

## **EDITARIAN NOTES – September 16, 2019 -- Kalamazoo Rotary Club**

Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner”, accompanied by Rotarian pianist extraordinaire, John Dillworth.

**INVOCATION** – President Steve Kreider introduced Rotarian President Elect/Nominee Sid Ellis, who offered words of reflection about the end of Summer and his “didn’t get done’s” list.

**ARTS NEWS** – Dan Sytsma outlined the upcoming arts events, underscoring music offerings and including one of his personal classical favorites, “Pictures at an Exhibition” that will be performed on Saturday, 9/20 by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

**VISITING ROTARIANS** – None this week

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – Rotarians introduced their Guests: Colin Hutchinson (Mary Zoeller); Bridget VandenBussche (Anne Witherspoon) and Missy Dohlinger (Anne Witherspoon).

**SONGS** – With an unapologetic plug for an upcoming Civic Theatre production in which he has been recently cast, PP Tim Kilmartin (with piano accompaniment by Rotarian John Dillworth) led everyone in a Harry Belafonte calypso-inspired rendition of “Matilda” (the title of which is not coincidentally the name of the play Tim is in at the Civic).

**TODAY’S SPONSOR** - Whole Community Solutions, for “Touchdown for Diabetes”

**MEMBERSHIP MINUTE** – Mary Zoeller announced today’s honoree, Rotarian Denise Hartsough, for her dedicated efforts with the STRIVE program.

### **Announcements**

- Rotarian Amy Remmert encouraged everyone to buy tickets for District fundraiser, which helps support our local Rotary charities.
- Rob Peterson thanked all who participated in the first annual “Oddolympics”. The event raised over \$1,000 and many have already enthusiastically expressed interest in and/or forming teams for next year’s event.

**PROGRAM** – Rotarian Chris Shook introduced program, “Future of Cancer Care at Bronson” and presenters from Bronson Healthcare: Josh Fitzgibbon (Assistant Director, Cancer Care) and Terry Morrow (Vice President, Development Bronson Foundation). They gave an overview of the history of Bronson: Founded in 1900, the regional non-profit currently has 4 hospital sites serving 9 local counties and over 9000 employees. They shared information about their current project, Bronson Cancer Pavilion, a \$55 million project which will be located Downtown Kalamazoo. They will eventually transfer most services currently offered at the Cancer Center (a partnership of Bronson and Borgess on Park Street) to the new downtown facilities; However, some diagnostic and other services will still remain at the Vine Street location.

President Steve thanked Terry and Josh for their presentation. He then reminded everyone about the upcoming Satellite Club meeting and announced that Pfizer will be the featured program at our own meeting next week. After leading everyone in reciting the Rotary 4-Way test, President Steve adjourned the meeting.