



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, October 17 and 24, 2005

Edited by Mary Jo. St. John

Upcoming Programs:

- October 31 WMU College of Health & Human Services
Janet I. Pisaneschi, Ph.D., Dean
- November 7 A Business Case for Sustainability
Bill Stough, CEO, Sustainable Research Group
- November 14 Storytelling and Flute Music
Reverend Calvin Hill

Rotary Monday, October 17, 2005:

Invocation by BILL ROSE. Art News – CHRIS SHOOK.

Visiting Rotarians:

Jerry Kohel (Gull Lake).

Guests:

Rotarians introduced their guests: Senator Tom George, Senator Mike Bishop, Schott Schuum, Josiua Goss, Amber Voelker, Raenell Kent, Margie Hadsell, Zaf Anaja.

Music:

“Hail to the Victors” (U of M win); and we tried School Days but had the wrong music.

New Members:

Commander Steven Koehler – Commanding officer of Salvation Army. Steven has lived several places, for 5 years each. He moved here with his wife and two sons (18 and 16 years old) from Bloomington, Indiana. He is an ordained minister. Steven is also a brass musician who loves music and watching football. He has been a member of four Rotary clubs.

Tom Little – owns Servicemaster of Kalamazoo. He moved here in 1981 with his wife and four children – two girls and 2 boys, ages 25 to 13. Their family likes to tent camp, hike and bike – have done it all over the country! Tom started out here as the head of housekeeping at Borgess then bought the business. It was named by the previous owner as Service for the Master. They have a new building on Ravine Road.

Happy Bucks:

KARL SANDELIN announced that he walked the 26.2 mile marathon and was 11th in his age group (77) and his time was 31 seconds better than last year when he ran. Quite an accomplishment!

JON PELLOWE donated a generous check to start a Paul Harris for his newest grandson.

Announcements:

ANNE ELIAS announced the blood drive next week – October 24 from 10:00 – 2:00. One donor can save four lives! Flu shots will also be given next week. JIM McINTYRE presented the latest grant to Schott Schrum – head of ROI – Residential Opportunities, Inc. – which fills a huge need in Kalamazoo by providing housing for people with disabilities and mental retardation. They have 22 group homes and serve 20 veterans with disabilities. The grant was for \$1500 to be used for PowerPoint presentations to groups and staff training. The grant committee gave out \$20,000 in grants last year.

Program:

BOB KENT introduced Dr. Larry Schlaack who presented the program on the MEAP tests. He is a WMU Associate Professor Emeritus, works at KRESA part time, was President of Kalamazoo Symphony, and has written many articles, among other things. Larry has taken the MEAP tests himself with the students for many years. He passed out about six questions as samples from a test and challenged us to take them. The test consists of five days of testing, two hours each day and is given to 4th and 7th graders on math, reading, science and social studies. He felt the content is unrelated to what adults do in their everyday lives – it is not relevant today. The test got much negative feedback in the 90’s and was fading. In ’99-2000 the Tobacco Settlement money was used to pay students who scored high enough on the test to get the merit award which pays \$2500 towards college. 20,000 students are awarded yearly. The MEAP will be scrapped and replaced by the ACT.

Rotary Monday, October 24, 2005:

Invocation by JOE HEMKER.

Visiting Rotarians:

Bill Dimond, Betty Lee Ongley, Tim Britain, Joe Debiak, Bill Moilanen.

Guests:

Rotarians introduced their guests: Bob Regersen, Tom Cooper, Bruce Grannath, Bassel Noori, Rob Pennuck, Tracy Lawsie, John VanderSalm, Ned VanderSalm, Wayne Flipse.

Music:

Phantom of the Opera (we did it pretty good!); WMU fight song.

Program:

Today we were fortunate to have two programs.

First speaker: GIL O’ROURKE – District governor from Jackson Noon Rotary, enjoys visiting clubs. There are 10 Assistant District Governors – each have 6 clubs. He encouraged us to go to the District Conference, May 19-20, 2006 since we are the host club at the Radisson. The theme is

“Vital Communities”. We need new Rotary members, especially women and younger people. The goal is to add one new member per club.

Second speaker: ELAINE WILLIAMS, head of Miller Auditorium, introduced Bruce Grannath – head of marketing for Clear Channel Theatrical Entertainment. He thanked WMU and the Gilmore Keyboard Festival for helping to accommodate April 19 to May 14 (one full month) for the performance of Phantom of the Opera. They are marketing to the area cities of several states whom have never seen Phantom – they expect over 10,000 tickets and an \$8 Million impact on our local economy. Bruce will work with local restaurants to help get people to dinner and to the theatre – needs all of Kalamazoo to be a host for this event!

They have already installed 2 ½ tons of steel for the production. It is the longest running musical in history. Phantom has sold \$3 Billion worldwide. They will bring 20 semis full of sets with 150 cast and crew members. The music is great – you listen to it over and over. There were Phantom tote bags for all at Rotary as well as two free CD’s per table. Special packages include: Seniors @\$32.55; Students @\$22.25 + a Thursday matinee where the cast will do a Q & A afterwards. The phone number for group sales: 269-387-2312.

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
October 24, 2005

<u>EDITARIAN:</u>	Mary Jo St. John
<u>GULL LAKE AREA, MI:</u>	Bob Britigan, Dave Ticknor
<u>OSHTEMO, MI:</u>	Penny Butler (2), Joe Gagie, Diether Haenicke, Greta Williams
<u>PARCHMENT, MI:</u>	Bob Britigan
<u>PORTAGE, MI:</u>	Ed Sackley
<u>SOUTH HAVEN, MI:</u>	Gordon Duisterhof

Announcement from Public Relations Committee: Save the Date! Join your fellow Rotarians. Be a part of Rotary’s entry in the holiday parade! Family and friends are welcome.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2005

Where: Downtown Kalamazoo

Please Contact one of us: Thell Woods, Bob Brown, Deb Chope Hughes, Barb Miller, Linda Phillips, Becky Smith, Rodger Storteboom

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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 2005-2006

"Service Above Self"

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