

## Rotary News Feb. 18, 2019

PP Tim Kilmartin called the meeting to order, and we sang the National Anthem. Rotarian Ann Rohrbaugh gave the invocation.

### Visiting Rotarians:

Bill Brandenberger, and Courtney Baumgarten from the Gull Lake Club.

**Guests:** Steve Duisterhof--his son Sam; Deb Harris--Tom Stobie; Bill DeBoer--Ann Webb.

**Songs:** April Goodwin led us in the Black National Anthem in honor of Black History Month.

### Sponsor:

Brian Kaufman promoted Allegra, his single source marketing, print & mail service. You can turn over your marketing issues to his team.

### New Member:

Steve Kreider introduced new member, Tom Stobie. He's a graduate of Eastern Michigan Univ., married, father, grandfather, veteran of the U.S. Navy, and retired school principal and superintendent. He looks forward to being involved in *Rotary is for Reading*. Welcome, Tom!

### Announcements:

Red Rose committee is looking for nominations for this year's award. Give suggestions to Terry Williams. PDG Karl Sandelin is recovering from a short hospital visit—cards and notes welcome.

Rob Peterson announced the next Satellite Club meeting—at the Escape Room, 5:01, Wed. Feb. 20.

### Happy Bucks:

Steve Duisterhof for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday; Deb Harris for new members and her granddaughter; Sid Ellis for the Open House at Douglass Community Assoc., Monday, Feb. 25; Steve Kreider for the Rotary fundraiser in the U.P.; Heather Isch for Steve Kreider and his willingness to replace her as president elect, and support from the club; Nicki Poer for her birthday; Zaf Khaja for a flag from a Bangladesh Rotary club; and Brian Kaufman for a recent ski trip.

### Program:

Amy Remmert introduced Jeremy Cole, local builder. He is a graduate of Kalamazoo Central and WMU. At 19 he invested in his first real estate. His topic was *Gritty to Pretty*. His video of some of the rehabs he has done in the community have been shown on the DIY network, on the *Gritty to Pretty* show. He buys houses that are ready to be torn down, rehabs them, custom designed by the buyers, and saves them from being demolished. He is helping to rehab neighborhoods and fill some of the need for affordable housing. **Tune in Saturday night 8pm, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, to the *Gritty to Pretty* program, on the DIY network.**

Submitted by Judy Moore