

**Today's meeting was called to order by Seth Weeldreyer at 12:28 p.m.**

**Past President Tim Kilmartin presented "God Bless America"** in lieu of the National Anthem, partly to fulfill a long-wished for change by past Rotarian Chuck Van Zoeren, and partly just to add some variety.

**The invocation was offered by President Elect Sid Ellis.**

**Arts News: Rotarian Troy Thrash**

**Acting for the Camera** Thursday Aug 06, 2020 - Aug 27, 2020 at 06:30 pm Presented by Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at Online

**The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre Acting for the Camera August 6-27, 2020, Thursdays from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Stop Motion Animation, Ages 8+** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Aug 24, 2020 - Aug 28, 2020 at 09:00 am Presented by Public Media Network at Public Media Network, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**Public Media Network Stop Motion Animation, Ages 8+ August 24-28, 2020, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Explore Media!

**ONEplace Webinar: How can we meaningfully collaborate with others? SESSION 4** Wednesday Aug 26, 2020 at 11:30 am Presented by Kalamazoo Public Library at Online

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**Free Music Together Online Sample Classes** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Aug 26, 2020 - Sep 02, 2020 at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 05:30 pm, 06:00 pm Free

Presented by Crescendo Academy of Music at Crescendo Academy of Music, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**August 26 Artist Happy Hour** Wednesday Aug 26, 2020 at 06:00 pm Presented by Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo at Online

August 26 - So Long Belladonna **Wednesday Aug 26, 2020 at 05:00 pm at Bates Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

**Beats on Bates Bates Alley August 26, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Each concert is free and is friendly for the entire family.**

**Community Drum and Dance** Saturday Aug 29, 2020 at 10:00 am Presented by Kalamazoo Nature Center at Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 N Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

**Kalamazoo Nature Center, Hosted by Rootead Community Drum & Dance Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10 am**

**Online August 30 - Michigan Global Roots Celebration** Sunday Aug 30, 2020 at 04:00 pm Presented by Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo at Online

**(Virtual) Concerts in the Park August 30, 4-5 pm**

**Michigan Global Roots Celebration with An Dro, Samuel Nalangria Trio & Michigan Hiryu Daiko Japanese Taiko, presented by Carolyn Koebel will perform on Sunday, August 30 at 4 pm. The show will be LIVE STREAMED from the Jolliffe Theatre.**

*Concerts in the Park is sponsored by Encore Magazine, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, and City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation.*

**The Bar Show** Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Jul 14, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020 at 11:30 am, 07:00 pm Presented by Barn Theatre at Barn Theatre, 13351 W. M-96, Augusta, MI 49012

**Barn Theatre The Bar Show Opens July 14, 2020**

**2020 Shed Show Hours:** Tuesday – Saturday, Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 8pm

**Backyard Broadway** Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Aug 04, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 at 01:00 pm, 04:00 pm, 07:00 pm Presented by Farmers Alley Theatre at Your Home

**Farmers Alley Theatre Backyard Broadway August/September 2020 – We are taking reservations now!**

WHAT: Backyard Broadway, a 40-minute music revue

WHERE: Your own backyard!

WHO: You and up to 10 friends.

WHEN: August/September 2020 – We are taking reservations now!

HOW MUCH: \$250 per performance

\*\*\*\*\*Schedule is limited – Only 20 spots available\*\*\*\*\*

Contact Rob Weiner at [info@farmersalleytheatre.com](mailto:info@farmersalleytheatre.com) and we'll find a date and time that works for you!

**Bob Marley's THREE LITTLE BIRDS - In Bronson Park!** Saturday Aug 22, 2020 - Aug 29, 2020 at 04:00 pm, 07:00 pm  
This is a FREE event, but space is limited due to COVID-19. We will have a certain amount of marked areas for families to gather.

