

Rotary News Oct 1, 2018

President Jeannie Brandenberger called the meeting to order, and we sang the National Anthem. Rotarian Seth Weeldreyer gave the invocation. He also requested volunteers to assist with presenting invocations.

Arts News was given by Cindy Trout, pointing out the events of the week to come, including this week's Art Hop on Friday.

Visiting Rotarians: Christine Uthoff, Bristol, VA-TN Club

Guests: Dan Ingles introduced Todd Bannon, and Mary Zoeller introduced Maricela Alcalá.

Songs: April Goodwin led us in the Apple song, recognizing the fall activity in the orchards.

Birthdays This Week: Ann Fergemann, Sarah Kerry, and Robert Benjamin.

Membership Minute: Mary Zoeller introduced Treasurer Lisa Anspaugh to review revenue of our Kalamazoo Rotary Charities account, as well as programs and grants funded. This information will be posted on the secure section of our website. So far this club year, \$15,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted for the Charities account has been raised. The suggested amount which is listed on annual dues invoices is \$125, but any amount is appreciated. Before Lisa left the podium, Jack Hopkins presented her with a Paul Harris Fellow award, as a surprise recognition for her work as treasurer.

Announcements:

Kevin Brozovich announced that the Golden Trowel Award will be presented at the District dinner on October 23 to our nominated candidate—Nicki Aiello, from Communities in Schools. She has been a valuable partner in our Rotary's Reading program.

President Jeannie introduced a distinguished group with 40 or more years of membership in our club. She met with them prior to today's meeting and reported a great conversation. The group included: Bob Britigan (57); David Boutell (45); PP PDG Karl Sandelin (51); PP Jack Hopkins (42); Al Heilman (54); Tom Hoekstra (45); Rick Brown (41); PP Charles Martell (46); PP Ken Young (53); Chuck Van Zoren (58); Don Flesche (55); Fred Hubbel (50); James Holtgreive (46); Ron Kilgore (44); Sam Cupps (43); and Don Schmidt (40). Congratulations to all!

Happy Bucks:

Colleen McBride gave a buck for *From The Top*, NPR radio program featuring the Stulberg competition this Saturday, at noon, on WMUK.

Peter Gistelink gave one for an Open House, October 3, 5-8pm, at the Symphony offices to meet their new musical director.

Deb Harris announced a Homecoming Pancake Breakfast at Haworth College of Business Tent in Lot 1, next to Heritage Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 am, Saturday October 6.

And Joe Brogger, a buck for the recent wedding of his son.

Program: PDG Rick Briscoe stepped up to provide a program when today's scheduled speaker had to cancel. Titled *Rotary 101*, he covered everything from Rotary's core values, to history and growth worldwide, beginnings of the RI Foundation, Polio Plus and women entering Rotary. He also explained the organizational structure of Rotary—clubs, districts, zones, and RI. He noted that our zone is changing, due to loss of members in North America and subsequent restructuring zone boundaries.