

**Rotary Club of Kalamazoo  
Meeting Bulletin for April 15th, 2024  
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**Today's meeting** was called to order by President Martin Velten at 12:15 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.

**Invocation:** Rotarian Aaron Winters offered the invocation.

**Arts News:** Rotarian Bryan Zocher provided a rundown of events in the Arts for the week:

- Dinosaur World Live, April 20th, at the Miller Auditorium
- Opera- Puccini's "Tosca", April 19th at the Miller Auditorium
- American Brass Quintet, May 20th, Fontana at WMU, at the Dalton Center
- The Dispatch, April 20th at the Crawlspace Theatre
- "A Mythology and History: an Evening with Kyungmi Shin", April 25th at the K'zoo Institute of Art

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Kirk & Deborah Sivic, from the Plymouth Club

Bruce Justin, Bob Henkin and Bill Dimond from the Sunrise Club

**Guests:** Ayriana OBryant, introduced by Nick Boyd

**Announcements:**

**President Martin Velten** announced:

1. Please support Rotary Charities by making your contributions for the year
2. Rotary is for Reading will kick off this month from 4/22-4/25
3. District Grant Seminar on May 7th
4. Kalamazoo River Clean Up on April 20th

**Club Merger-** President Marty explained that the Sunrise Club would like to merge with the Kalamazoo Rotary Club and sought a club members' vote on the merger. The Kalamazoo Rotarians approved the motion unanimously.

**The Program:** Rotarian Bonnie Sexton introduced Carrie Drake, Race Director of Zeigler Kalamazoo Marathon, which will be held on May 4th & 5th, 2024. Their mission is "Driving a Healthy Community for All, through Movement & Connection". The event has attracted 4,300 registered participants, so far, with about 5,000 volunteers and community members. The first day is geared towards kids and an all day health & wellness expo, with races on Sunday, May 5th, starting at 7 am with the Full Marathon & Relay, then a Half Marathon, 10K Run and 5K Walk & Run, then wrapping up at 11am with an Awards Ceremony.

**Next Week's program** will be "Girls on the Run".

**Meeting adjourned** at 1:10pm, with the recitation of the Four Way test, led by President Martin Velten.