**Therefore, we suggest attendees arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime to secure their area of the park from which to watch the show.**

**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**August 15th at LA CRONE PARK Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**August 22nd at BRONSON PARK Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**August 29th at BRONSON PARK Shows at 4pm and 7pm**

**We suggest attendees arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime to secure their area of the park from which to watch the show.**

For more information or to ask any questions, please email us at [info@farmersalleytheatre.com](mailto:info@farmersalleytheatre.com)

**Yes, There Really is an Answer – Game Show** Thursday Aug 27, 2020 at 07:30 pm Presented by Crawlspace Theatre Productions at Online

**Crawlspace Theatre Productions Yes, There Really is an Answer – Game Show August 27, 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**LIVE Night Sky Tour** Tuesday Jul 28, 2020 - Aug 25, 2020 at 04:00 pm Presented by Kalamazoo Valley Museum at Online Kalamazoo Valley Museum **LIVE Night Sky Tour Starting July 28, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, & showing every Tuesday until August 25**

**Westminster Art Festival** Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday Aug 01, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 at 10:30 am, 01:00 pm, 06:00 pm

free admission

Presented by Westminster Presbyterian Church at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

**President Seth noted that other than our speaker, Kathy Beauregard, there are no guests today.**

**Songs by PP Tim Kilmartin**

God Bless America was sung by the barbershop group "The Acoustics" Past President Tim provided an explanation and brief explanation of Barbershop singing, then played a video of the group "Signature" singing "Think," the song made famous by Aretha Franklin.

President Seth asked when the next rehearsal for the Kalamazoo Rotary Club Barbershop group would be held. Past President Tim's tongue-n-cheek reply was, "We are still in the recruitment phase."

### **Announcements**

President Seth reminded everyone that beginning next week, our meetings will start with the chat rooms at noon instead of 11:45, and the chat will be shorter. Business will start at 12:15pm.

Keith Mumma reiterated that all proceeds from the sale of his book will now go to the District WASH Committee. (Water, Sanitation and Health)

Rotarian Duane Powell reminded everyone that the Satellite Club's party in the park will be on Thursday, Sept 3 starting at 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Hayes Park, which is located at 2001 Miller Road in Kalamazoo. The menu choices available are: BBQ ribs or BBQ chicken wings. Included sides are: Baked Beans, Homemade Mac and Cheese, and Greens. Desserts available are three different types of Cheesecake along with three choices of wine (wine and cheesecake are optional). Dinners are \$20 pp, cheesecake \$5 per slice and wine \$15 per bottle. Dinners, desserts and wine will be made available by preorder. In the interest of being safe, please practice safe distancing and wear your masks when not eating.

Part of the proceeds go towards Rotary Satellite Club charity events. Eventbrite fees are not included in the prices. Jazz music will be provided. No seating is provided. Please make sure to bring your own chairs. Past the following link into your browser for info and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosat-social-distancing-party-in-the-park-tickets-116312077555>

### **Happy Bucks**

Nancy Peterson, Rob Peterson, Amy Remmert, and Deb Harris each gave \$5 in appreciation for Duane Powell's hard work organizing the Rosat Social Distancing party described above.

D. Terry Williams gave \$5.00 for our speaker, Kathy Beauregard.

Past President Steve Kreider gave a happy buck for his expected new grandchild. (I am certain he will give much, much more when the child is born.)

### **The Program**

Our speaker for today was introduced by Greg Ayers. She is Kathy Beauregard, WMU Athletic Director. Kathy has been involved with the Broncos in several capacities over the course of the past 38 years, beginning her tenure at WMU in 1979 as head women's gymnastics coach.

She is beginning her 24<sup>th</sup> season in her current position, is the longest serving athletic director in the Mid-American Conference and is just one of 10 female athletic directors at the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision schools across the country.

Kathy has won numerous awards and received multiple recognitions for her outstanding service and leadership. Some of those accolades include the Gerald R. Ford Sportsman of the Year Award from the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, the Lifetime Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Kalamazoo, the Athena Award from the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, and

the Glass Ceiling Award from the Kalamazoo Network. She has also been inducted into the Loy Norrix High School Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Hope College.

