

Rotary Meeting, September 25, 2017 by Amy Remmert

President Tim called the meeting to order and we started the National Anthem.

Invocation by Dan Hartlieb.

Tim welcomed everyone to the “Honolulu Rotary Club”. Apparently he and a few others thought it was Hawaiian Shirt day. Troy Thrash presented the Art News. After a lesson in geometry and with the focus on the ‘Last Perfect Day of the year’ he presented the art news. Check it out at [www.kalamazooarts.com](http://www.kalamazooarts.com)

Rotary visitor Nancy Wenke joined her husband Lorence Wenke.

Guest Terry Perry with the Boy Scouts, Virginia Allen a guest of Lorence Wenke, Denny Stalts and Christiana Dorett, guests of Deb Harris Denny Staltz, Cheree Thomas a guest of Sherry Thomas Cloud, Ryan Wieber a guest of Lisa Godfrey, and finally Faye Luscombe and Nathan Smeltzer

Songs, Susan Sunday. In honor of the 501 Social on Tuesday we sang, 501 Tuesday to the tune of Margaritaville.

Mary Zoeller, Announced the Rotary moment and honored D. Terry Williams with an Hawaiian Shirt. This is probably his first.

Faye Luscombe presented her 3 minute speech as a new member. She grew up in Battle Creek to parents Carol and Larry Burbank. She is WMU grad and has Masters degree in organizational management. She has a blended family and she works for Michigan Blood with the title of District Manager. She has, in her previous career worked in radio and television. She is a

Radio and TV in prior career. She is a BIG at Big Brother Big Sister and she lives by “Rule 62” which means, don’t take yourself so seriously.

Announcements: Operation Ray is in full gear with collection of funds to help send necessary items to troops deployed in the middle east. Don’t forget the 501 at Arcadia Brewing - a Rotary Social. Next week’s meeting is off site at Midlink featuring robotics at Strikeforce. Don’t forget the 6360 Foundation dinner in Hastings on October 16th at 6 p.m.. Check out the 6360 Website for more information. The drawing for the raffle prizes will be done at this meeting.

Happy bucks. Deb Harris - Homecoming pancake breakfast at Westerns east campus site . Pam Walker's Grandson in Steven Kings movie IT. Dan Hartlieb, for his wife Holly's joke. Sid Ellis - for The Crucible, a play in which his son has a role. Jim Cupper praised the service for Thom Andrews - emphasising how important it was to Thom to present to Rotary regardless of his fragile situation.. Laura Latiolais honored Mike Williams for the Rotary wheel and duckies that were bouncing around in it.. Bryan Zocher honored Jeannie Brandenberger and countdown clock provided by RI. Rick Briscoe was thankful for living in Michigan. His son's water well in the mountains of Colorado was 800 feet deep. Jeff Ross finally has a grand champion horse in MI. His ultimate goal.

Don't forget that the meeting next week will be at Strikeforce at the very southern end of Midlink.

Joan Herrington, Chair of the Theater Department at WMU prepared a video as an introduction to the WMU Theater department. The WMU Theater program is a welcoming program to students. As stated in the video by students, "It's the right place". Students are always busy and getting into acting right from the beginning. Training crosses all boundaries and encourages each student to branch out to all aspects of theater. Professionals come in to work with the students and most students get placement in work. The theater department at Western is a springboard to other arenas.

Joan Herrington, interviewed with Terry to teach in the department and D Terry Williams, her boss for multiple years, promoted her to chair realizing that he found the right person to head the department. Joan has spent twenty-one years at WMU. Three weeks ago she welcomed 55 students with a very serious commitment to theater.

Finally, students do everything, building scenery, costumes, do all the technical aspects. They get thorough training and walk away with a great education.