

**Porta-Rota-Call**

**by Molly Chase**

**April 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03

p.m. by President Josh Goodlock

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Four Way Test was recited.

Our invocation was by Helen Driver.

Our greeters Helen Driver and Bo Snyder introduced our guests, Kiesha Dickerson, Dr. Erica Driver and Kevi Tafil

Josh Goodlock introduced our speaker, Allysa Crittenden from Community Healing Centers. She is their Chief Development Officer. Mental health is a big focus of rotary this year. They are a non-profit based in Kalamazoo They deal with trauma from many different areas. They have 2 prevention programs for youth in Kalamazoo. They also have several recovery homes in Kalamazoo. They also have a program in St. Joseph to help patients with substance abuse treatment.



Their children's services include an advocacy program. There are several all over the U.S. The program focuses on a multi-disciplinary program. The children and families only have to tell their story once. Last year alone they served 220 children.

Their infant and child services focus on mental health to support healthy development of a child with bonding and attachment. This program is home-based, so clients are comfortable. They offer mental health counseling, substance abuse assessments and youth case management. In 2023, they provided 903 home visits and serviced 173 clients. They try to prevent risk as well as mitigate that.

Child and adolescent services are another facet of their organization. They served over 640 individual counseling sessions in 2023.

Their prevention programs include S.T.R.E.E.T. (Survival, Trust, Resources, Education, Empowerment and They become productive role models for their peers and communities). This is aimed at young Black males. They provide dinner, transportation, counseling and mental health support. They served 33 boys in 2023. They are located in the Northside so they can concentrate on that area. They are home-based locations, so the young men are comfortable.

Their next prevention program is Ninas Del Corazon (Girls of the Heart). They are aimed at Latina youth ages 8-15 living in Kalamazoo's Edison neighborhood. This is an after-school and summer program that provides support that includes academic support. They served 23 girls last year. Kids are kept engaged year-round.

The adult services include in-patient detox programs. Anyone who is 18+ is welcome to check in every day of the year. Patients are medically monitored during their program. There is group therapy, one on one therapy and aftercare services. They served 755 clients in this program in 2023. They service primarily low-income individuals and insurance is not necessary to attend.

Carol's Hope is staffed by peer recovery coaches. They are also 24 hours, 365 days a year. They partner with the police department as well as their drug court program. 568 people were placed into treatment 2023 through this program.

Their outpatient adult mental health services and substance abuse treatment is also available for those 18 and over. They offer therapy, They served 637 individuals in 2023.

Their recover homes include 3 in Kalamazoo for women and children as well as one for men. These are short-term (90 days or less). 72 men and 35 women benefited from the program in 2023.

Their annual fundraisers include Roof Sit, Coming Together Conference and Serve for Kids.

Announcements:

- Several sign-ups are going around (blood drive, marathon, Memorial Day parade)
- Taste of Portage raffle basket donations are being collected for the district conference.
- Hygiene items for Ministry with Community are also being collected.
- 2 Daisy Dollar gift cards are left.
- The upcoming fundraiser at City BBQ is in Friday 4/26 from 11-8. We have to sell \$300 and after that, the club gets 20% of the sales. We must use our club promo code (FundA) so that we get credit for the sales. Gift cards are not included in the fundraiser. If this goes well, we may make this a regular fundraiser at different restaurants in the area.
- Sarah Gerstner was able to remove her new member ribbon!
- Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> we will put up flags again. A signup sheet will be coming out soon.

Happy Birthday to Mary Hall and Pat McGinnis!

Happy bucks and fines collected by Sergeant at Arms Helen Driver from Mary Hall, Pat McGinnis, Steve Rodia, Mary Lou Wright, Chad Schuring, Paul Carlson, Matt Semelbauer, Dr. Erica Driver, Bo Snyder, Roy Dangel, Josh Goodlock, Jose Santamaria, Joe Winters, Mike Marsh, Art Roberts, Chris Buckley and Mark Bieling.

50/50 drawing: Bo Snyder won \$34 and donated funds back to the club.

Ace of spades drawing: Emily Turner-Hollman did not find the ace.

Next program on April 17<sup>th</sup> will be Julie Bunke; Manager of Exhibits and Interactive Experiences at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm by President Josh Goodlock.