Kathy has been active in numerous community service organizations, including the American Cancer Society, Go Red for Women, the American Heart Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Glowing Embers Girl Scouts Council and the Boys & Girls Club. A native of Kalamazoo and a graduate of Loy Norrix High School, Kathy earned a bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1979 and a master's degree from Western Michigan University in 1981.

### **Highlights of Kathy Beauregard's Talk**

Covid 19 has dramatically impacted the WMU intercollegiate athletics. College football is a 7 billion dollar operation. The power 5 group of schools thought nothing could stop them, but the virus has taken over all of our worlds.

Classes at WMU are set to start next week. President Montgomery and staff have worked hard to make the campus as safe as possible. We have been participating in Zoom calls from 7 am until midnight on an almost daily basis.

We have been working on ways to ensure the safety of our student athletes. In March, women's Basketball was competing in the Mac championships in Cleveland, when the first NBA Covid positive case was announced.

WMU's selection process for a new basketball coach was interrupted not only by Covid, but also by a hiring freeze at WMU.

College football is made up of two major groups, the Power Five, and another group of 5 that WMU is part of.

Football power was gobbled up by the Conference Commissioners of the Power 5. The Power 5 established the playoffs and championships. They have all decision-making power over finances and everything. NCAA does not really govern football, however it does govern other sports. The NCAA president cannot determine how football runs their championships. The NCAA shut down sports in March due to the pandemic. Scholarships were promised to athletes, but no income is coming in.

We are working with the County Health Department to be as safe as possible as our athletes returned to campus. Other MAC schools had more sports active than WMU did. There is an \$88 million dollar deficit at WMU. Coaches and Kathy's staff all stepped up with cuts to their departments.

University Presidents make the final decisions.

We're at about at \$31 million dollar operation. As a result of the pandemic shutdowns, we're now down to \$26 million dollars. NCAA dollars are not coming in, nor were other dollars from ESPN and others.

Notre Dame was on WMU schedule, and WMU was to gain \$1.2 million dollars, Syracuse and Cincinnati — also major revenue generating games were also cancelled. WMU and their group of five was the first to come out to cancel the season.

MAC has postponed the fall football season until spring semester hopefully. A decision was made that we will not play any championship sports this fall.

The reason Kathy does this job is to give student athletes a chance to get a degree.

She expressed concern with the well-being of the WMU Student Athletes. New emphasis on racial justice and inclusion. Her staff is talking with people on these issues.

**Questions:**

Will there be a Bronco Hockey Season? Hockey program, basketball program and others have not been determined yet. Working with the league, but don't know yet.

What changes are being discussed regarding reducing costs by reducing scholarships? Some reductions are being made. There are some legal obligations, that may limit this. NCAA may allow an extra year of eligibility. As seniors get an extra year of eligibility and scholarship freshmen come in, decisions will have to be made on who stays and who goes. Right now we have to raise money to fund scholarships.

Steve Kreider asked if we can do anything to help. The answer is yes. Meet and help student athletes, and promote the University. It is unappreciated in the community in terms of the accomplishments and contributions of its graduates. WMU boasts high ratings in terms of GPA and academic performance.

Mike Williams - what is WMU doing to reduce student contact as students come back to campus. WMU is offering full online, in-person, and hybrid options. Employees and staff are checked every day. Football team came back in groups of 25 so they can be checked and kept in a bubble. Excited to have students back, and are very prepared. Students must be disciplined and students and student leaders need to bear some responsibility.

Dave Boutell: Will West Hills reopen, especially for tennis? Our gyms and pools are closed due to the Governor's order. West Hills is an auxiliary facility and the athletic department does not manage that facility. Once Governor's order allows, gyms and pools will reopen.

Student athlete experience is an important part of the student experience

**President Seth announced that Megan Scott from Griffin Place will be next week's speaker.**

Jim Cupper

