

June 3, 2024 Bulletin, Editarian Jim Cupper

The June 3 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo took place at Milestone Senior Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan and was called to order by President Martin Velten at 12::16 a.m. President Martin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotarian Dan Hartlieb gave the invocation.

Arts News: The arts news was presented by Rotarian D. Terry Williams.

Art on the Mall 2024

Friday & Saturday, June 7, 2024 - June 8, 2024

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#)

Bonnie Jo Campbell Exhibit @ Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Jan 20, 2024 - Jun 30, 2024

Presented by [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

STATE ON THE STREET: Nathan Walton & The Remedy Trio (presented by Rair)

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair

June 7, 2024 - June 8, 2024

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Concerts in the Park 2024: Kalamazoo Concert Band

Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Southwest Michigan Makers Network meetup

Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 03:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins | Presented by: [DeNooyer Chevrolet and Your West Michigan Chevy Dealers](#), and supported by [GR Auto Gallery](#) at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition!

HipHop Artist Showcase: It Was All A Stream

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

[Blunder Bus](#)

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

[Baby Steps](#)

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Theatre Productions](#) at

[2024 West Michigan Area Show](#)

May 3, 2024 - August 18, 2024

[Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass](#)

May 18, 2024 - Aug 25, 2024 at 11:00 am

Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass was originated by The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The traveling exhibit was curated by Dr. Letitia Chambers, and is toured by International Arts & Artists.

[Visiting Rotarians](#)

None

Guests: Rotarian Rob Peterson — Jaxson Hodeck, who is a Bronco Lead Intern working with Rob. Rotarian Bonnie Sexton introduced Julia Sanders, a colleague from Rose Street Advisors.

Happy Bucks: Rotarian Rhasheda Shepherd gave five happy bucks for Barbecue Bash, which will take place during the first weekend in August. The Arc partnered with Maple Hill Auto to produce this event. (Formerly Ribfest)

Taylor Huie just back from the Rotary International Convention in Singapore. She said she learned a lot about growing membership.

Rotarian Bruce Justin gave a happy ten and reported that the memorial day event was a success in spite of a lack of electricity to power the PA system.

Rotarian Don Flesche returned from 2-week trip to NY. Saw eight plays and eight shows. Spent three days at his daughter's graduation in Princeton and then went to Boston to visit his daughter.

Rotarian Steve Duisterhof commented on the community of Rotary. Worth \$20.

Martin Veltin had \$3 for all the fun he had at graduation parties this weekend.

[Announcements](#)

President Martin reminded everyone that dues invoices have gone out via email and said that the message includes a request for how much you plan to give to Charities. This information will help with budget planning.

The Memorial Day flags were assembled by our volunteers and placed in Bronson Park. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Memorial Day Ceremony was successful. Former Sunrise Club project

Friday is Art on the Mall. Rob Peterson is coordinating volunteers.

Program

Keith Mumma introduced Building Blocks of Kalamazoo Executive Director Katie McPherson. She graduated from Kalamazoo College with a degree in Human Development and Social Relations. In college, she was a student organizer at Building Blocks in the Edison Neighborhood. In 2008, she joined Teach for America of New Orleans where she worked to rebuild schools in neighborhoods devastated by Hurricane Katrina. She spent a decade working down South as the Director of Special Populations to build equitable, inclusive and excellent education programs for English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and students facing homelessness in high poverty communities in New Orleans and Memphis, Tennessee. She came back to the Building Blocks team as a part time hourly employee in 2019. She transitioned to the role as the Executive Director of Building Blocks at the beginning of 2020.

Building Blocks works on a block-by-block program to improve neighborhoods with exterior improvements, cleanups and building neighborhood relationships.

A copy of her slide presentation is available. Please contact jimcupper@gmail.com if you would like a copy.

Adjournment

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m. by leading us in the Four Way Test.

Submitted by:

Jim Cupper