



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

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Editarian: Amy Remmert

The meeting was started by President Kristen Chesak with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Aaron Winters focusing on education.

Sid Ellis presented the arts news. Among the many things being presented for your Artist Interest there will be "Music on Bates Alley", The Kalamazoo Academy of Rock and Steve Kemerling playing at Brick & Brine. For more information, go to www.kalamazooarts.org

Visiting Rotarian from South Bend was Aaron and Tom Stoby was a guest of Jim Cupper.

BOARD MEETING: There will be a board meeting on Wednesday by Zoom. If you have an interest in attending or have something to present, contact Annette and she will email you the Zoom invite.

MEMBERSHIP: Christina Dorett, the Chair of Membership, spoke to the members about the importance of bringing in new members. She would like everyone to think of someone in your circle of business acquaintances or professional friends and invite them to attend a meeting. This is the first step in getting them familiar with Rotary and the many things we do, including building more friendships.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION RAFFLE: Amy Remmert is going to continue to be on the lookout for members interested in supporting the District Foundation by purchasing a raffle ticket. You may become the winner of a monetary prize. Multiple winners will be announced at the District dinner in October. Your purchase will also support programs like Ryla Camp and grants to the club that fund projects we endeavor to take on. Kalamazoo Rotary has been the recipient of those grant dollars over many years.

PROGRAM: Amy Remmert introduced today's speaker, Eric Stewart.

Eric, a Kalamazoo Rotary Member, is the Development Director at the Kalamazoo RESA. He wanted to let the members know about the most recent project in the pipeline at KRESA. Over the years, career and technical training has been done at sites at schools around the area. It could be a challenge for students since they spent quite a bit of time on a bus being transported to an appropriate site. The new project is centered around a new facility to be built on vacant land at the corner of I-94 and Sprinkle Road. The building will be a state of the art facility with all trades being taught under one roof. The money to build this training facility has already been earmarked. The scenery at Sprinkle will change with this modern structure in place and as you drive west on I-94, you will no longer be able to see Wings Stadium.

Through the programs that will be offered, every kid will have a pathway to a career. A team of individuals traveled throughout the State and to some out of state locations in an effort to model the curriculum based on the best training programs out there. The facility is expected to be completed in 2024 and will target high school students in the KRESA system.
