

## Rotary News Dec. 10, 2018

President Jeannie Brandenberger called the meeting to order, and we sang the National Anthem. Rotarian Sid Ellis gave the invocation.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bill Brandenberger, from the Gull Lake Club.

**Guests:** Nathan Smallwood, introduced by Bill Rose; Tom Stobie, introduced by Steve Kreider; Susie Knox, guest of Judy Moore; Kathy Coats, Jim & Marian Merkle, guests of President Jeannie; Keshia Dickason, and Joelle Abbotts, guests of Sid Ellis; Antwan Carter, Tamara Carter, and Virginia Duisterhof, guests of Steve Duisterhof.

**Songs:** April Goodwin led us in the Christmas song, My Favorite Things

**Birthdays This Week:** Happy Birthday to Amy Remmert.

**Membership Minute:** Dan Sytsma recognized the members of the committee for Adopt a Family.

**Slate of board/officers for 2019-2020:** Past President Tim Kilmartin announced the slate being presented by the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Rotary Year:

President – Heather Isch

Past President – Jeannie Brandenberger

President Elect – Seth Weeldreyer

President Nominee – Sid Ellis

Secretary – Nancy Peterson

Treasurer – Lisa Anspaugh

Board Members, Term Ending June 30, 2020:

Mary Zoeller, Dan Schut, Rob Peterson

Board Members, Term Ending June 30, 2021

Kristen Chesak, Aaron Winters, Deb Harris

### **Announcements:**

President Jeannie announced that the board has voted to make a 3 year commitment to Communities in Schools to pay for a new book which will be ready in 2020. It will be read to second graders in our continuing *Rotary is for Reading* program.

All who rang the bells for the Salvation Army were asked to stand and were thanked.

President Elect Heather Isch has agreed to temporarily resume her position as co-chair of the Program Committee along with Rayline Manni, as Dianne Shaffer has had to step down from that responsibility.

### **Happy Bucks:**

Steve Duisterhof – We're Hiring!

DG Jim Cupper – for the WMU Hockey team

Henry Holland – for an around the world cruise beginning in January

Lisa Anspaugh – reminder to consider end of the year contribution to Kalamazoo Rotary Charities, and to check with your CPA about new tax changes.

Don Schmidt – for ringing bells with Caroline Ham again this year—a tradition

Anne Fergemann – for *The Nutcracker* performance

Brian Kaufman – for WMU Hockey players and their coach

Ken Peregon – for Bob Squires and his work with Adopt A Family

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**Program:** Dave Lucio introduced Mel Visser, retired chemical engineer with the Upjohn Company for many years. *His topic was PCB's: Census, Immigration and Migration.* He shared the history of their development as an issue, how they migrate, and bottom line—that it is a global problem. He spoke about the role the EPA and other government agencies play, and the need to restore the integrity of our monitoring and reporting systems. He said it's a problem that won't go away until they are banned globally.

Submitted by Judy Moore