

Rotary Meeting - July 10, 2017 - Editorian, Amy Remmert

President Tim Kilmartin announced the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation by Aaron Winters with a moment of silence for the passing of Bill Maze, former president of Kalamazoo Rotary.

D. Terry Williams presented the arts news. Visit [www.kalamazooarts.com](http://www.kalamazooarts.com) for more information.

Guests. Cindy Carter introduced Juan Garcia Recha. Greg McLogan was introduced by Rob Peterson, and Tim Kilmartin introduced Clayton Lyncynski from Rotaract.

Susan Sunday - Music - Because today's program is centered around goal setting, she briefly talked about the Enugu Nigeria Rotary Club 28, whose active members have done an amazing job supporting local initiatives. So in celebration, we sang to the tune of Kum Bai Ya and with new words - Lend a hand.

Announcements: Mary Zeller and Dan Sytsema presented a Membership Minute: It was 30 years ago that women entered Rotary. Honored today are three of those women who are still in Kalamazoo Rotary: Judy Moore, Lisa Godfrey, and Caroline Ham.

Membership dues were due July 1st but the Board approved a 30 day extension. Additionally, the Board meeting will be moved to the 18th of July because of scheduling conflicts for this month only. Jim Cupper is heading up the 6360 Foundation raffle efforts this year: Founded in 1962 by Karl Sandelin, it funds youth programs in the district. It is 25th year anniversary and it is the only fund raiser for the district. On a different note, Jim Cupper is now officially the District Governor Elect and tickets now on sale for the Soccer match scheduled for

Rob Peterson gave 7 bucks in honor of Mike Oliphant for finding Ro's dog who went missing for 7 days in South Haven. Peter Gistelink announced that the Star War Symphony concert will be an amazing performance. Tickets go on sale in August but Rotarians can buy them early. Ann Fergeman is celebrating 50 years of marriage. Denise Hartsough's Daughter finished her engineering degree and is gainfully employed. Aaron Winters' daughter is 4H participant. Cheri Bell's 9 yr old granddaughter raised \$1000 for art scholarships. Bryan is glad it's over. Rick Briscoe's grand kids celebrated their excursions and adventures. Jeff Ross participated in a horse show and had a fun weekend with granddaughter. Tim's was called out on his first faux pax of the year - - the date on the screen said 2016.

So today's program is TIM KILMARTIN, as President of Kalamazoo Rotary. Tim's Biggest fear is that he would do nothing.

So he started off by telling, "How I spent my summer vacation" He took a bus to Atlanta. That was a long day. There were 33 thousand attending the International Convention. He visited the House of friendship and traded flags. There were opportunities for Rotary Fellowships: Celebrate interests - Beer loving Rotarians, Rotary Foundation highlighted 100 year anniversary

with Inspiring stories. There were breakout sessions with great topics. Then there was the Parade of Flags of participating countries. We discovered that Jack Nicklaus was a polio survivor. There was No pepsi and Toronto is the location for the next convention Great one to go to.

Internationally: Rotary of Haultaco Mexico was there. This is the place where the library was built and where Mike Williams is involved in expanding that project. World of Rotary: Globally Polio eradication is the major goal. In 2016 there were only 37 cases worldwide and this year only 5 to date. But the cost for bridging the gap is pretty significant. Bill and Melinda Gates were there and Bill was the keynote speaker. The Gates Foundation has made a commitment to continue the match for the next three years to help eradicate Polio.

Locally: Tim is wanting more Gender equity in Rotary and greater diversity. He wants more younger members who don't have a connection to Polio and may never understand because they never witnessed the devastation. But human slavery and sex trafficking is something that they can associate with. We may have an affect on this. The International President challenged us to take on planting of trees which could mean 200 trees for us to plant locally.

New Stuff: We are on Facebook and we now have the opportunity to pay by Credit Card.  
Goals: Rotary Foundation \$21,500 in annual donations from club members  
Every Rotarian every year  
Rotary Direct - monthly quarterly or yearly

Polio Plus A Bike Ride to end Polio - November 13-20 Do it from you home on the stationary one if need be.

Membership: A Goal of 215 for 2017-2018  
Include retention  
Reach out to past members  
Increase Corporate memberships  
Start a Satellite Club - Don't know what it would look like

Random Thoughts: Membership dues update  
Don't be afraid of change  
Head table - gone  
When did you join Rotary vs when did you become a Rotarian  
More Rotary content in weekly meetings  
Quicker engagement of new members  
3 minute biographies for seasoned members  
More social interaction  
Monthly bike rides. Next one July 19 at Verburg Park  
Denise Hartsough is now heading up Strive.