

Rotary Meeting, October 22, 2018

Editarian: David Reid

The meeting was called to order by President *Jeannie Brandenberger*.

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by *Aaron Winters*.

Art News- Rotarian Christopher Schram presented the Art News. Upcoming events include WMU's 'Women on the Verge' and 'Dancing with the Stars', various events at the KIA, 'People are Fragile' at Bells' Eccentric Café, and various music events at WMU and Kalamazoo College.

Visiting Rotarians- *No visiting Rotarians today.*

Guests- *Tamara Carter, Spencer Jowkar, Kate Mikhailova, Anne Witherspoon, Susan Witherspoon, Ezra Lori, Kathy Coats, D. Oberlin.*

Songs- *Rotarian Tim Kilmartin led in signing Weird Al's 'Sports Song'.*

Business Sponsor- This week's sponsor was Floor Coverings International Kalamazoo, and was presented by Kate Mikhailova and Rotarian Amy Remmert. They detailed the company's history and product profile, noting that the company has been in business for 29 years, and 2 years in Kalamazoo.

New Member- Rotarian Joe Brogger introduced Anne Witherspoon as a new member. Anne is from the Port Huron area, and came to the Kalamazoo area via WMU (Go Broncos!). She will be serving on the Sergeant-At-Arms Committee.

Announcements-

Rotarian Jared Vanderweele reminded Rotarians of this year's Red Kettle effort, running December 4-5 at various locations. Volunteers are still needed.

President Jeannie Brandenberger shared that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Plaque Dedication will take place marking Rotary's Kalamazoo location on October 29 after the meeting. Rotarians were invited to attend.

President Jeannie also highlighted Operation Ray of Light, and encourage Rotarians to look for more information on the website.

Happy Bucks- numerous Happy Bucks were shared.

Program- Spencer Jowkar, Group Sourcing Manager for Parker Aerospace, presented today's program. His presentation provided both a company-wide overview of Parker Hannifin Corporation, as well as detail on the local Aerospace/Hydraulics plant in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Jowkar shared that Parker employs 5400 employees throughout the Aerospace division worldwide, manufacturing parts for both civilian and military partners.

Mr. Jowkar provided an employee/talent profile and breakdown, and describe career opportunities within the company. He fielded numerous questions.

President Jeannie reminded all of various upcoming schedule items before leading the Rotary pledge and adjourning the meeting.