

Rotary News September 24th, 2018 by Christina Dorett

President Jeannie Brandenberger called the meeting to order, and we sang the National Anthem.

Rotarian Nathan Dennison gave the invocation.

Arts News was given by **Troy Thrash** who also provided a mini-tutorial on the change of seasons and our daylight hours getting shorter, with the bright Harvest Moon tonight, concluding with a summary of the cultural events around Kalamazoo in the week to come.

Guests: Todd Bannon was introduced by Rob Peterson, Kyler Cook was introduced by Troy Thrash, Sean McCann was introduced by Deb Chope Hughes and Jim Witt was introduced by Christina Dorett

Tim Kilmartin treated all attending Rotarians to a video clip which hilariously memorialized our adventures at the Bubble Soccer event. Rob Peterson informed that \$240 was raised through the event.

Business Sponsor: Dan Hartlieb from 'On Purpose Branding' provided some innovative table gifts to all attending Rotarians as he explained the importance of creating memorable brand recognition.

The **Club By-Laws Amendment passed**- The Satellite Club has reached a membership that enables them to send their application to Rotary international and this requires an amendment to our bylaws. On 9/12/18, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, having a quorum present, approved an addition to the bylaws, and this amendment was approved and passed with a quorum convened, at the today's general meeting to include "satellite club(s)".

Jody Briskey entertained us with two Judy Garland favorites offering a preview of "Beyond The Rainbow- the Judy Garland Musical" coming to the Farmers' Alley Theatre from 9/28/18-10/14/18.

New Member Induction - Dr. Ken Fisher, who was sponsored by Rotarian Chris Shook, was inducted and welcomed into our Club. In addition to being a medical practitioner, Ken is also an author of books on the topic of health policy.

Program: Voters Not Politicians was presented by Robert Weir who explained why gerrymandering and the partisan practice of redistricting has resulted in a disproportionate representation of delegates by one party over the other. This practice would be corrected if Proposal 2 on our ballot on November 6th, is approved and passed, so that Voters will get to choose the Politicians who represent their views, through an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Proposal 2 aims are to be **F-I-T** for Michigan:

1. **Fair** to the voters who will draw election maps so that no one party is given an unfair advantage.
2. **Impartial** as the maps will be drawn through compromise by an independent commission.
3. **Transparent** through a process at public meetings where voters can provide input.