

Rotary Meeting, March 25, 2019, Editarian Amy Remmert

The meeting was called to order by President Jeannie Brandenberger. The invocation was delivered by Steve Charnley.

Art News: Art News presented by Troy Thrash who always puts his spin on this and it most entertaining.

Guests: Mathew Martz, Sheri - Kelly Doyle, Deb Harris, Duane Powell. Allison - Nick Boyde Juan

Songs: April Goodwin decided it was time to getting back to your childhood so we sang "Baby Shark."

Birthdays: Colleen McBride's Birthday was today and several more members throughout the week.

New Member: Nick Boyd introduced Dwayne Powell. In addition to Nick being on stage to begin the induction, Steve Duisterhof and Rob Peterson join in to help introduce Dwayne to Rotary members. Steve and Rob both have reached out to Dwayne and got him involved in the Satellite Club and for the last year, he has been volunteering.

Dwayne's parents were in attendance to observe the three-minute presentation from the podium. Born in Kalamazoo, Dwayne attended Kalamazoo Center and WMU. He majored in "Animal House." But then Western doesn't have a that program so he was asked to find another educational institution. Dwayne has worked in real estate and when he finally moved away from home, he earned a degree in Communication. He came back to Kalamazoo because he missed Sweet Water Donuts. We had a number of chuckles courtesy of his comical side.

Rotary Hero: Rick Briscoe was introduced as the Clubs Rotary Hero, and loving named him "Mr. Rotary" He will be honored at the District Conference at Mission Point - at Mackinaw Island.

Red Rose: Committee will be accepting nominations for the Red Rose.

Applications for local grants are due.

Happy Bucks: Here are just a few: Steve Duisterhof- Go Green Go White. Dwayne Powell for his involvement in the Satellite Club, Harry Potter night at K-Wings. Nathan Dannison - come see newly renovated Crawl Space at First Baptist. Tim Kilmartin for his new granddaughter, Allison Hammond for the Kalamazoo Promise. Zaf Khaja welcomed Dwayne and thanks for volunteering at the Satellite Club for the last year and Zaf's Morocco visit and the banner presented to the Club. Jim Bridenstine for the nomination to Red Rose (jokingly) and his deserving more than Jeff Murphy.

Speaker: Rob Peterson, introducing Brad Black, president of HUMANex Ventures. Brad is passionate about the community. His goal is to get the right people in the right place and know what you need to achieve a high level of performance.

Stryker, a 17 Million dollar business, had a 20 % growth under John Brown. Brad's experience at Stryker and under John Brown's leadership, helped to steer him to develop HUMANex. His model was designed to place the right people in the right jobs. Stryker is second only to Southwest airlines in being among the most innovative "team" driven work models. HUMANex, under Brad, designed that model and uses it to deliver the right people to the right jobs.-