

May 3, 2021
Bulletin

The May 3 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo was called to order at 12:14 p.m by Club President Seth Weldreyer.

Rotarian John Dillworth performed the National Anthem on the Yamaha U3 electric piano.

Rotarian Cheri Bell gave the invocation for today. It was based on the portion of the Four Way Test that asks, "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?"

Arts News by Bryan Zocher

Art Hop - May 7, 2021

Friday May 07, 2021 at 06:00 pm Presented by Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo

Join us for Art Hop on Friday, May 7 from 6-8 pm!

This month, Art Hop will feature over 20 unique local artists at various locations in downtown Kalamazoo. Grab a drink at one of our local bars and restaurants, and sip, hop, and shop from 6-8 pm.

The Kalamazoo State Theatre will be kicking off its popular summer concert series, State on the Street, featuring live music from Blue Veins from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please maintain a 6-foot distance from others and utilize the free sanitizer pumps located around the Art Hop stops.

Volunteer for Art Hop!

We are seeking volunteers to help out during Art Hop and with event set-up and clean-up. We will have volunteer positions available at Art Hop each month. **Sign up now!**

Do you want to participate in Art Hop?

Sign up by May 10 to be a part of Art Hop on June 4! The participation fee for artists and businesses is \$50. **Sign up now!** Questions? Contact us at arthop@kalamazooarts.org

Media Project Incubator

Tuesday, Thursday Apr 22, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Presented by Public Media Network

The Media Project incubator is designed to make media accessible to people in our community who have great ideas but aren't sure how to make them happen: People who can't afford studio time or attend all-day training sessions. S People who don't usually see themselves represented in public media. We are particularly interested in shows made by and for people of color, LGBTQ folks, immigrants, and people of marginalized genders. Sign up at:

<https://publicmedianetwork.salsalabs.org/projectincubator/index.html>

Voices For Change Documentary Collaborative

Saturday May 08, 2021 - Jun 26, 2021 at 10:00 am

Presented by Public Media Network at Public Media Network

Join the Voices for Change Documentary Collaborative to learn how and produce a short 5-minute documentary video on a topic important to you. Voices for Change

Documentary Collaborative puts the control of media in your hands to share authentic stories and shift existing narratives in media.

The Spring 2021 Collaborative prioritizes LGBTQ+ community members to engage in the creative process of creating a short documentary. The goal is to amplify stories and experiences of people in the greater Kalamazoo area who identify as queer, transgender, nonbinary, and/or intersex.

Participants will be encouraged to research an issue of personal and community relevance, receive mentoring and training about media production and complete the program by producing a short-form narrative video to be shared in a public screening and discussion and broadcast aired on Public Media Network.

Each participant will have access to our professional community media team and resources. This will include the access to Public Media Network's production equipment library, technical training, and mentoring needed to develop artistic and media making skills.

Participation in Voices for Change is determined by application. Space is limited.

Participants may apply to receive a stipend to assist with travel needs or other costs that may prohibit participation in the program, up to \$200.

Fast Facts about the Voices for Fast Facts about the Voices for Change program:

Start date: Saturday, May 8th, 2021 End Date: June 26, 2021 Public Screening

Event: To be determined by participants Meeting days: Saturdays, 10:00 am –

12:00 pm. Open production lab times to be determined based on participant availability.

Virtual and Hybrid meeting options available Cost to participate: Free How to join: complete the application found here:

<https://publicmedianetwork.salsalabs.org/voicesforchange/index.html>

Chinese Language and Culture Classes

Sunday Sep 13, 2020 - Jun 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Presented by Kalamazoo Chinese Academy

at WMU Sangren Hall, 999 Rankin Ave, Portage, MI 49006

Kalamazoo Chinese Academy (KCA) is a non-profit educational organization that is dedicated to providing Chinese language education and cultural experiences to its students from all cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds in the greater Kalamazoo community.

KCA starts to enroll students for Chinese Language and Culture classes, including Chinese folk dance and Chinese painting classes. We offer online classes on Sunday afternoons this Fall. If in-person instruction resumes, we hold classes on the 4th floor at Sangren Hall Western Michigan University.

