

Rotary Bulletin for 10-7-2019

Opening: Rotarians sing the National Anthem

Invocation: Tom Stobie

Art News: D Terry Williams

- Just some of the opportunities this week! Camelot at Farmer's Alley, Odd Couple at Skits and Giggles, Star Wars in concert at Miller with the symphony, Naked Mole Rat gets Dressed at Farmer's Alley

Visiting Rotarian:

- Jose Lopez from Lansing Waverly, Ed Schaat from Gull Lake

Guests/Introduced by:

- Daniel Proczko, Adam McFarlin/Dann Sytsma
- Jaime Flees/Kevin Janssen
- Renee Diaz/April Goodwin
- Matthew Hunt, Colleen McNinch/Jeanie Vanderberger

Songs: Dispensed with Song Today

Announcement: April Goodwin presenting how local grant funds were used

- Work to train early childhood care providers. Explored several options and developed a hybrid program that could be delivered on-line or in the classroom. They created an apprenticeship program that can be delivered starting in high school. If the apprentice completes 2000 hours they are eligible to receive credit for 9 hours towards a degree at Kellogg Community College. They have four cohorts with about 15 people in each. They also have a number of employer sponsors.

Announcement: Rick Briscoe – World Polio Day

- Last polio case that originated in the US was 1979. In 1985 there were 350,000 cases. This year only 85 cases (Pakistan and Afghanistan). On October 21st Rick will be asking for a check to the Rotary Foundation (identify the Polio Plus for some or all of the gift). Rick will match all contributions \$100 or over.

Announcements from President Steve:

- Second half of dues payments are due 12-1-19. Invoices will be coming by email.
- Flu clinic 10/28 from 11:30 - 1:30. Insurance and credit card will be honored
- Satellite Club is working on Operation Ray. Wed. 10-16 at Louie's Trophy House for meeting and prepping packages. 5:01 happy hour, 5:30 Meeting

- Aaron Winter: Spoke to Project Ray definition and purpose. Small items make a big impact for our service people overseas. Toiletries, washing detergent pods, etc.

Happy bucks: Past President, Jack Hopkins announced that in the last 3 years they have raised \$80K for Lending Hands and the committee now has an additional match offer for a total of \$300K to match., Sid Ellis for success of the celebration of the Douglas Community Association. Aaron Winters, Dan Sytsma - recognition of the Air Zoo. Mike Bremer – Noted the success of a Paddle-a-thon for Polio Plus.

Program: Intro by Amy Remmert, The Children’s Safe Water Project (Dominican Republic) Update now known as WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

Jose Lopez and Mike Bremer Presenting:

- Recognized the impetus of the program with the “Water Boys”. The initiative has put 1000’s of filtering systems in over the years. They also equip local teams to man Hand Washing Education Stations for on-site education. They also provide latrines, water storage tanks and a variety of other technologies enabling the safe use of water. The slide show highlighted how local Rotary groups are involved with this initiative in addition to the volunteers traveling from the US. They recognized the over \$18k donated from our district and the contribution of Keith Mumma’s book sales proceeds.
- Questions:
 - o How is the water from the filtration system to be packaged and sold? They are available in 5-gallon jugs delivered by motorcycle for a discounted price

President Steve reflected on how Rotary Impacts the World and how today’s topic and announcement show that the Four Way Test is working.

Yours in Rotary,

Denny Stults, Editarian