



# Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, June 13 and June 20, 2005 Edited by Bob O'Boyle and Sandy Bliesener

## Upcoming Programs:

June 27, 2005 Changing of the Guard Ceremony

July 4, 2005 NO MEETING

## Rotary Monday, June 13, 2005:

President **Tim** opened the meeting with the Star Spangled Banner, and **Dale Hein** gave the Invocation. Kevin Bayes of WKZO radio read the news and a bit of humor. **Tim Kilmartin** brought us up to speed on the "Art Happenings" around town.

## Visiting Rotarians:

Ray Malvitz from Melbourne Beach, Florida; Betty Lee Ongley from Portage; Jerry Kohel from Gull Lake; and Merv Sherwood from the Lakeland, Florida Club were visiting today. Kalamazoo Rotary Club honorary member Merv has been a Rotarian for 60 years – 58 of which he has had perfect attendance!

## Guests:

There were several distinguished special guests introduced by President **Tim** that are previous Red Rose recipients. They are Elizabeth Upjohn (1991), Alice Mullen (1987), **PP,PDG Karl Sandelin** (1992), Martha Parfet (2002), and **Caroline Ham** (2003). **Dick Hodgman** introduced his wife Joyce, Martha Hilboldt, Jim Hilboldt, George Acker, Louise Dunbar, Bob Dunbar, and Rolla Anderson. **Joe Brogger II** introduced Andrew Orosz, Magee Gordon, Jane Brogger, Dolly Brogger, Chrisa Knoll, and Amy Upjohn.

## Songs:

**Jerry Albertson** stood in for Jim Holtgrieve, and he and **John Dillworth** led Rotarians in "It's Fun to Go to the USTA" (to the tune of YMCA) and "Grand Old Flag."

## Announcements and Presentations:

**Pam Kingery** informed Rotarians that 16 year old Diego from Mexico will be a Rotary Exchange Student in the fall, and host families are needed. Please contact **Pam** for more information. Thanks to **Keith Roe** for an excellent performance on the Rotary Cable Access Show. The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution proclaiming next week Rotary Week in Kalamazoo County. **Thell Woods** and **Bob Brown** have been instrumental in this endeavor. Club dues are to be paid by the end of June, not July as it has been in the past.

## Happy Bucks:

**Geoff Clapp** gave for his daughter's graduation from K College and acceptance of a job in Bordeaux, France; **Nancy Thompson** gave for the Rotary Golf Outing which will be held on Monday August 8; **Bob Coleman** gave for his anniversary and because his daughter is home from Iraq; **Phil Carter** gave for the YMCA Golf Outing; **Pam Kingery** gave for **Dale Hein's** promotion to Director of the Human Services Department; **Keith Roe** gave to all of the other participants who did so well in the Rotary Cable Access Show, **Ann Nieuwenhuis** gave for **Lloyd Hanton's** retirement from the Salvation Army. **Lloyd** received a standing ovation.

## Program:

**PP Jerry Mason** gave a little history of the Red Rose Citation, which dates back to 1945. He is proud to be presenting his "co-conspirator" **Joe Brogger** with the award today. **Joe** has been in Kalamazoo for 49 years, and has contributed tirelessly in the areas of economic development, leadership, and health and human services. **Dick Hodgman** went on to outline **Joe's** career on the Borgess Board of Trustees, which he first joined in 1973. In addition, he has promoted the USTA for the past 40 years, first as right-hand man to Rolla Anderson, then as mentor to **Timon Corwin**. He was instrumental in both the fundraising efforts to improve Stowe Stadium and in establishing a non-profit to provide tennis scholarships. **Joe Brogger II** gave us some insight into **Joe's** personal life and a few good stories that had everyone chuckling. **Joe** got up to say thank you and that he "hopes to meet this guy some day".

## Rotary Monday, June 20, 2005:

The invocation was given by **Bob Miller**. Kevin Bayes of WKZO radio read the news and **Stacy Ridenour** brought us up to speed on the "Art Happenings" around town.