FREE EVENTS

Project Show 'n Tell - Virtual Edition

Thursday May 06, 2021 at 07:00 pm Presented by Serendipity Spot and Kzoo Makers at Online/Virtual Space

CALLING ALL CREATORS!!! If you are a crafter, hobbyist, artist, business owner, knitter, do it yourself-er, maker, foodie, and other categories not named, we want to know what you are working on! We know you are making things. Here is a chance to take a turn to share or just sit and learn.

Moderated by Stacy Belinsky (Serendipity Spot/Kzoo Makers) and co-hosted with Christopher Kaminsky (Lakeshore Fab Lab).

****UPDATED 2/1/2021**** Stay an additional hangout time after the presentations and chat with the group for 30 minutes or until 9pm, whichever is earlier.

Rootead Virtual Library

Presented by Rootead at Rootead, 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

The Rootead Virtual Library is available through the Rootead Collective. Content can be accessed through web browser on a Desktop or Computer. You can also download the app on your Mobile Device to have the content available at your fingertips. Download the app and become apart of the Rootead Collective!

Tournament of Writers

Apr 02, 2021 - Jun 04, 2021 - 24/7 Presented by Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center at Online/Virtual Space

Annual Writing Competition

The Tournament of Writers, originally started by Deb Christiansen of Schoolcraft in 2015, is an annual writing competition for authors in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties. The goals of the competition include building a writing community within the communities we serve, encouraging and supporting writers, providing opportunities for improving writing skills, and connecting readers to writers through the power of storytelling.

There are three categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry. Within each of these categories, we also have age divisions: Junior (through 7th grade), Young Adult (8th grade through 25 years), Adult (26 to 50), and Senior (51+). The competition is accessible to all writers, new as well as seasoned writers. Entries are judged using a rubric system.

All entries are published in a collection, the Small Town Anthology series. The tournament culminates with a book release and book signing celebration. There is a limit of 3 entries per person, one for each genre: Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry for one flat submission fee of \$10.

Rootead Youth Drum Series

Tuesday Apr 06, 2021 - May 25, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Presented by Rootead at Rootead, 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Join the Rootead Youth Drum Series! It is for dedicated youth interested in expanding their drum vocabulary and knowledge. Only 9 spots are available for each session, so register as soon as possible!

8-12 year olds: Tuesdays from 6:30-7:00 pm – Register here:

https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/event_step2/MTEwMTQ4/107384

13-18 year olds: Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm – Register here :

https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/event_step2/MTEwMTQ4/107385

Scholarships are available.

Dudok Quartet

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Apr 17, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 07:30 pm Presented by Fontana at Online

Join Fontana for the livestream of the Dudok Quartet on April 17, available through May 16. Without a doubt one of Holland's most versatile and appealing string quartets, the Dudok Quartet, will present its calling card in Amsterdam's Studio 150.

“With frank and inspired playing, we share the core of the music with listeners all over the world”, the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam says. This beautiful ensemble is rightly the winner of the prestigious Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award 2018. This livestream will be filmed on location in Amsterdam. Buy Tickets Here:

<https://www.fontanamusic.org/event/dudok-quartet/>

“Songs in the Key of Mom” - A Farmers Alley Virtual Concert Celebrating Mother's Day

May 08, 2021 - May 31, 2021 at 02:00 pm

Presented by Farmers Alley Theatre at Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tickets for this digital event are \$9.99. This virtual concert will be sent directly to your email address beginning on Saturday, May 8th and the concert will be available to purchase throughout the month of May. Tickets can be purchased by going to www.farmersalleytheatre.com.

