



Kalamazoo Rotary News



Monday, November 28 and December 5, 2005 Edited by Sandra J. Bliesener

Upcoming Programs:

December 12 Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center 20th Anniversary
Presented by: Dr. Brenda Earhart & Mr. Jon Streeter

December 19 Holiday Music Program

Presented by: Kalamazoo Euphonium Band

December 26 & January 2 **No Meeting - Happy Holidays!**

January 9 All in Good Taste: The Chefs of Radisson Plaza

Presented by: Executive Chef Wayne Wells , Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites

Rotary Monday, November 28, 2005:

President Randy opened the meeting and **George Peterson** gave the invocation. WKZO's Kevin Bayes read the day's news, and **D. Terry Williams** gave the Arts News for the week.

Visiting Rotarians:

President Randy called on Table Hosts to introduce visiting Rotarians. **Greg Taylor** introduced Dick Weaver from the Santa Fe Springs, California Club. **Amy Rimmert** introduced Dave Becker.

Guests:

Sean McCann introduced Mary Balkema, Bobby Hopewell, and Hannah McKinney; **Greg McLogan** introduced Joshua Goss; **George Peterson** introduced Rob Peterson; and **Don Gilmer** introduced 14 guests from Kalamazoo County.

Songs:

Stacy Ridenour and **Jerry Lord** led Rotarians in a new song called "The 4-Way Test", and in "This is My Country" (to the tune of "This is My Country") in honor of today's program.

Announcements:

Jim Holtgrieve is continuing to organize the bell ringers this year.

See **President Randy** if you are interested in being one of 24 Rotary polio volunteers that are needed in India in January. **Chuck VanZaeren** did this last year and encouraged others to do so.

Happy Bucks:

Gerry Albertsen gave for the opportunity to serve on the Parks Foundation; **Thell Woods** gave for the Interact article in the Gazette; **Brian Kaufman** gave for the snow; **Ann Neiuwenhuis** gave for the incredible first responders and seatbelts which helped save she and her husband after an automobile accident on Oct. 28; **Jim Woodruff** gave for the weather; **PP, PDG Karl Sandelin** was recognized by **President Randy** for gift in recognition of the Kalamazoo Promise; and **Gordon Duisterhof** gave for the editorial regarding Bronson Park in the Gazette.

Rotary Program:

Don Gilmer introduced Bob Brink, a "Kalamazoo Guy", born, raised, educated here, and serving his second term as County Commissioner. He did leave the area from 1967-1969 to serve with the Army in

Vietnam, then came back to eventually be president of Forum Communications and serve on numerous County boards.

Mr. Brink re-introduced the commissioners, and credited them with their ability to stay focused on the issues without playing politics. He also recognized the various County Department heads and their substantial accomplishments. He believes Kalamazoo County is facing the future head on, and that this commission is not just identifying problems, but solving them as well. They plan ahead and take action as necessary, looking out for citizens and taxpayers along the way. Their legacy is that they are not just doing things the way they have always been done.

Rotary Monday, December 5, 2005:

President Randy started the meeting on time and kept Rotarians and guests on track throughout the meeting. Invocation by **Ann Elias** was followed by a moment of silence in memory of longtime Rotarian and YMCA Exec. **Herb Pifer**. Kevin Bayes of WKZO read the news and **Tim Kilmartin** read the Art News.

Visiting Rotarians:

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Table Hosts. Dick Weaver from Santa Fe Springs, and Jerry Kohel of Gull Lake were visiting today.

Guests:

PP Jerry Mason introduce wife Betty, **Pam Kingery** introduced Donna Carroll, and Matt Trottier was introduced by **Amy Rimmert**. **George Peterson** introduced son Rob, **Joan Burke** introduced Pamela Roland, **Bob Kent** introduced Ann Felmeier and Lorri Kirby, **Dick Fluke** introduced Sylvia Angelidis and **Dick Bromfield's** guest was Arnold Mikon.

Songs:

The **John (Dillworth)** and **Jerry (Albertson)** show was especially entertaining as Maestro Albertson led us through "Holly Jolly Christmas". The whole show broke down, though as he leaned on the choir of assembled Rotarians with multiple verses of a modified "Lean on Me". Great fun!!!!!!

