



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

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Today's Meeting was started by Newly inducted President, Sid Ellis.

National Anthem: Tim Kilmartin found a version of the National Anthem from a group called Anthem Light.

Invocation: Past President Seth Weeldreyer focused on the transition of Sid to the Presidency. Grateful for gifts and the hope of meeting in person soon.

Arts News: Pierre Van der Westhuizen brought us the news on arts. Bates Alley is a hoping place and summer time live is available in Portage. July 17 Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra in Bronson Park. Concerts in the Park continue with a medley of activities. Theater 9-5 at the Barn. Art Break at the KIA. Check out the full list of arts on the Arts Council Website.

www.Kalamazooarts.com

Happy Bucks: Sid \$5 for his first day as el presidente. Matched by \$5 from Kevin Garrison and 5 from Jeff Ross and 5 from April Goodman.

The Program: Joe Brogger conveyed that it is Privilege to introduce Mark Riley Director of the National Tennis Competitions at Kalamazoo College. Mark graduated from K-College and was head of multiple organizations but thrilled he was able to come back to Kalamazoo.

Mark mentioned how amazing what we have been dealing with over the last 15 months. Hoping to be back to normal in 2020 and so the planning went on. K was the first tournament team that said no to the 2020 competition and then program came to a standstill nationwide.

Tennis is happening again. The protocol is so different today from even three months ago when there were so many limitations in place. Covid policy, if players are vaccinated there are no restrictions, Otherwise, they need to test and mask up. Focus is to keep everyone safe.

The tournament is August 6-16. There will be 1,100 matches in that timeframe. Loy Norrix will be utilized. Players can bring one guest. Tickets will be available for purchase. Trying to make sure it is close to normal while incorporating social distancing and safety being the primary concern. Confident that K will be doing a good job.

Mark reviewed performance of some of the players who will be in Kalamazoo this summer. The parents and other indicate that the Kalamazoo program is the best in the nation if not in the world. He also indicated that Dr. Don Flesche is and continues to be his mentor in this tennis program.