



March 10, 2025

Editarian: Martin Velten

Today's meeting was called to order by President Taylor Huie at 12:24 p.m.

Invocation: Past President Seth Weeldreyer offered the invocation.

Arts News: Rotarian Troy Thrash provided an overview of events in the Arts for the week

Foundation Minute: Past everything Jim Cupper presented the Foundation Minute and encouraged Rotarians to sign up in MyRotary which you can also sign up for a direct donation of only \$10 per month which is how he started years ago.

Announcements: none

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Marc Odland and his wife LaRae Odland

Guests: Steve Duisterhof introduced his guest Jamal Farran from Gordon Water

President Taylor Huie provided an overview of the volunteering opportunities for the upcoming weeks:

New Member Introduction by **Nick Cahill:**

- He is big on volunteering and reading and has a 16-year-old son
- He impressed Rotarian Rick Briscoe by staying under 3 minutes!

DG Mark Oldand Provided Recognition:

- For donating \$5,500 to PolioPlus to RI in 2023/2024 – placed second after Charlotte in the district
- One of only 150 clubs worldwide as a banner club
- #2 per capita donation – after Kalamazoo Sunrise Club!
- Mark Oldand also wanted to emphasize that May 2-3 is 6360 District Conference in South Haven
- Keynote Speaker will be a 9/11 survivor of the 118th Floor of the North Tower
- Food and beverages are in the registration fee – accommodations are separate
- District Conference will take place at the Maritime Museum in South Haven

Happy Bucks:

- Nick Boyd: Interact Club pop can drive – drop off cans at Amy's barn or with Nick
- Rob Peterson: Operation R.A.Y.: Euchre Tournament on 03/20 - \$50 signup online
- Rasheda Shepherd: mentioning the upcoming community advocates conference
- Mark Odland: \$10 for net 10 new members this Rotary year

The Program: Rotarian Aaron Bradford conducted a connect and collaborate session with the membership. Questions were: "What was a time when you felt truly welcome?" And "Why stay in Rotary?" At the end, every Rotarian was asked to write down an action they each could do on their own to do something to improve the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm, with the recitation of the Four Way test.