

Rotary Meeting - June 26, 2017 written by Amy Remmert

President Bryan Zocher started the meeting with the National Anthem and Ann Rohrbaugh provided the invocation focused on the Four Way Test. The Art news was present by Kristen Chezak.

Bryan told fellow Rotarians that Jim Bridenstine (who was not present at the time) reminded Bryan that he had not seen Bryan wear a tie anytime during his tenure. So, Bryan brought out a lovely tie and place it around his brow. Sorry you missed it Mr. Bridenstine for the first showing, however, Bryan did a repeat performance when he arrived.

Guests: There were two guests in attendance, Dan Ingles - guest of Kurt Elliot and Steve Wurtz, guest of Holly Crump.

Swan Song: President Elect and only a couple of weeks away from being the 2017-2018 Club President, and in honor of the relationship between Bryan and Tim (similar to the movie Brian's Song) we sang the Carpenter's "Close to You." The Carpenter's being Bryans favorite vocal group.

Announcements: Eric Dougal is planning a fun evening with the local Kalamazoo soccer team on July 15th, a Saturday event. Two dollars of every ticket sold to our Rotarians and friends will benefit Rotary International. Watch for more information.

Anniversaries: Mary Zoeller announced anniversaries of Rotary members: they were 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40. Emphasis was given to the 30 year since three of our current members were among the first women admitted to the club, Judy Moore, Lisa Godfrey and Caroline Ham. Additionally, of significant note is the 50 year anniversaries of Karl Sandelin and Charles LaVene.

Perfect Attendance: 1 yr. - Tim Kilmartiin; 2 yr. - Gary Kent-Bracken, and Bryan Zocher; 4 yr. - Nancy Peterson; 5 yr. - Jim Cupper; 10 yr. - Amy Remmert; 13 yr. - Bob Squires; 24 yr - Bob Britigan, Bob Boughner; 29 yr. - Karl Sandelin; 42 yr. Dave Boutell; 43 yr. Tom Hoekstra.

Plainwell Rotary: It was announced that the Plainwell club is now meeting at the Red Roses Restaurant.

Paul Harris Awards: Three were awarded today. Steve Duisterhof +2; Nan Thompson +1 and Richard Boerman for his first. Bryan announce that as president, he has the ability to give one Paul Harris and this award will be given to Judy Moore in recognition of her long and meticulous service to the Strive program. Some of the words that described her were: Passionate, listening, professional and service from within.

Many happy bucks today.

President Bryan presented his highlights from the year as well as a few low lights. The few low lights were the loss of 3 Powerful Leaders of Kalamazoo Rotary Club. They are PP John Polzin, PP Lowell Jerry Mason, and James Mosby

Among the highlights, a grandchild, many great accomplishments in fundraising and distribution of the those funds to local organizations, and our youth exchange student, Sarita, who Broke her foot and was on crutches for a time while maintaining a normal schedule. Guest speakers included Attorney General, Bill Schute; WMU President John Dunn; District Governor Bill Smith; Red Rose Recipient Tim Light who spoke openly about the two differing faces of Kalamazoo; and Police Chief Hadley.

We had fireside chats for new members, bylaw changes, a visit by the Cubs World Series Trophy, improvements to the Rotary Stage at Bronson Park, and self admitted forgetfulness by soon to be Past President Bryan.

Having taken all in attendance through a exciting year of events, President called upon Past President Jim Cupper to give the “Has Been” report.

**ROTARY CLUB OF KALAMAZOO – HAS BEEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING UNDER THE PATTERSON STREET BRIDGE
JUNE 25, 2016 MIDNIGHT**

For the newer members of the club, any outgoing president can become a past president. However, not every past president can become a member of the HAS BEEN CLUB. In order to gain membership into this club, he or she must meet certain criteria established by other members of the HAS BEEN CLUB. In order to determine if President Zoicher is qualified to join, the Members of the HAS BEEN CLUB met at their customary secret meeting location beneath the Patterson Street Bridge.

Here are the minutes from that meeting. After a careful inspection of the Paterson Street Bridge by Has Been Rex Bell, he pronounced the location safe — at least for the duration of the meeting. HAS BEEN Jim Cupper then determined that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order. HAS BEEN Cupper acknowledged that becoming a member of the HAS BEEN CLUB is one of the most prestigious honors available to a past president. In fact, it may be the only honor. While many past presidents are ambivalent about this honor, President Bryan has expressed a deep desire to join this august group. It is, he said, “all I have left.”

With that, HAS BEEN Cupper opened the meeting for discussion HAS BEEN Steve Kreider commented that while Bryan’s career in Educating for Art appears to be fulfilling, he continues to be frustrated by his inability to determine exactly

who Art is. Not only that, interjected HAS BEEN Rex Bell, according to his emails, everyone in the club is named Daniel. HAS BEEN Sandy Bliesener commented that if we are to admit President Zocher to the HAS BEEN club, he must get a suit in a color other than gray. HAS BEEN Karl Sandelin suggested a fund-raiser to support such a significant sartorial change, including the purchase of one or more ties, and proposed a raffle. HAS BEEN Joe Brogger was concerned about Zocher's attempts to boast his flagging presidency and career by inviting his boss to speak at the club. HAS BEEN Judy Moore urged the group not to be so negative and reminded everyone that President Bryan set a new record this year for Polio Plus fund raising. And, he was always there when I needed him, said HAS BEEN Deb Chope Hughes. His unflagging dedication to Rotary, our club and our community is fairly obvious, chipped in HAS BEEN Jack Hopkins.

Given these attributes, HAS BEEN Cupper asked for a motion. HAS BEEN Jim Bridenstine, vaguely recalling that President Zocher seemed to have something to do with the arts, and made a motion to accept him into the HAS BEEN club. The motion was seconded by President Bryan, but HAS BEEN McIntyre quickly interjected, "Hey, you can't do that. You're not in the club yet!" President Zocher's excitement had overwhelmed him and he looked down in embarrassment. HAS BEEN Drew Elliott, then seconded the motion, a vote was taken and President Zocher was unanimously admitted to the club, and is now an official HAS BEEN. Although the matter had been settled, Zocher continued to chant, "I KNOW I CAN, I KNOW I CAN." Congratulations HAS BEEN Bryan.

With that the meeting was adjourned.