squier (2)
<u>SINGER ISLAND, FL:</u>	Bob Britigan (3)
<u>SOUTH MANATEE, FL:</u>	Cecil Kerr (2)
<u>STRIVE (1/14/05):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mary Jo Asmus, Gifford Blaylock, Phil Carter, Brian Kaufman, Glen Kellam, James Kneen, Jennifer Lang, Tony McDonnell, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
<u>STRIVE (1/28/05):</u>	Jerry Albertson, Mary Jo Asmus, Glen Kellam, Jennifer Lang, Tony McDonnell, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
<u>THREE RIVERS, MI:</u>	Peter TerLouw
<u>??:</u>	Cecil Kerr