



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

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Today's meeting was called to order by President Kristen Chesak at 12:10 p.m. Seth Weeldreyer gave the invocation.

Arts News: Alisa Carrel presented the Art News. Visit the Arts Council website to get a full list. www.Kalamazooarts.org

Announcements: Don't forget to pre-order your lunch on line. Please give some thought to volunteering as Treasurer. We still need someone to fill that position.

Guests: Penny Briscoe was a guest of husband Rick Briscoe as was their son Rick Jr. Glen Glidden was a guest of Jim Escamilla and is joining as a corporate member (I Believe). Alex Mikhailov was the guest of Amy Remmert. Alex is the owner of the company she works for. Amy Thill was the guest of Jim Cupper.

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Dimond – Sunrise Club, Peter Marsiglia – Portage and Chad Shuring – Portage

Happy Bucks: Taylor Huey was a keynote speaker at a special meeting. Jeff Ross has a new horse, Bill Dimond is the proud great grandpa of a baby boy. Jack Hopkins celebrated his grandsons graduation from Ranger school. Rick Briscoe honored Taylor Huey

The Program: Today was a dog day for Rotarians. Rick Briscoe and his guest Ellen President of Wilson Dog training made today's presentation.

The dog club got it's start in 1974 and has provided formalized training sanctioned by the AKC. It is a non-profit. Ellen has been a trainer with the group since the 1990's. Training is not a one shot deal. It takes time and patience and as she said, she knows some things but not everything. Like humans, dogs have lots of ways they learn. Some respond to treats and for others not so much. The one thing you need to learn is the history of your particular breed of dog so you can understand what motivates them. Some dogs need exercise, others need something to do as in task oriented and some are happy to be just a friend. It was a great deal of fun to see them in action and watch how different Flash (the Briscoe dog) and the trainer's dog handled.