

Rotary Meeting, January 15, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President *Tim Kilmartin*. The invocation was delivered by *Seth Weeldreyer* with a moment of silence for Charles LaVene who died last week.

Art Minute- *D Terry Williams* covered numerous upcoming events

Visiting Rotarians- Visiting Rotarians included Nancy Wenke from Gull Lake and Scott Peterson from Three rivers..

Guests- There were a number of visitors which included the wife of Don Philips and the husband of Deb Hughes.

Happy Bucks- there were many

Program- *Rachel Blair*, a Kalamazoo Native is *Director of Sustainable and Innovative Food Systems at KVCC*.

Rachel gave the Rotary group some background on how the concept of health and sustainability became the focus of KVCC and its initiative to build the Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo near Bronson. The program has become a collaborative between the hospital and the college.

The downtown campus has three separate buildings. Accomplishments include:

1. 178 students enrolled with 11 graduates to date.
2. 4 full time faculty and a new director
3. Multiple dining experiences available through the Havermill Café, 418 Restaurant and the Valley Hub
4. Accreditation will be coming in the spring of 2018

What's next on the agenda for the school? Goals are to reduce generational poverty, improve diet and socio-economic status and increase urban gardens as private businesses.