

Rotary Club of Kalamazoo



Meeting Notes from 7/23/2019

- ✚ President Steve Kreider led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance



- ✚ **Invocation** by Thell Woods invited participants to take a few moments to be present to ourselves, as well as those in the room and how our good intentions and actions makes a difference to our club, our families, our town, our community, and our world.
- ✚ **Guests:** Collin Nusimer , Lotta Jarnefelt, Gary Barton, Rebecca Lilly, Rachael Grover, Doug Milburn, Andy Wenzel, and Connie Ferguson
- ✚ **Paul Harris Fellow Award:** Jim Cupper presented the esteemed award to award to **Don Fleshing**. Paul Harris founded Rotary with three others in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.
- ✚ **New Rotarian:** **Allison Neusimer** introduced herself as residing in Kalamazoo for past 14 years. She is presently is the Executive Director of Kalamazoo Friends of Recreation <https://kzfriendsofrec.org/> . Allison is an educator and has heart for building community and equity with past work roles as middle school teacher, Boys and Girls Club and Gazelle Sports.

- ✚ **Odd Olympics update** from Rob Peterson is set for Saturday, Sept 7th at Mayor's Riverfront Park as a key fundraiser for Kalamazoo Rotary Charities. They are still actively seeking sponsors at any level especially game sponsors which will have significant advertising exposure. Further Rob encouraged participants to think about entering a team and displaying event posters in community and in your organizations.
- ✚ **77th annual USTA Boys National Tennis Champion** is on Friday August 2nd-11th at Stowe Stadium. Joe Broker encouraged Rotary members to consider attending this local event--<https://ustaboys.com/tournament-information/schedule/>. Kalamazoo is proud to host this tournament for outstanding USA junior tennis players.



- ✚ **July Board updates** from President Steve Kreider
 - Review of key goals or this Rotarian year
 - Continue to maintain Bronson Park Stage
 - 11 Rotary member resignations were accepted due to life changes
 - Anticipate some updates to community grant application
- ✚ **Happy Bucks** focused on proud family milestones to include: grandson reconnect family in Amsterdam in surprise trip, new granddaughter, young woman one of 3 teenager US delegation for world squash championship, granddaughter qualify junior Olympics, 25th wedding anniversary, baby getting two front teeth.

♥ x I'm so proud of you! x ♥

✚ **Speaker-Rob Brittigian III president on Midlink** presented the rich history, current affairs and continued sustainability of the business park that encompasses 340 acres.

Hackman Capital Partners purchased the property with large 2.2 million square feet of obsolete buildings from General Motors in 1999. Rob showed us images of the transformation as a testament to the power of community collaboration, vision and dedication.

1.6 MILLION SF

EXISTING BUILDINGS

40 ACRES

RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

61 ACRES

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

61 ACRES

SOLD LOTS

30 ACRES

CONSERVATION LAND



Leadership and Collaboration!

Without the vision, collaboration, dedication and ongoing efforts of local businesses and community leaders, Midlink would not be what it is today.

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Midlink Tenant Roster 2019

CONCORDANCE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS
ESCO
SOULE & company
Kalamazoo Public Schools
SIGMA MACHINE
MANN+HUMMEL
HP Products
CONCORDANCE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS
HARK ORCHIDEEN
SOFTBALLFANS
TAP HOUSE
WAGNER LOGISTICS
Graphic Packaging
CATERING
ZEIGLER
ERICKSON'S
THE MACOMB GROUP
AIRWAY OXYGEN INC.
TEKNA
KAISER ALUMINUM
TCG
landscapeforms
HYCORR
PURITY
CANDLEWOOD SUITES
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES
Fabrikal
CHEP
& GENERAL MILLS
HOT-LINE

