

EDITARIAN NOTES – September 23, 2019 --
Kalamazoo Rotary Club Amy Remmert subbing for this weeks editarian

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Kreider followed by the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner”, accompanied by Rotarian, John Dillworth.

INVOCATION – President Steve Kreider introduced Rotarian Steve Charnley.

ARTS NEWS – Dan Sytsma outlined the upcoming arts events.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Rotarians introduced their Guests

Happy Bucks: There were a few happy bucks and a couple of happy fins but nothing like the Satellite club. They raised a whopping \$140.

SONGS were led by April Goodwin.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE – today’s honoree was Rotarian Bob Squires for his vigilance as Sgt. At Arms. Everything is always ready and in tip top shape waiting for members to sign in.

Announcements

- Tickets for the Foundation Raffle are still available and Amy will be available after the meeting to continue selling. Today is the last day.
- October 28th – On-site Flu Clinic provided by Borgess – Insurance and credit card payments available.

PROGRAM – Today’s program was introduced by David Lucio. Ron Perry is the Vice President of Site Leadership at Pfizer. Ron gave an overview of the Kalamazoo/Portage location highlighting emerging products. He also emphasized that about 95% of the products produced in Kalamazoo are drugs essential to life.

Pfizer makes an impact in Kalamazoo and the people here are its greatest asset. Pfizer is sensitive to the need for skilled trades and has put a fairly extensive apprenticeship program in place addressing a multitude of arenas. Apprenticeships may even spur further education for further advancement. Pfizer prides itself on advancing diversity within the company.

The location in Kalamazoo/Portage is like a small Michigan town. The company appreciates the great asset it has in its employees.