

Rotary News, September 11, 2017, Submitted by Charles Ofstein

President Tim Kilmartin called our meeting to order at approximately 12:30 PM. The club, accompanied by pianist John Dillworth, sang the Star-Spangled Banner. The invocation was given by Rotarian Jeff Ross, who reminded us that we had a lot to pray for this September 11th.

Arts News was presented by Rotarian Troy Thrash. Troy presented us with a history of good news, including the fact that our president, Tim, was born this week, 58 years ago! Happy Birthday, Tim. Please continue to support ALL the events in Kalamazoo this week.

Erick Frobish was a visiting Rotarian to our club this week. Our guests (and their Rotarian hosts) included: Scott Harmsen (Rotarian Rebecca); Tauhric Brown (Rotarian Brian); Nick Boyd (Rotarian Steve); John Liberty (Rotarian Dann); and Antonio Ortiz (Rotarian Virgil).

In Songs this week, Susan and John presented a mystery quiz that led to one improbable answer: the song "Chicken Fat!" Our club sang a vigorous rendition, complete with some movement.

Tauhric Brown was presented as our newest member today. He was introduced by Rotarian Brian McKenzie. Tauhric is the COO of Senior Services, Inc. After spending several years in the military, he decided to try and find different ways to keep older adults at home as long as possible. This passion led to his post at Senior Services. He is looking forward to expanding his horizons with Rotary where he will focus on children and youth. Welcome, Tauhric!

Mary Zoeller presented the membership minute today. Using the concept of "Pay it Forward," Mary asked three Rotarians to honor three other Rotarians for their contributions to the Club and the community. This was a very inspiring presentation.

Rotarian Lorence Wenke reminded our club that there will be a 9/11 service in Bronson Park. He encouraged all of us to attend. Additional announcements included notice of the monthly board meeting, an upcoming immunization clinic and the One Rotary Summit.

Time for happy bucks! Notable happy bucks this week included Rotarian Ed's announcement that he had planted a flag on Mt. Kilimanjaro, Rotarian Judy's announcement that she had given a presentation to the Hillsdale Rotary Club and Rotarian Rob, who reminded the club as to the developments going on downtown at the former Gibson Guitar Factory.

Rotarian Heather Isch introduced our speaker, Cam Drake. Cam works with Overneath Creative Collective as a drone operator. He presented our club with an overview of Drone photography.

Cam's talk included aspects of the technology surrounding drone photography and the regulations surrounding it. With respect to technology, he advised the club that costs to use a drone had come down significantly since the medium was first introduced. There were also significant regulations that had to be met to be a commercial drone operator. He then presented two videos that were shot by him with a drone for local. Cam then took several questions to explain additional aspects of this growing medium. Thanks for your presentation, Cam!