

Rotary Bulletin December 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Kilmartin.
D Terry Williams - Art News. If you need a last minute Christmas Present - Glass Art Camp at the KIA

Guests - Laura Latiolias, Denise Kings from Hospice; Mike Oliphant, Johanna Nabozny Denny and Wife, Troy Rich Price, Karl Sandelin, Dave Boss PVP, Kim Sandelin Ann Fergemann, Child care Resources.

Songs - Susan Sunday - Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow.

New Member Introduction - Deb Harris, introducing Denny Stultz owner of Visiting Angels. MSU Coach common is interest in weight. BC Schools, enjoyed sports and math. Scholarship from Kellogg and went to Duke with an engineering. Travel, advancement, and an occasional playing of Tony the Tiger. Traveled all over and was recognized for work with Children. Started his own senior health company, Visiting Angels. Blessed to be married to his wife Susan and grateful for his blended family

Andy Latham: Basketball at WMU with Rotary member. At 5:45 there will be a Pizza Tailgate at the arena with you and your friends and family. February 27th WMU vs Eastern. Coach will visit with us and there will be door prizes. Chairback seats this year. Price will be \$17. January - tickets will be available. Tim will compete.

We are all facing "Fund Raising Fatigue". We will take a break but before I do that - Charitable Deductions will be better given this year due to tax law changes.

Happy bucks: There were many.

Program: A Middle East Cold War: Shia vs. Sunni, Iran vs. Saudi Arabia Presented by Howard Dooley, PhD WMU Department of History

Howard has been in the History Department since 1972.

Trump has moved the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and Putin has declared victory in Syria.

Back in 2003 President Bush brought experts to the White House to ask a pertinent question. Are there two types of Muslims? Less than 15 percent of the world's Muslim's are Shite or Shia most muslims are Sunni.

Succession Crisis 632; Caliphate.

Mohammed died suddenly June 8, 62 (age 62). He had been both Peter and Caesar messenger of God & Founder of 1st Arabian state.

Crisis: Who leads the Ummah (Islamic Community) The rift came about because of a differing view on who should become leader after Mohammad, his daughter or another line of the family. Hence the differing views of Shia and Sunni.

The story gets more complicated but ultimately, it is what drives a lot of the cold war of the Shia and the Sunni in the middle east. It is not over and will not be for a very long time. Sunni are more driven by past traditions. Shia is more forward thinking according to Howard.