

“The Mirror”

CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB – 03/30/2021

GREETER: Keisha welcomed us all

INVOCATION: Wally Miars led us in a prayer that echoed throughout the entire club.

ART'S MOMENT: Lisa Barna shared an update on Charlotte Rising. This piece fit into the arts moment because the downtown development focus is Arts and Food. Lisa shared with us all that as of about 8 months ago downtown Charlotte is full and has a waiting list of entrepreneurs looking for spaces to start businesses. A great problem to have and even more impressive in a time of covid and small business closures. Charlotte is growing and businesses are opening. In order to create more spaces, Charlotte Rising will be opening up grants to downtown businesses. The grants will be awarded to those businesses that figure out ways to subdivide their space. This starts in July and hopefully will open up even more opportunities for businesses in downtown.

JR. ROTARIANS: Abigail joined us. Bo was busy kicking butt and taking names at the State wrestling meet.

GUESTS: -Maria Davis - Provost at Olivet College
-Christie Harry - Executive Director at Housing Services of Mid-Michigan

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -Joel announced that the Charlotte Athletic Boosters are collecting donations in order to provide a fireworks display following graduation. Graduation will be held at the football stadium this year and we are looking for a way to make the night extra special for a group of kids who have missed out on a lot. Flyer was circulated to the club via email by Mandy Stewart during the meeting.

Facebook

link: <https://www.facebook.com/100202205129684/photos/a.111754210641150/240479077768662/>

-Sam announced highway cleanup will be Saturday April 24th, meet at Candy Ford at 8 AM. We will need many volunteers for this, they need to be 16+ yrs old. Bring gloves and wear good foot wear.
-Congratulations to Len on welcoming his 2nd grand daughter to the world.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Joel carried the barrel with an authority second only to John Newland. Happy Dollars were paid by Chuck Archer for some team playing a game, Keisha for the wrestling team heading to states and the awesome parade out of town for them, Sam for her daughter's birthday, Gregg for him and his wife receiving dose of their covid shots, Herm also received his 2nd shot, Newly also got his 2nd shot and the unsuspecting member, surprisingly, was Wally Miar.

PROGRAM: Barbara Fulton did a wonderful job introducing Vincent Brady. Thus the following is pretty much word for word from Barbara.



Our program today was Vincent Brady. Many of you know him, but you might not know all the things about him. Vincent Brady is a world-class digital photographer. Charlotte is very fortunate that he calls this his home. He specializes in nocturnal photography, time lapse and 360 imagery. As we saw, he's able to capture unforgettable night sky phenomena and then pair them with familiar landscapes in really unique ways.

By doing so he has made various places in Michigan and most often Charlotte the star of the show. Vincent's work has been featured online at National Geographic, The Weather Channel, Time Magazine and lots of other sites. Some of his videos have over a million views on YouTube. Three of his photos were featured as NASA's astronomy picture of the day.

Last year Vincent was selected from over 500 applicants to be an artist in residence at the Porcupine Mountain State Park. Artists from around the world applied and only six participated last year. Vincent was the only photographer chosen out of all those applicants. It's not a group experience even though there were six participants. Each artist has their own time block for solo work in this remote space.

Vincent went on to present to the club all about his time at Porcupine State Park. He shared some amazing photos of the PSP. If you are hoping to capture some images of PSP, "you better be ready to hike", said Vincent. There is ~95 miles of trail in the park, but only one road. An interesting fact was that Michigan made it a state park in 1945 during WW2. There was a fear of logging wiping the landscape in order to support the war effort. The state attempted to make it a national park but the federal government was too busy waging war, so they made it a state park.

To view some of Vincent's pictures from this project you can visit his website: <https://www.vbrady.com/portfolio>

He also posts new photos on the Facebook if you want to be friends: <facebook.com/vbradyphoto/> or there's Instant Vincent: <instagram.com/vbradyphoto/>

To watch the full meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111>

Next Week – Tuesday, April 2, 2021 Maria has agreed to be our program next week and it sounds like she has a lot of interesting ideas to share about Olivet College partnering within the community of Charlotte. Don, if you could add her to the zoom link. Her email is MDavis@olivetcollege.edu.

Until Next Time,

The Chic' Fill In Joel:



CHARLOTTE ROTARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021

- Apr 06** – Historical/Remembrance – Lance Roe
- Apr 13** – Public Image – Jason Vanderstelt
- Apr 20** – Mirror – John Dykstra, III – AT CPAC, High School Jazz Band (+ 30)
- Apr 27** – Membership – Don Sovey
- May 04** – RYLA Chair, Brian Lautzenheiser
- May 11** – Grants Committee – Cindy Anderson
- May 18** – Music – AT CPAC – Chuck Archer – High School Chorale (+20)
- May 25** – Scholarship & Student Guests – Cindy Anderson and Kirstin Chaedle

APRIL DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	Ed Foster
GREETER	Bob Robinson
INVOCATION	Kathie Cook
MIRROR	Wally Miars
SINGING	Don Sovey
SGT-AT-ARMS	Paul Tomasek (Barrel)
	Tyler Pray (50/50)
	Amy Gilson (S & T)