

## Rotary Bulletin for 9/9/2019

Invocation: Ann Rohrbaugh  
Art News: Dann Sytsma, who among other updates gave a “shameless plug” (haha) for the Kalamazoo Improv Festival this weekend at Farmer’s Alley  
Songs: April Goodwin and John Dillworth - “Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do”  
Guests: Zac Williams, guest of Mushtaq Luqmani; Josh Will, guest of PP Jack Hopkins; and Jonathan Kraker, guest of Deb Harris

New Member Induction - Jonathan Kraker, Vice President of Focus Forward was introduced by his sponsor Mary Zoeller. Jonathan is a 3rd generation Rotarian. His grandfather started the tradition by joining Rotary through an interest in our work with polio. Jonathan was an Exchange student in Prague which stoked in him a passion for service. He has a bachelor’s degree from Northwestern (Iowa) where he played football. He moved to Kalamazoo 10 years ago and is now following WMU football. He has selected to serve on the Membership Committee. Welcome Jonathan!

Dann Sytsma served as auctioneer in getting bids for DG Margie Haas homemade berry pie. Not to be outdone by the Lansing Club who raised \$200 or the Delton club who raised \$300, bids went back and forth until PP Jack Hopkins had the highest bid of \$300 - and then gifted the pie to Dann. Two “slices” of the pie had additional \$50 bids from Terry Bullard and Aaron Winters. At that point having reached \$400, PDG Rick Briscoe matched \$300 for a total of \$700! Proceeds will benefit Polio Plus. And yes, we outbid Lansing and Delton.

### Announcements:

- Membership Committee to meet after today’s meeting.
- Grant requests are due to Bill DeBoer on Wednesday, September 12.
- Oddlympics took place this past weekend. We will get a full recap next week, but we do know that Annette Rose’s team won the grand prize and there were 15 teams in all.
- PP Bryan Zocher updated us on the District 6360 Raffle tickets which Amy Remmert is selling at the door. Board members are each to sell 10 as is Bryan. The District Foundation was started by PDG Karl Sandelin in 1992. Our club gets 20% back from our ticket sales to apply to youth service programs such as RYLA and Strive.
- Lorence Wenke announced that 911 services will be this Wednesday evening at Valley Family Church. President Wasington of KVCC will be the keynote speaker.
- The Rotary Board meeting will be Wednesday at noon at the Park Club.

Program: BEHIND THE SCENES OF MILLER AUDITORIUM - Rob Pennock, Director. Rob shared that the main elements for programming decisions is based upon availability, timing, demographics, and financials (performance on every show and *other market’s* history). He also shared that as a community that supports the arts, we average 6-12% attendance of the metropolitan market, where the national average is 3%. Major shows (blockbusters) have special requirements. Using PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (2006) as an example he spoke of the expensive steel work requirements, and the 28 trucks that brought in the production needs. Using LION KING as another example he discussed the strong economic impact which had an impact of \$10 million (usual Miller “seasonal” impact is \$11M), and 800 hotel rooms were utilized just for cast and crew. Hamilton is coming - date TBA.

Yours in Rotary,

Jeannie Brandenberger, Editarian