



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

Date: 2/26/24

Editarian: Aaron Bradford

Today's meeting was called to order by President Martin Velten at 12:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Velten led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Rotarian Dan Hartlieb offered the invocation for the Sisters and girls of Casa Amparo.

Arts News By: Dann Sytsma presented the latest arts news. Visit the KIA website at kazooarts.com for a full list of activities.

Visiting Rotarians:

- Casey Jacobson, Lansing Rotary, Automotive
- Kirk Swartz, Marshall Club

Guests:

- Jack Hopkins' guest was Jennifer Jackson, President of Jackson Insurance and Jerry Albertson, Disability Network
- Bonnie Sexton's guest was Shannon Thomas from Rose Street Advisors
- Chad Goodwill's guest was Hannah Jakoviack from 1st Source Bank

Announcements:

- Donation to Kalamazoo Rotary Charity encouraged
- Membership reminder: Please bring guests
- Satellite Club meeting on March 12 at 5:01 pm at KNAC
- Red Rose Citation award nominations contact Jeff Murphy
- **Temporary meeting location change:** March 11-April 01 due to construction at Milestone. Meetings will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church – lower dining room.
- Upcoming Volunteering Opportunities: Will be emailed to club members.

Happy Bucks:

- Chad Goodwill is excited about Art Hop; 1st Source on the corner of Rose and MI is a stop.
- Bill Rose announced a cleanup event for the Kalamazoo River on April 20, encouraging participation and/or sponsorship – on Earth Day.
- Taylor Huie shared about a virtual career recruiting event for Rotaract students, featuring Rotarian career hosts.
- Sandy Bliesener sponsored the cleanup event and found it meaningful and exposure-worthy.
- Jeff Murphy shared memories of his extraordinary brother who passed away, highlighting his admirable achievements and contributions throughout his life.

Program by Dr. Gwen Tarbox, Director of the Office of Faculty Development at WMUx:

- Artificial Intelligence Overview:
 - Faculty at WMUx have been researching AI since the 1990s.
 - Supports teaching, learning, and professional development through innovation, connections, and partnerships.
 - Discusses generative AI, chatbots, and current AI usage in academia.
- AI Opportunities:
 - Speeds up topic research.
 - Opens new creative and intellectual expressions.
 - Levels the playing field for young scholars.
 - Assists instructors in preparing engaging assignments and materials.
 - Increases entrepreneurship and streamlines processes.
 - Explores human-machine integration and communication.

Next week's program will be about Children's Nature Playscape presented by Nora Seilheimer, Executive Director