

Rotary Monday 31 July 2017

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The last day of July 2017 was also the 5th Monday of the month and therefore was a "Fifth Monday Fun Day" at Kalamazoo Rotary. It began as President Tim led Rotarians and guests in a very acceptable a capella version of our National Anthem. The anthem was followed by an appropriate invocation delivered by Nathan Dannison. Arts News was delivered by D Terry Williams. The Fun Day Activity was an "M&M" conversation session at each table led by Steve Charnley. "You had to be there to appreciate the success of this activity"-the Ed

SONGS: We didn't embarrass ourselves by singing but we were entertained by our president giving us a lively, verbal snapshot of his bike ride across parts of Iowa.

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Rose introduced Steve Mollison from Gull Lake.

Guests of Rotarians: Jim Bridenstine introduced Nathan Smeltzer, Deb Harris introduced Christina Dorett, Bob Miller introduced Laura Eller and Holly Crump introduced Steve Wurtz

New Member: Bonnie Sexton was introduced as our newest member by President Tim. She attended a meeting at our club three years ago and more recently visited the Kalamazoo Rotaract. Bonnie grew up near New York City and is married to Jeff Sexton, with two sons and a daughter. She relocated to Kalamazoo 20 years ago. Bonnie is a board member of Kalamazoo Runners (has run 38 Marathons). She is currently with MRC Industries.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation: Steve Duisterhof was presented his +2 Paul Harris Fellowship by President Kilmartin.

Announcements and etc.: The parking ramp will no longer have a personal attendant but will be automated beginning next week.

Program for the day: "Draining the Swamp" was the title of the program introduced by Ed Sackley. This was an interesting take on the political landscape by Jeff Brenneman of Spectrum Public Affairs Consultants. Although the title of the talk was settled before the current political situation revealed itself Mr. Brenneman none the less explained the many reasons for the stalemates that are now occurring in Washington.