Farmers Alley Theatre continues to innovate online with Spotlight Sessions Vol. 2: *Songs in the Key of Mom*”

Mother’s Day is fast approaching and as West Michigan’s premier professional theatre, Farmers Alley Theatre is offering a great opportunity to celebrate that most important person with our newest **Spotlight Session Event: *Songs in the Key of Mom* – available beginning May 8th.** Featuring seven incredible female vocalists and Farmers Alley Favorites, this unique online concert event is the perfect way to tell Mom that you care this Mother’s Day – with the gift of song! Our **Spotlight Sessions Series** will feature incredible singers performing songs based on a theme. For our second installment, ***Songs in the Key of Mom***, you will receive a special video concert, delivered right to your email address beginning on **May 8th** or whenever you purchase a ticket after that date. Artistic Director Jeremy Koch has put together an amazing lineup of singers, all of the outstanding performers, and Farmers Alley Theatre alumni.

Featuring songs across the canon of musical theatre, the great American songbook, and popular music, this virtual concert features some extremely talented women. Here’s a look at who’s scheduled to perform: **Denene Mulay Koch** (*The Bridges of Madison County*), **Whitney Weiner** (*It Shoulda Been You*), **Julie Nemitz** (*Does Anybody Have a Map?*), **Jamila Sabares-Klemm** (*Monty Python’s SPAMALOT*), **Jasmine Franklin** (*Little Shop of Horrors*), **Cassandra Blair** (*Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike*), and **Michele Maika Berg** (*Fun Home*). So let Mom know she’s the most important person in your life by celebrating her musically with **Spotlight Session Vol. 2: *Songs in the Key of Mom* – Available beginning May 8th.**

Almost, Maine Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Apr 30, 2021 - May 06, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm Presented by Kalamazoo Civic Theatre

Enjoy Almost, Maine with On Demand Digital Content. These shows will be live streamed and closed captioning is available. Rather than a set ticket price, you may pay any amount over \$5.00. Suggested amount: \$20.00. Event Info Here: <https://my.kazoocivic.com/events>

VISUAL ARTS

The Paintings of Anna Barnhart Virtual Exhibition

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Feb 01, 2021 - May 31, 2021 at 01:00 pm Presented by Ninth Wave Studio (Virtual)

Join the Ninth Wave Studio for its current virtual exhibition, The Paintings of Anna Barnhart. This is an exhibition of acrylic paintings by Southwest Michigan artist, Anna Barnhart. This body of work explores the texture and versatility of the medium with the organic forms of nature.

Framing Moments: Photography from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Feb 06, 2021 - May 16, 2021 at 01:00 pm Presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts at Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Curated by internationally renowned author, curator, historian, and photographer, Dr. Deborah Willis. As a Professor and Chair of the Department of Photography & Imaging at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Framing Moments will explore what it means to make and collect photography. **Event Info Here:** https://www.kiarts.org/page.php?menu_id=75

From Earth and Fire: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics

Friday, Saturday Mar 26, 2021 - Jun 17, 2021 at 11:00 am Presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts at Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Inspired by the popularity of last year's exhibition highlighting Japanese ceramics, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts presents this exciting new show. This new exhibit will illuminate some of the most cutting-edge, energetic, and original works acquired by the Horvitzes over the last three years.

The Illustrated Accordion Exhibition

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Apr 09, 2021 - Jun 18, 2021 at 12:00 am Presented by Kalamazoo Book Arts Center at Online/Virtual Space

April 9 – June 18, 2021 Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Gallery

Join the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center for our 13th annual Illustrated Accordion exhibition. Each year the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center (KBAC) sponsors a non-juried exhibition The Illustrated Accordion, showing in the KBAC Gallery in late spring. Open to all emerging and established artists, this exhibition focuses on books created in the accordion form.

The Illustrated Accordion exhibition focuses on books created in the accordion form. The structure of an accordion book is simple: a long piece of paper is folded into pages that can be read like a book or spread open and displayed like a banner. Featuring works of book artists from all over the world, the books in this exhibit take this book form to a new level. Every book that has been entered

in previous Illustrated Accordion exhibits are available to view through our website.

Please Click on the images to see more information about the piece. If you are scrolling through the gallery please make sure to view Gallery 2, halfway down the page. After viewing Gallery 1 click on an image in Gallery two see the rest of the show The Gallery works best on a computer.

