

## **Rotary Club of Kalamazoo Bulletin for Monday, August 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 12:30 by President Steve, Invocation by Judy M

### **Visiting Rotarians**

- Rod H, Retired – Adrian Noon Club

### **Guests**

- Pam Wright – Family Advocate, Community Healing Center (Sally Reames)
- Lindsay Regulski – Forensic Interviewer, Community Healing Center (Sally Reames)
- Emiliana Renuart – Senior at Kalamazoo College, Intern (Nicki Poer)
- Jon Fleck – Information Technology Director (Thell Woods)
- Chris Praedel – Director of Events, Alumni Relations WMU (Dann Sytsma)
- Ben Sierra-Torres, Student from Loy Norrix Inteact Club (Deb Harris)
- Mr. & Mrs. Yomi, Adviser of Loy Norrix Interact Club (Deb Harris)
- Beth Boyd (Nick Boyd)
- Chris Cupper (Jim Cupper)
- Renita Ellis (Sidney Ellis)
- Ben Davis, YMCA (Mary Zoeller / Sid Ellis) – Ben will be a member next week!

### **Music – Tim K – Let There Be Peace on Earth**

### **Special Presentation – Loy Norrix Interact Club / RYLA**

- 2 students from Loy Norrix Interact Club attended RYLA, Ben and Ellie
- Ben shared leadership lessons he learned at camp
- Ben thanked the Club for sponsoring their attendance to RYLA

### **Club Announcements from President Steve**

- Please signup to participate or volunteer for Oddlympics (see link below). All funds raised benefit Kalamazoo Rotary Charities. Contact Rob or Zaf for info.
- Need a few more volunteers for Farmers Night Market this Thursday. Benefits Can Do Kitchen
- Satellite meeting on August 21 – Olde Penninsula – 5:01 PM
- Board Meeting at the Park Club on Wednesday

### **Program – Together We Create Equity, Part 2 – Beth Washington, Bronson Healthcare**

- Can we apply our Rotary 4 Way Test to our history?
- Rabbit or Duck? How do we see different things in the same image?
- 62% of US History has been based on Exclusion (prior to 1865), 25% based on Segregation (1865 – 1964), only 13% on equity (1965 – Present)
- Nancy Hodge, RN, Bronson Hospital (1944-1958), trained at an interracial hospital in the South, some patients refused to let her treat them and she was moved to the operating room where patients were not awake instead of being allowed to work on the floor.

- Structures, Politics, Practices, Norms lead to a Result that can be inequitable – or equitable – depending upon what the structures, policies, practices and norms are.
- We need to bridge the gap that systematic oppression has created. Legislation has attempted to do it – but does legislation change mindsets?
- Data shows the gap – Infant Mortality in Southwest Michigan. Babies of color die before 1<sup>st</sup> birthday at a rate of 10.2/1000; white infant mortality rate is 3.65/1000.
- 28 year gap in life expectancy between neighborhoods in SW Michigan based on the past structures, systems and practices.
- **Equity is a process – a willingness to address what has happened in the past – and an outcome of everyone having a fair opportunity moving ahead.**

### **Upcoming Events**

- August 14 – Beats on Bates featuring Schlitz Creek, Bates Alley 5 PM
- August 15 – Farmers Night Market from 5-9 PM at Bank Street Market
- August 18 – Tom Knific Quartet in Bronson Park
- September 7 – Oddlympics Mayor’s Riverfront Park (2-8 PM)  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/odlympics-registration-registration-65585113841>
- September 7 – Serve for Kids Tennis Classic at West Hills Athletic Club benefits Community Healing Center – [www.serveforkids.com](http://www.serveforkids.com)
- September 19 – Signature Chef Auction benefits The March of Dimes at Downtown Radisson, contact Rick Searing (269.858.5020) for a sponsor table or individual tickets.  
<https://signaturechefs.marchofdimes.org/kalamazoo>

### **Next Program on Monday, August 19**

- Sean McBride, Executive Director, Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority – “Keeping Kalamazoo Moving Forward”

Respectfully submitted by Rick Searing, Editorian on Monday August 12, 2019.