

## **Rotary Bulletin – November 21, 2016**

President Bryan, called the meeting to order. The national anthem was followed by an invocation by Steve Charnley. President Bryan announced the passing of Joyce Sandelin, wife of Karl Sandelin. A moment of silence was requested. Bryan also announce that half of our lunch payment today, was being donated to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. We raise \$900.

The art news was presented by Laura Latiolais. And music this week was the fight song of WMU in honor of the great game making them 11-0 so far for the season. One more game is left.

**Guests:** John Folgon, Emily Kobza, MorganSchut, Kim Melvin, John Porter, Nate Melvin, Rebecka Kik, Adam Wade, Kurt Elliott, Nancy Monterusso, Bob Jorth, Bruce Blair, Jim Cowart, Julie Loncharte, Alison Pruitt, Omar Khoyyam, Rayline Manni, Elishva Johnson, Jeanne Brubb, Bruce Grubb, Greg Taylor, Ravea Britt, Tara Steele, Dave Feaster, Laura Lam, Jay Eichstaedt, Ken Miller, Lynne Cowart, Pam Walker.

**“Father” Dan Hartlieb** will be collecting donations for Christmas gifts for the girls as Casa Amparo over the next couple of weeks. Please give it your consideration.

**By-Law Changes:** President Bryan asked for discussion, if any, on the proposed by-law changes. Since there were no objections, he called for a Motion (made by PDG Rick Briscoe) and a second. Motion carried.

**Angela Burhart** – exchanged her red badge for a blue one. Congratulations Angela on her one year anniversary.

**Happy Bucks** included dollars for everything from WMU Victory, a new CEO at Consumer’s Concrete to a tribute to Joyce Sandelin.

**Program:** Barb Miller introduced Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager for the City of Kalamazoo. Jeff thanked Rotary for the stage at Bronson Park and the wonderful job of keeping it in great shape. But today, Jeff’s job is to talk about the Foundation of Excellence which is meant to provide a comprehensive approach to sustainability for the City of Kalamazoo.

There are too many factor which have put the City into a deficit budget but the goal of the Foundation is to provide ongoing funds to sustain the City during lean times. The 70 million will address tax relief, create shared prosperity and make investments into the community. The ultimate goal is to provide stability and improve quality of life for all.