Please contact Katie if you are interested in purchasing one of the books in this show.

KIA High School Area Show & Young Artists of Kalamazoo County

Apr 30, 2021 - May 30, 2021 Presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts at Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The KIA is excited to announce that for the first time ever we are combining the annual High School Area Show (9-12th grade) and Young Artists of Kalamazoo County (K-8th grade). Both shows highlight an immense amount of artistic talent, delighting visitors of all ages for over 40 years.

9th Annual Westminster Art Festival

May 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 Presented by Westminster Presbyterian Church at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

The 9th Annual Westminster Art Festival, a celebration of art, earth care, and faith, will be held May 1 – June 30, 2021. The 2021 theme is “What Country Do Rains Come From?” More info here:

<https://www.westminsterartfestival.org/?fbclid=IwAR2t7z9hCsOlwBGI9dnOPI4xb-1nLi-FIWL3ARjMoJzU0I3m9Nga0e302G0>

At Home in the Studio

Nov 16, 2020 - May 31, 2021 at Western Michigan University - Richmond Center for Visual Arts

The Richmond Center invites submissions of images and text for a project called At Home in the Studio. Our goal is to create a widely ranging online catalog featuring the studio spaces of Frostic School of Art students, faculty and staff, as well as students, faculty, and staff working in range of disciplines across the College of Fine Arts and within the greater WMU and Kalamazoo arts community. Go here for more information:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/63bca873801/348a7cea-7da1-48db-bd8e-f2d87eed843c.pdf>

Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition 2021

Apr 23, 2021 - Apr 22, 2022 at 12:00 am Presented by WMU Gwen Frostic School of Art at Online/Virtual Space. The Richmond Center for Visual Arts is pleased to announce the 2021 juror for the Frostic School of Art Annual Student Exhibition, Tyanna Buie. **About the event** | **Online Gallery**

A Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI native, Tyanna Buie is Assistant Professor/Section Chair of Printmaking at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI. A nationally recognized visual artist, she earned her BA from Western Illinois University and her MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Buie has attended such Artist-in-Residency programs as the Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, LA; the Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale, NY; and the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. She maintains a close connection to the community by hosting printmaking workshops and demonstrations, while participating in Healthy Neighborhood Initiatives through the production of public art created for underserved neighborhoods and communities in Milwaukee, and Madison, WI.

Guests

Eric Birko received a grant from Rotary Club Charities, which will be used for Internet access for Tillers International in Scotts, Michigan. It will provide them with high-speed Internet, which is not currently available in Scotts. These grants are funded by your contributions to Kalamazoo Rotary Club Charities.

Announcements

President Seth reminded Rotarians that there is still time to register for the **Rotary Foundation Gala.**

"Celebrating our Foundation!"

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

and a District 6360 pre-show event!

Mark your calendars and register now!

* 7:30 p.m. EDT – District 6360 pre-event celebration

* 8 p.m. EDT – International Gala celebration

Note: Both events are virtual.

Use this link to register – this will cover both events:

<https://trellis.org/rotary-gala>

Kick off the evening with our District 6360 pre-event celebration. We'll be recognizing some of our local outstanding Rotary Foundation achievements, and will also have some fun!

Then, you can transition over to the International North American Gala. This will be a 60 minute fast-paced virtual Gala fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) that will feature a "Red Carpet" pre-show that kicks off at 8:00pm sharp hosted by Rotary International's first female President, Jennifer Jones! This will lead us into the variety show with Master of Ceremonies Past RI Director Jeffry Cadorette, distinguished speakers, entertainers, inspiring stories about service supported by TRF, and much more!

Tickets to the virtual event are \$110 (plus fees), of which **\$100 is a fully credited donation to TRF** - you get a charitable tax receipt and 100 Paul Harris Fellowship points. It's another great way to support The Rotary Foundation, which does so much good in the world!

This gives us all the opportunity to DO MORE GOOD, and meet the goals we have set for Foundation donations this year. Your donation will be directed 75% to TRF's Annual Fund and 25% to the PolioPlus fund.

