

## Rotary Meeting, May 13, 2019, Editarian Amy Remmert

The meeting was called to order by President Jeannie Brandenberger. Jeannie gave a brief eulogy for Dan Schut who died unexpectedly this last weekend. Services will be held on Thursday, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

The invocation was delivered by Thell Woods.

**Songs:** Tim Kilmartin led everyone in the singing of "Oh Danny Boy" in honor of Dan Schut.

**Art News:** Art News presented by Chris Schram. Checkout the list of activities on [www.Kalamazooarts.org](http://www.Kalamazooarts.org)

**Guests:** Martin Velten, a new member, his wife Katie. Guest EJ Montgomery, the son of Dr. Montgomery from Western. Marcia Stobie was the guest of Tom Stobie.

**Birthdays:** Joe Licavoli and Randy Eberts this week.

**New Member:** Dan Inglis had the pleasure of introducing his friend Martin Velten. Born and raised in Germany, Master of Science and Engineering from WMU. Music brought him to Michigan as an exchange student. He joined Stryker in Germany and realized he wanted more contact with Kalamazoo Michigan. While in Germany, he met his future wife through Stryker and in 2002, they got married and started a family. He was eventually transferred to Kalamazoo. Searching for a way to get involved in something he realized that he loved what Rotary did and stood for. He has selected Youth Services committee to be involved in and provide his help. He is very excited to get busy on projects.

**Rotary Grants:** Jim Bridenstine, made a grant presentation with the introduction of our own Rotarian, Nicky Poer from Read Write Kalamazoo (RAWK). This is a literacy program offered at no cost to youth in Kalamazoo. They will buy over 600 books to be added to their library.

**Red Rose:** The Red Rose recipient this year is Jack Hopkins.

**Bryan Zocher:** DQ Hunter, a Strive Student, was taken by a tragic accident in 2016 before he could start his career in criminal justice. There was a fund set up at KRESA. A recipient was identified and \$500 will be donated to her career development at KVCC in Criminal Justice program.

For Kalamazoo Rotarians who are interested in supporting the Kalamazoo Rotary – DQ Hunter Memorial Scholarship at the Kalamazoo RESA Foundation:

There is currently funding in place for two more annual \$500 scholarships.

Attached is the donation form, please check "other restricted programs and denote: Kalamazoo Rotary – DQ Hunter Memorial

I want my gift to be used as follows  Unrestricted  Youth Opportunities Unlimited Fund (Restricted)  
 Other restricted program \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks you –  
Past Prez Bryan

**Happy Bucks:** Don Phillips gave a happy buck for Dan Schut with whom he developed a wonderful relationship - and this is his last meeting before moving on to another career. Many More Happy Bucks were given.

President Jeannie reported that there were 175 Flag sold for the Memorial Day recognition at Bronson Park.

**Speaker:** Today's program is presented by Angie Jackson, Local Craft Distilled Spirits. Rayline Manni made the introduction with an extensive list of credit to Angies long resume. Angie has created cocktails for a while having had a long history in the bar business. She is a mixologist. She's been in the industry for 20 years. She had her first bar job in 1996 and she realized she could do this as a career. This began her long history of training to become a mixologist and an expert in the spirit world.

In 2007 there was a growing trend in Craft Beers when, at the time, there were only 3. Today, there are 62. And when it comes to distilleries of spirits, Angie reported that today the state has 10 craft distilleries. We, in Michigan, have the breadbasket of grains for the distillers and brewers to support the craft.

Angie asked buyers to beware. In general, not every purported local craft distiller of spirits is local. The Michigan Craft Spirits Association wants you to know that the only way to know where the craft spirit is made is by checking the label for the words "distilled in ....." Any other wording does not verify if the spirit was made in your state or city. Check out some of your local distilleries, it's becoming a trend.