



# Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

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**Today's meeting** was called to order by President Kristen Chesak at 12:10 p.m. Dan Hartlieb gave the invocation and focused on the many years of work at Casa Amparo.

**Arts News:** Art news was presented visit the Arts Council website to get a full list. [www.Kalamazooarts.org](http://www.Kalamazooarts.org)

**Announcements:** Don't forget to pre-order your lunch on line.

**Guests:** Tobi Breisach was introduced by her husband and Rotary Member Eric Breisach.

**Happy Bucks:** Unavailable

**The Program:** Eric Breisach was introduced by Amy Remmert. Eric married to Tobi, who is the daughter of long-time member Karl Sandelin and she and Eric are the parents of Kristi Breisach who was instrumental in the establishment of the Rotaract Club. Eric is an attorney and spends a lot of time traveling to DC where his company headquarters is located. Eric discovered in his files some of the very interesting history of the back story about Casa Amparo, which is the program he is presenting today. We are including the Powerpoint PDF for you to review. The story is long but brings to light the events that led up to the realization that it was critical to establish a place for what was initially called "The Throw-away Girls of Casa Amparo".

So please scroll through the PowerPoint pages and you can see what the story is all about. Dan Hartlieb indicated that he and several individuals will be traveling to Casa in the next few months for their annual visit.