

Rotary Club of Kalamazoo Meeting Bulletin for September 20th 2021.

Today's meeting was called to order by President Sid Ellis at 12:17 p.m. The meeting was hosted in person at the Douglass Community Association and virtually, on Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance: President Sid Ellis led us in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Cheri Bell offered the invocation.

Guests: Rotarian Mushtaq Luqmani introduced his guest, Kelley O'Reilly, Chair of the Department of Marketing at WMU, who will seek to become a prospective member of our Club.

Arts News: Rotarian Dann Sytsma provided a rundown of events in the Arts for the week:

- Beats on Bates will present live music on Wednesday 9/22
- Bell's Eccentric Cafe is hosting a concert on 9/26 at 7pm
- WMU's GTheatre Dept. will present "Into the Woods", the Tony Award-winning book and score, will be performed outside in the new, York Courtyard Theatre by the Gilmore Theatre Complex, from 9/24-10/10
- KIA presents an exhibition by Todd Gray: Crossing the Waters of Space, Time, and History considers the impacts of colonialism on Black consciousness, from 9/25/21-1/2/22, featuring the artist's signature style of found frames and stacked images from his private archive.
- Crawl Space Theatre will present improv comedy "Crawl Space Eviction" on 9/24 and 9/25

Announcements- Amy Remmert

- District Raffle tickets are almost all sold at \$25/ticket. Get your ticket today!

The Program: Dave Bos, CEO of Park Village Pines Senior Living Center (the Center), shared how the facility adapted to the needs of their residents, in the wake of COVID-19 virus over a period of 19 months.

The Center can house up to 215 residents and was founded in 1979 by the Christian Reformed Churches, and became fully operational in 1983. The Center aims to provide compassionate care for its residents.

The Center adopted and implemented several preemptive precautionary measures like sanitizing, masks and social distancing, very early during the pandemic. They also set up a dedicated community hall to serve as triage for those who contracted COVID, and quarantined the other residents to their individual rooms, however in December 2020, the virus went through the facility and there were 30 confirmed cases.

It was only when the COVID vaccine was administered to all residents and a majority of their staff, that the tide changed and they were able to return to normal routines. Dave spoke about how the courage and dedication of his staff was tested during the COVID crisis and now the Center is about 80% occupied with 170 residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm, with the recitation of the Four Way test.

We will begin meeting at Traveler's Café on Portage Rd, in front of the airport as soon as we can get arrangements made. Be on the lookout for a special announcement & invite. Reservations will continue through online registration/payment.