



President Taylor Huey called the meeting to order and Sid Ellis gave the invocation.

Dan Sytsma presented the arts news with his emphasis on humor. Visit the Arts Council website at [kazooarts.com](http://kazooarts.com) for a full list of activities or go to a number of other locations. Those are Now Kalamazoo (which sometimes has events that are not on the Arts Councils site) and the Kalamazoo Rotary website.

Rotarian, Jim Cupper gave us a "Foundation Minute" focused on "Every Rotarian, Every Year." The Rotary International Foundation supports world understanding, peace, health, clean water, and the elimination of poverty and the eradication of Polio among others. The goal this year is to get every Rotarian to donate \$25 to Rotary International Foundation for a 100% participation. A percentage of donations to Rotary International will return to our local club projects after two years so this will enhance our ability to do more.

Visiting Rotarians: Matt Schrock

Guests: Paige Yoder was the guest of Matt Schrock, Denise Keele, Amir Jackson (our Strive Student) and Tegee Gilden (guest of Lucinda Stinson).

Amy Remmert reported on the volunteer effort at the Comstock "Paddle and Pour" activity at Merrill Park. This was a collaborative between Rotary, Michigan Waterways Initiative and Comstock Township. It was great fun meeting people and pouring MOCKTAILS. Thanks to Gordon Water for providing 30 gallons of water, to Sandy Bliesener, Rob Peterson and his wife Christine, Nancy Peterson and her husband Bob, Jim Cupper and Amy Remmert. These Rotarians donated the beverages and did the set-up and tear-down. The unopened beverages were donated to Hospital Hospitality House. Thank you, Nancy for delivering those.

The report led into a happy buck moment since while reporting, Amy gave a couple of happy bucks for a successful event and running into Deb Chope-Hughs at the event. Debs husband, Bill and former Rotarian Dale Hind were the band members playing that night.

More happy bucks were given by Don Flesche for a successful USTA event at Stowe. Keith Mumma gave because of his attendance at Crawl Space to see Dan Sytsma in action. Dan Sytsma gave a \$20 as promised because we have multiple Rotarians in attendance. Rick Briscoe is going fishing and Tegee Gilden of Nation Outside gave \$5 for a warm welcome by Rotarians. Taylor gave because of a successful Rotaract Summit in Chicago. There were 7 attendees from Michigan.

Lots of goings on including the Satellite Club meeting at the Hub on Tuesday at 5, the Gilmore Classic Car Museum activity on Thursday. And coming up will be Bronco Bash which will see the Rotaract Club glad handing with incoming students at WMU.

Sandy Bliesener announced that Oddlympics is fast approaching and we would like three more teams of four. You can sign up on the Rotary website and you can do that as a single or as a team. Or for that matter, suggest to some group you know. It's a great team building tool. Registration is \$25 per person.

Program:

Denise M. Keele is and PhD and Executive Director of the Michigan Climate Network. She is a graduate of Syracuse University and WMU. She is the Chair of the climate change working group, a member of the Michigan Climate Action Network which takes a positive approach to climate issues.

So, what is Climate Change: It's real, It's bad and There is hope. The approach to climate change is to change human behavior. In 2023 there was more carbon emission that ever before and the weather was hotter than ever before. The goal for 2100 is to limit temperature increase to 1.5 degrees but it is projected to increase to 2.1 at the rate we are current going.

Climate change is real and the indicators are that rivers are flooding at increased rates, extreme weather is becoming a norm, 90% of coral reefs are predicted to experience bleaching and draught is expected for a minimum four months out of the year, and 30% of the world is exposed to extreme heat. In Michigan alone, we are experiencing hotter summers, heavy participation, algae blooms, ice decline in the lakes which all affect water recreation, agriculture, pollution and human health.

The solution is to end fossil fuel era and transition to renewables and look to energy conservation and efficiency.