



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

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Greeter: **Jake Campbell** greeted everyone and welcomed us to Rotary.

Call to Order: **President Tyler** called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge.

Invocation: Eric Crandall provided a thoughtful invocation, acknowledging the educators in our community, including our speaker and his team.

Arts & Culture: Don Sovey introduced the “culture” element, introducing **Beth Lundy and Tracy Goedert** from Creative Pulp. As part of their work at Eaton RESA, they help to operate this special operation, with an office at 119 S Washington St. They provided background information and video footage of their work with disabled special education individuals, who learn the art of papermaking and in their next year, the art of making custom greeting cards. They sell the cards, with profits going to the school. This program provides meaningful experiences and builds social and employment skills.



Guests: The only guest was our speaker, Dillon Burns. There were no visiting Rotarians.



Jr Rotarians: Our March Jr Rotarians are **Kate Stewart** and **Joseph Davis**. Kate participates in volleyball, FFA, Student Council and NHS and volunteers for food drives, adopt-a-highway, and Super Science Saturday. Kate has won awards from the FFA Greenhand Public Speaking competition and achieved academic all-state in volleyball in 2021 and won teacher awards. Joseph participates in varsity basketball, varsity soccer, varsity track & field, Student Council, Relay for Life, NHS, FFA, and BPA. He has received teacher awards, all-academic awards for basketball, soccer, and track, and GPA 3.5+ recognition. He volunteers for basketball camps, basketball officiating, helping with honors ceremony, and helping with church food drives.

Member Spotlight: The member spotlight this week was Nate Leale. Nate is clearly passionate about his profession, as he spent his two minutes talking about his work at Eaton RESA, where he has been for 1½ years and serves as the Assistant Superintendent in charge of Instructional Services. He highlighted the focus and talents of his teams, including Wellness & Prevention Services (including issues like homelessness and behavioral health). He mentioned a grant recently awarded to that team, to create a new School Health Clinic in Grand Ledge. He also focused on the Early Childhood work, which includes Eaton Great Start. Nate explained their whole child approach. We learned a lot about his work and are fortunate to have his passion and expertise making a difference in our community. After Nate wrapped up, Keisha spun the digital wheel and landed on Mary June Garn for next week's spotlight!



Announcements: President Tyler announced a number of Rotary anniversaries, including **Paul Tomasek** (16), **Calley Green** (5), **Dick Johnson** (68), **Cary Ritter** (13), **Kathie Cook** (23), **Anthony Faulkner** (8), and **Tim Reed** (11).

President Tyler also updated us about the work the club's board has been doing on the bylaws. Earlier today, all members received the required email (2 weeks in advance) of the proposed changes. There will be a vote at the April 5 meeting. Please let President Tyler know if any input or concerns prior to the vote.

President Tyler reminded us about the upcoming District Conference, for which we are competing for best attendance and hoping to have a strong (or the strongest) showing of members present. Firekeepers is only 29 miles from Charlotte. **Simply scan the QR code or visit district6360.com to register.**



50/50: **Tim Johnson** sold tickets for a total of \$24 for the winning ticket. To prove the coincidence of last week, when **Mike Crouner** drew his own ticket, Tim tapped Mike to draw again. This time, it was **Mari Calton** who took the winnings minus 1.

Barrel: **Jake Campbell** filled in for Joel on the barrel. He had already begun, by collecting \$1 from **Tim Jewell** for an early departure from the meeting. He continued on, with **Tyler's** presidential dollar, then Mari for her winnings. He decided to find someone happy at each table, starting with **Tim Johnson**, the happiest at his table. **Barbara Fulton** paid a happy dollar for her sister Kathie Cook's Rotary length of service; **Keisha Howe's** happy dollar was for her signing on as the exclusive retailer to rent or buy tuxedos, in a new partnership; **Will SaintAmour** was happy that CharlotteRising completed a great strategic planning session with **Maria Davis** and **Don Sovey**; **President Tyler** was happy about a recent ski trip; and **Jennifer Sparks** was happy that spring sports are starting up!

PROGRAM: Mandy Stewart introduced **Dillon Burns**, the Principal at Galewood Early Elementary school in Charlotte. He shared that his career moves through progressively younger ages, starting at the high school level, when he taught in Florida. Then, he became a middle school teacher in Charlotte and then Dean of Students at the Charlotte Upper Elementary, and now serves as Principal for Early Elementary. Dillon grew up in Lansing and has many relatives in Charlotte, who were students and/or teachers in Charlotte schools.



Next, he provided historical context for Galewood, which opened in 1951 and served as an elementary school until it closed in 2011.

In 2018/2019, Galewood reopened as a Developmental Kindergarten/Kindergarten School. It currently has 220 students, enrolled in 3 developmental kindergarten and 9 kindergarten classes, with one special education class. Dillon is excited about all of the upgrades happening at the school, including a 7-classroom addition, plus new HVAC in the existing school, a new ADA ramp and more. The work is scheduled for completion by the end of the summer.

Dillon walked us through the way that they live the CPS slogan of Grow.Learn.Play.The Oriole Way. He discussed the way the focus on social, emotional, and physical development for Grow. There are reading, math, science, social studies fundamental skills, plus art, music, PE, and social emotional aspects for Learn. Play includes field trips, performances, special recognition days, family engagement, treats, and student recognition. Dillon ended by talking about the Kindergarten Roundup which is open to any interested parents and doesn't require invitations and appointments as in past years. Thank you Mandy, for bringing us an energetic and informative presentation by Dillon!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- March 29** – Barbara Fulton – **Dr. Steven Corey**, Olivet College ADVANTAGE scholarship
- April 5** – David Votta – **Eaton County Broadband Update**
- April 12** – John Dykstra – **Tim Staudt** – WILX Sports Director

If you missed the meeting, here is your Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qhP08rLyz9Xex4prOaqQdTKhmflmZAEajov5Xo0xb39dkjgMnZ6jZRmmbCdmdU.Qlmdcfl5o7YlxGWZ>

MARCH DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	John Dykstra, III
GREETER	Sean Williams
INVOCATION	Eric Crandall
MIRROR	TBD
Arts & Culture	Don Sovey
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joel Fox (Barrel)
	Tim Johnson 50/50
	All committee (S &T)

APRIL DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	Eric Crandall
GREETER	Jake Campbell
INVOCATION	Kathie Cook
MIRROR	Tim Jewell
ARTS & CULTURE	Gregg Guetschow
SGT-AT-ARMS	Jim Cicorelli (Barrel)
	Joel Fox (50/50)
	All Committee (S & T)

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Calendar

CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS

10K Give Away

APRIL 14 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 DRAWING STARTS AT 7:30

COUNTRY CLUB OF LANSING

MUSIC
* OLD TOWN STOMPERS *

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT EATON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Join us for a Prohibition Era party with live music & dancing.



That's all for this week.
And remember...
Create Possibilities!

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