

Rotary News **April 22nd 2019** by Christina Dorett

President Jeannie Brandenberger called the meeting to order, and we sang the National Anthem.

Aaron Winters gave the invocation.

Arts News was provided given by Dann Sytsma.

Visiting Rotarians - Fred Upton joined us as a visiting Rotarian from Benton Harbor.

Guests: Martin Velten was introduced by Dan Ingles, Jacob Barnes was introduced by Mary Zoller, Nate Henschel was introduced by Fred Upton and Tara East, Morgan and Kim from the Cheff Center were introduced by Jeff Ross.

April Goodwin led us in song with "Here Comes The Sun".

Alisa Carrel, from our Charitable Contributions Committee presented a check for \$1000 to Jai Khatri from the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home towards their music therapy program.

Keith Mumma shared his efforts to raise funds on behalf of District 6360, for the Wider Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) project, from sale proceeds of his book which is a compilation of photos of his work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

President Jeannie Brandenberger presented a bouquet to **Annette Rose** in appreciation of her work, in celebration of Administrative Professionals week.

Program: The Cheff Center team were introduced by Jeff Ross and after a brief introduction by Tara East, the Executive Director, Kim Berggren, Education Coordinator, elaborated on their equine therapy programs using hippotherapy working with children, teengagers, veterans and seniors. Cheff Center in Augusta is the first equine therapy center in the nation and over its 50 year history funded privately through contributions, and with the involvement of 300+ volunteers, their work touches the lives of 125 clients each week.