Announcements:

Joan Burke introduced Pam Roland of the Junior Girls Club and then presented a check for \$2,445 from Rotary Charities to repair a van utilized by the club. Ms. Roland thanked the club and explained a little bit about the Kalamazoo Junior Girls organization.

Jim Holtgrieve gave an update on the Salvation Army Rotary Bell ringing. He also indicated that the kettle will be passed at our meeting next week for personal donations by Rotarians.

Jim Mosby reminded everyone that the proceeds from the candles being sold in the lobby go to Ministry with Community needs.

Dan Hartlieb gave a brief update on the progress of the girls at Casa Ampara and urged Rotarians to remember the needs of Casa residents so that they may have a good Christmas.

President Randy shared the congratulations of a Rotary Club in Australia on the "Kalamazoo Promise".

Happy Bucks:

Dan Hartlieb gave two happy \$s for the success of Grand Valley State University in Football and Women's Volleyball; **PP Jerry Mason** celebrated the birth of a great grand daughter; **Cecil Kerr** presented a generous check in celebration of his 83rd birthday; **John Dillworth** gave \$ for the success of two nieces in a Christmas concert and announced a significant gift to Goodwill Industries from the Stryker corporation. The gift was in the form of the former Stryker Medical building on Alcott Street; **Ed Sackley** donated in celebration of the work of the speaker for the day, Sally Reames; **Barb Walters** celebrated the

graduation from college of two Casa Ampara girls; **PP TK Young** gave for the success of the Ministry with Community candle project and of the part Rotary played; **Steve Duisterhof** celebrated the success of the Art Hop last week.

Rotary Program:

PP Jerry Mason introduced Sally Reames, Executive Director of the Community Healing Centers. Ms. Reames also introduced staff members Brenda McDonald, director of Human Resources, Lori Kirby, director of Communications and Ann Feldmeir, director of fund development. She also recognized Betty Upjohn Mason, **Mary Ann Mitchell** and **Bob Kent**.

Ms. Reames gave an interesting background story of the merger of the former Child and Family Services (Elizabeth Upjohn Community Healing Center) and the addiction and treatment center (Jim Gilmore Jr. Community Healing Center) as well as the continuum of care offered in facilities offered throughout southwest Michigan. Her message was one that focused on the mission of the agency: "To provide the community with integrated healing services, including children and family support, mental health counseling, addiction treatment and recovery, education and prevention."

KALAMAZOO ROTARY CLUB
MAKE-UP LIST
December 5, 2005

- BOARD MEETING: Jim Bridenstine, Tim Brown, Geoff Clapp, Randy Eberts, Drew Elliott, Bob Kent, Amy Krone, Rachel Packer, Mike Williams
- EDITARIAN: Sandy Bliesener
- GULL LAKE, MI: Dave Ticknor
- MARSHALL, MI: Bob Heasley
- NPB: Bob Britigan
- OSHTEMO, MI: Steve Duisterhof
- PARADE: Bob Brown, Geoff Clapp, Suzanne Cook, Jill Eldred, Deb Hughes, Andy Latham, Barb Miller, Linda Phillips, Karl Sandelin, Becky Smith, Rodger Storteboom, Thell Woods
- PARCHMENT, MI: Dave Boutell, Mary McLean, Linda Phillips, Nan Thompson
- PORTAGE AM, MI: John Fink (2)
- PORTAGE, MI: Bob Brown, Steve Duisterhof, Joe Gagie, Bob Matthews, Ed Sackley, Bob Squier
- SCOTTSDALE, AZ: Terry Stewart
- SINGER ISLAND, FL: Bob Britigan
- STRIVE - 11/4/05: Mary Jo Asmus, Bob Brown, Jr., Jill Eldred, Glen Kellam, Rob LaRoy, Tony McDonnell, Barb Miller, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
- STRIVE - 11/18/05: Jerry Albertson, Bob Brown, Jr., Jill Eldred, Brian Kaufman, Glen Kellam, Jennifer Lang, Tony McDonnell, Ed Sackley, Johnny Thompkins
- VICKSBURG, MI: Ed Sackley

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: JOSHUA GOSS of LaSalle Bank has been proposed for membership by GREG McLOGAN with a classification of Banking. He has been approved by the Membership Committee and Classification Committee. Any comments or objections must be received by the Administrative Secretary within 10 days.

2005-2006
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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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