## Visiting Rotarians:

**Blake Hart** introduced Doug Drenth from Otsego; **Greg Taylor** introduced Charlotte Wenham from St. Joseph/Benton Harbor; and **Sean McCann** introduced Joe Debiak from Vicksburg.

## Guests:

**Mike Rathbun** had three guests from the Devil Ray's: Greg Kruger, Luke Kuboushek, and Krissy VanAsperen.

## Songs:

**Jerry Albertson** and **John Dillworth** led Rotarians through "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

## Announcements:

Committee Preference Forms are due this week. Thanks to **Thell Woods** for the County Proclamation regarding Rotary Week in Kalamazoo County. Thanks also to **Linden Griffen**, who developed "Linden's Trail Mix" to deal with a rodent infestation at Casa Amparo, and has made a \$10,000.00 contribution to the Casa Amparo endowment fund. President **Tim** presented a plaque to Linden for his "Continued and Significant Contribution to the Lives and Futures of the Girls of Casa Amparo". Contact President **Tim** or **Pam Kingery** if you are interested in being a host

family for the Rotary Foreign Exchange Program. The Rotary show on Community Access Cable will be aired again on Channel 19 on July 4 at 7pm, and on Channel 22 on July 7, 8, and 9 at 5pm. The Rotary Banner has been redesigned to be back in compliance with RI, and copies will be available next week for review. Thanks to that committee led by **Sandy Bliesener** for their work. Allegra Printing was awarded all of Rotary's print work for the upcoming year based on their low bid. The Board passed a budget for the upcoming year and there will be no dues increase BUT everyone must pay their dues by July 1. **PP Barbara James** and **PP Pat Norris** are both going to be out on medical leave for the next month.

**Happy Bucks:**

President Tim thanked PP Rick for a check for \$110.00 which recognized his birthday, anniversary, and number of years in Rotary. Chuck Van Zoeren attended the Rotary Convention and is proud to be part of the worldwide network of Rotary. Jean Forrest had a sad buck for the Hackett girls soccer team. Becky Smith paid for Gov. Granholm's community service award to the Kalamazoo Kings. Barb Walters gave for Linden's work. PP Ken Young gave for the outstanding editorial on KVCC. Drew Elliott gave for Thell Wood's work on the PR Committee. Dan Hartlieb gave for Linden's Trail Mix. Bob Brown gave for CAC's award in the name of Jim Amos. Nancy Thompson gave for the upcoming Rotary golf Scramble. PP Rick gave in the hopes that the two thirds of our members who haven't paid dues yet will do so by July 1. Judy Moore also gave for the Kalamazoo Kings award.

**Program:**

**Mike Rathbun** introduced Martie Cordaro, General Manager of the SW Michigan Devil Rays, which are affiliated with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Minor league baseball is all about providing clean, affordable family entertainment, and this summer's promotions include 1-cent hotdogs on Tuesdays, kids day on Wednesdays, \$1 pop and beer on Thursdays, fireworks on Fridays, and mascots on Saturdays and Sundays. Come on out to C.O. Brown Stadium at Bailey Park in Battle Creek and have some fun with the Devil Rays!!

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**MAKE UP AT NEARBY ROTARY CLUBS:**

- Monday - Allegan, Battle Creek, Marcellus, Otsego, St. Joseph-Benton Harbor
- Tuesday - Constantine, Galesburg, Jackson Breakfast, Marshall, South Haven
- Wednesday - Climax, Cereal City Sunrise, Jackson, Kalamazoo Sunrise, Parchment, Portage, Vicksburg
- Thursday - Delton, Gull Lake, Paw Paw, Plainwell, Portage A.M., Three Rivers
- Friday - Lansing, Oshtemo

Meeting times and places listed on page 6 of Roster.

THEME FOR YEAR 2004-2005

*"Celebrate Rotary"*

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