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Today's meeting was called to order by President Taylor Huie, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Given by Rotarian Lucinda Stinson.

Arts News: Rotarian D. Terry Williams gave an "artful" presentation" of a variety of upcoming performances and arts related events this week in the area.

Foundation Minute: Jim Cupper reminded us of the RI Peace Scholars Program which has been producing scholars for many years and invites us to nominate someone appropriate for the program. Information on the RI website. Bill Dimond then announced that the Sunrise Club nominated Brian Adams for the first Peace Scholars Program.

Red Rose Award: Jeff Murphy announced the need for nominations for the Red Rose award. They are due April 7, and forms are on the website.

Paul Harris Fellows were awarded to Susan Sunday (first); Charlie Ofstein (first); and Keith Mumma (sixth).
Congratulations all!

Happy Bucks: Amy Remmert looking for host family for a Rotoractor she hosted last year from Brazil who is coming here May 8-11 for a conference at WMU. He is a doctoral student in Boulder CO. Contact Amy for more information. Lucinda thanked those who signed up for the MLK service day at Lending Hands facility even though it had to be cancelled due to weather. Rob Peterson thanked those who participated in the gathering of items for Care Collective—20,000 total! Jim Cupper reported a letter from Luna who we saw in the film at the Polio Plus event that a national scholar will be coming here the end of March and will be at one of our meetings. Nick Boyd announced the Rotaract meeting last night, 10 students, a goal of raising \$15,000 for a trip to the Dominion Republic by May 1.

Program: Taylor introduced Rotarian Sandy Bliesener to talk about the newest county park—and the former RotaKiwan Boy Scout Camp. The camp was originally started in 1921 by Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. The first buildings were built in 1930. In the 1960's the camp received national accolades.

When the Boy Scouts decided they had to sell the camp the County, with help from donors, bought the 212 acres and it is now a county park. There is a conservation easement on the property so it can never be anything but a park. (The original RotaKiwan in 1921 was 10 acres.)

Sandy then presented a proposal that would be a joint effort between Rotary and Kiwanis members to raise \$30,000 over 3 years to dedicate a picnic shelter on the original 10 acre area with a plaque explaining the name RotaKiwan and that the 2 clubs had started the Boy Scout camp in that area. There would be an event there and tour of the new park next April.