Here are some of the other VIPs we'll hear from at the Gala:

- * **PRIP Barry Rassin**
- * **Rotary's PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern**
- * **Canadian Rock Legend from Rush, Alex Lifeson**
- * **World Champion Flair Bartender Tom Dyer from London, UK**
- * **Camilo the Magician from Colombia, South America**

After registration, you will receive the links to both the District 6360 event and the International Gala.

If you have any questions, please contact the District 6360 Planning Committee Members:

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PDG Teresa Brandell -- teresa.m.brandell@gmail.com

ns that the annual Rotary Foundation Gala will be held virtually on May 12. This event supports the Rotary Foundation.

Past President Steve Kreider named this year's Rotary Hero

Steven P. Kreider

Generous and Gracious

Steve is a dedicated Rotarian who has stepped up time and again as a leader in the Kalamazoo Rotary Club and beyond. He served on the Board of Directors twice as Club Treasurer, and he also served as District 6360 Assistant Governor twice; once for Area 4 and once for Area 7. In addition, he served on the 2019 District Conference Committee, where he was instrumental in recruiting and communicating with key speakers.

When our President Elect had to drop out at the last minute, Steve generously stepped in to serve as Club President for the second time. During his second term, Steve focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion by bringing in a series of speakers whose presentations made the importance of diversity top-of-mind for Kalamazoo Rotarians.

Happy Bucks

Amy Remmert contributed five happy bucks for the Satellite Club's cleanup at Hayes Park last Saturday.

Jlm Cupper pledged another happy fin to make up for the one he pledged last week but who forgot to pay.

D. Terry Williams, contributed a happy fin for an event for pastor and Rotarian Nathan Dennison, who will be leaving the area

Today's Program

Rob Peterson introduced Nick Schirripa PR specialists for MDOT, KPS parent, etc. who spent most of the presentation on the I-94-related projects in the Kalamazoo/Portage area. Most of the program was spent on the I-94 projects between Lover's Lane and Sprinkle Road. although in breakout room #3, we discussed the new roundabout, rerouting of 27th and 28th Streets near Gull Road at some length.

MDOT is widening 2.7 miles of I-94 from four to six lanes between Lovers Lane and Sprinkle Road in Kalamazoo.

- **The Portage Road interchange will be rebuilt with a single-point urban interchange, while Kilgore Road will be realigned at Portage Road.**
- **The two-year project is an \$87 million investment connecting several I-94 expansion projects from west of US-131 to Sprinkle Road completed since 2008.**

April 8, 2021 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is starting a two-year project to widen I-94 from four to six lanes from Lovers Lane to Sprinkle Road in Kalamazoo, connecting expansion work completed in previous years along the corridor. A [video](#) explaining the project is available on MDOT's YouTube channel.

Work is set to begin on April 13 with pavement repairs on westbound I-94 between Lovers Lane and Sprinkle Road. There will be nighttime single-lane closures on westbound I-94 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, through Thursday, April 15, and again from Monday, April 19, through Thursday, April 22.

MDOT is investing \$87 million to widen 2.7 miles of I-94 and rebuild the Portage Road interchange with a new alignment known as a single-point urban interchange (SPUI), similar to the [I-94/Westnedge Avenue interchange](#). The project also includes rebuilding four bridges and one culvert, traffic signal upgrades, new signs, freeway lighting, and noise barrier installation.

This year, two lanes will be maintained in each direction on westbound I-94 while the eastbound lanes are rebuilt. There will be intermittent ramp and local road closures with posted detours during the project. For closure details, visit [Mi Drive](#).

As part of the interchange realignment, the Kilgore Road bridge over I-94 and indirect left turn at Portage Road will be removed and the new Kilgore Road alignment east of Portage Road will use what currently is Kilgore Service Road.

Intermittent night and weekend work will be required throughout the project. Crews will suspend work in mid-November for the winter and resume in spring 2022. Rebuilding is expected to be completed in November 2022.

Note: Any errors, misrepresentations, or omissions are solely the responsibility of Jim Cupper, President and CEO of the D.A.C.