

November 4, 2024,

Editarian: Judy Moore

Today's meeting was called to order by President Taylor Huie, after which she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Today's invocation was given by Seth Weeldreyer, asking for guidance and for us to remember after tomorrow's election our role of service.

Arts News: Bob Miller gave the Arts Minute with reminders of the many events this week, including many at WMU, and a reminder to check for details at kzooarts.org.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.

Announcements:

- President Taylor presented Rotarian Sandy Bliesener with a Paul Harris Plus 1 Award. This represents a \$2000 contribution to RI either Annual Fund or Polio Plus Fund. Congratulations, Sandy!
- We beat our goal in the number of raffle tickets we needed to sell to remain an Elite club! Someone from the district will be here to do the drawing at our meeting in a couple of weeks.
- Trunk or Treat was a great success again this year!
- Check Taylor's e-mail from yesterday for the list of volunteer opportunities coming up.

Happy Bucks: Denise Hartsough for the election being almost over, and moving her Dad; Amy for meeting the Raffle goal; Jack Hopkins for Merryville College sports teams and a great musical group at Up and Under on every other Monday night 5-7; Denny Stultz for a free breakfast Friday morning at the Air Zoo for Vets; and Brian Kaufman for the Lions, and for 2 kids with birthdays this week who are now 10 and 12. Last but not least, D. Terry questioned whether he caught Steve Dyksterhouse picking up some water at Costco recently?? There was so much laughter poor Steve didn't get much of a chance to explain!

Program: Bill Rose introduced the program for today with the first speaker being Dianne Roberts. Bill did a week of service at Re-Member this summer. Dianne has been doing trips since 2001, and has been on the board since 2003. She has been there 50 times, and says that spending a week there is life changing. She introduced Ted Skantze, Ambassador and former executive director.

Re-Member is an independent non-profit organization working with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They improve the quality of life for those who live there, and they provide meaningful opportunities to serve and learn for those who volunteer and support their work. They are funded by private donations. Re-Member means "Putting Back That Which is Broken."

The organization has great impact by providing everything from heating assistance in the winter to community gardens in the summer. They build ramps, bunk beds, homes for veterans, provide food distribution, and always work closely with the population they are serving to meet the needs. They build knowledge and support local native owned businesses.

For more information on this interesting nonprofit visit their website: www.re-member.org