

# *“The Mirror”*

## **CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB – 10/01/2019**

**GREETER:** Sam Davis.

**INVOCATION:** Tyler Pray.

**SINGING:** Gregg Geutschow led us in the old favorite, “Red River Valley,” and the chromatically playful, “Shine on Harvest Moon.” In lieu of no birthdays, we sang “Happy Birthday” to all of the four Junior Rotarians in the room - to be named later in this mirror – since they will not have the pleasure of joining in the week of their *actual* birthdays. Don’t worry, it’s complicated.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Heidi McNaughton, former member of our club, joined us the Lansing Club.

**GUESTS:** Wally Miars introduced his wife, Marilyn Miars, and his friend, Ann McClintock.

**JR. ROTARIANS:** Our new Jr. Rotarians for October are **Savannah Brown** and **Zac Carlson**.

Savannah is the daughter of Rhonda and Robert Brown. She is active in National Honor Society, Student Council (Vice President), Key Club, Interact (Secretary), Marching Band and Symphony Band. Her Community Service includes teaching Sunday School, Relay for Life and Red Cross Blood Drive. Her plans after high school are to study Forensic Psychology at Spring Arbor College.

Zac is the son of Tracy and Randy Carlson. He is involved in National Honor Society (President), Student Council, PALs, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Marching and Symphony Bands, Varsity Football and Track and Field. He has volunteered with several kids clubs at Washington Elementary and as a church camp counselor. Following graduation he would like to study Archaeology. His choice of college is undecided at this time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ★ Please submit ideas for club projects to Chuck for consideration.
- ★ The club received a Thank-You from Mike Bruce for honoring him with the Clyde A. Fulton Award at the annual dinner in July.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:** Jason Vanderstelt’s origins can be traced back to an amorous young westside Dutch couple starting their family young in 1974. Growing up, Jason had close relationships with his grandparents and even great-grandparents. Family has always been foremost in his life, and in fact, he has two of his own families! Kids 1.0 include three grown daughters, the youngest of which is finishing college at Western. Kids 2.0 include a daughter, Elsa (named just before *Frozen* was released) in kindergarten, and a new baby boy, Spencer. Jason never imaged having young children in mid-life, but, as he likes to say, “Someday is Today!” He joined Rotary in 1997, and has always prioritized the community in his professional and personal life.

Next: Jim Cicorelli

**50 / 50:** “Listen up!” Tim Reed won \$41.

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Uncle Vinnie, sporting a fresh new hairstyle, started with President Chuck for poor club management in missing Vinnie’s birthday – which backfired, because he had to listen to the club’s meager acapella version of “Happy Birthday,” and pay a buck of his own. Tim paid for his winnings. Eric Crandall prompted a report on the Rolling Stones concert in Miami, which Vinnie attended despite the hurricane. Vinnie recognized Jason’s member spotlight story. Dr. Leeser gave a somewhat colorful report on the merger between Sparrow and HGB, which is now known as

Sparrow Eaton Hospital. Mike Friar paid a dollar in support of his wife leading the medical staff there. Finally, we received the notorious sports report, including insights on CMU, UofM, WMU, John Newland being the toughest guy of '65, and our very own Charlotte Orioles.

**PROGRAM:** Wally Miars introduced members of Eaton County CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, which is always in need of volunteers and donations. CASA for Kids, Inc. Barry, Eaton & Ingham is looking for volunteers to help children who are involved with the child welfare system due to abuse or neglect. CASA trains and volunteers from the community to advocate for these children within the court system and the community to ensure the right things happen for them. Once trained, volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (or CASA volunteers) are appointed by the judge to advocate for a child or sibling group for the duration of the child welfare case. They develop a supportive relationship with the child or sibling group while advocating for their best interest to ensure they receive needed services and the most appropriate safe and caring permanent home – a valuable service with wonderful outcomes for children! Research shows that children who have a CASA volunteer receive more services, have less placement changes, spend less time in long term foster care, and are more likely to receive a loving permanent home. Volunteer and Board opportunities exist. Eaton County has an average of 75 children in foster care, all of whom have benefitted from an advocate from CASA to be a stable figure in their lives and help them find the right fit for their family. The need is ongoing and overwhelming, especially in the face of a 30% increase in child neglect and abuse in the last 7 years. Marilyn Miars and Ann McClintock shared their experiences with the CASA training throughout the adoption process, noting that the personal touch CASA delivers is a ray of light during a challenging time. If interested in getting involved with CASA's mission, email [jennapershey@casaforkidsinc.org](mailto:jennapershey@casaforkidsinc.org), call 517.543.7500 X 1647 or visit CASA's website at [www.casaforkidsinc.org](http://www.casaforkidsinc.org). Also, for donations/sponsorship individuals can call/email Cathy Franklin at 517-331-9313 [cathyfranklin@casaforkidsinc.org](mailto:cathyfranklin@casaforkidsinc.org)

**NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2019 – Membership Committee, Gregg Guetschow**

Until next time,

*JTP*

 <b>OCTOBER DUTIES</b>	
ATTENDANCE	John Dykstra, III
GREETER	Will SaintAmour
INVOCATION	Tyler Pray
MIRROR	Joe Pray
SINGING	Greg Guetschow
SGT-AT-ARMS	Vince Ferris (Barrel) Paul Tomasek (50/50) John Newland (S & T)

**CHARLOTTE ROTARY**  
**PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2019 - 2020**

**Oct 08** – Membership – Gregg Guetschow  
**Oct 15** – Sgt-at-Arms – Tyler Pray – Rick Todd, Crosswalk, Improvements with \$\$ from Duck Race  
**Oct 22** – Polio Eradication – Ed Foster (**Meeting held at Eaton Pub “Pints for Polio” on Oct 24**)  
**Oct 29** – Special Projects – Sam Davis