



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

Date: 11/18/24

Editarian: Aaron Bradford

Today's meeting was called to order by President Taylor Huie at 12:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Taylor Huie led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Rotarian Christina Dorett

Arts News By: D. Terry Williams presented the latest arts news.

- "It's the Peak of arts season!"—D. Terry Williams
- Kalamazoo College, "All Things Human," performing. This program features a collection of jazz titles reflecting our life experiences, whether it be a joyful swing feel, a sassy funk groove, or a bluesy ballad. Nov 19, 2024
- Soak up the symphonic sunshine of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and experience the incredible talent of Mio Imai, 2024 Stulberg International String Competition Gold Medalist.
- Farmers Alley Theater, Dicken's A Christmas Carol. It wouldn't be Christmas without *A Christmas Carol*. Patrick Barlow (The 39 Steps) takes Dickens' classic story of greed, grief, ghoulish ghosts and eleventh-hour redemption and makes it feel brand new again. Nov 21, 2024 - Dec 8, 2024

Visit the KIA website at kazooarts.com for a full list of activities.

Visiting Rotarians:

- District 6360 Foundation Board: Stephen Harsh Haslett-Okemos), Gary Campbell (Lakeshore), Syd Bastos (Vicksburg), Rick Merrill (Coldwater Township Sunrise), Karl Kincaid (Berrien Springs – Eau Claire).

Guests:

- Bob Hencken introduced Kelly Coty, former member
- Jeremy Heavy introduced Cole, Intern at Rose Street

Raffle Drawing District 6360

- The annual Raffle proceeds are returned to the clubs through District Foundation Youth Credits (DFYC). The Foundation gives each club a credit equal to 20% of their raffle ticket sales. The DFYC for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and other youth projects are based on the sales of the previous three years.
- \$28,000 in grants awarded this past year.
- Kalamazoo – one of three clubs purchased at least one ticket for every member since inception of raffle.

Announcements:

- Communities in Schools Kids' Closet – Nick Acri
- Salvation Army Bell ringing, Kelly O'Reilly, <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YJtuvU13RgVlphmvwl-T91rluMpbYp5n9H2s1FsGI5k/edit?usp=sharing>
- Adopt a family Grocery shopping – Martin Velten

Happy Bucks:

- Denise Hartsough, Felicitas Finn, Son handyman jobs
- Lucinda Stinson, daughter performed in Kalamazoo Philharmonic, Piccolo as well as the Lions
- Bob Hencken, Veteran's Day ceremony
- Bill Dimond, Happy Finn, Grown-up spelling bee
- Rick Briscoe, 19 varieties of native trees planned. Donated 10,000 recognition points
- Amy Remmert, Veteran's Event and Thanksgiving basket donations and for representatives of Foundation board in attendance
- Jack Hopkins, Veteran's Event

Program by Mia Breznau:

Mia is a dedicated climate activist from the Kalamazoo area with a lifelong passion for nature. Despite her age, she is a prominent leader in Michigan's climate advocacy community. She has been pivotal in advancing climate literacy legislation and passing Michigan's recent Clean Energy Plan—you may recognize her as MiCAN's 2023 Youth Climate Leader of the Year! Outside of the Climate Influencers Program, Mia is a co-founder of National Youth for the Climate Emergency (NYCE) and this past year a Senior Leader of SW Michigan's most prestigious youth activism group, the Ardea Youth Climate Coalition.

Leadership & Advocacy

- Founder, National Youth for Climate Emergency (NYCE)
- Michigan 2023 Youth Climate Leader
- Member, Michigan Climate Action Network
- Leader, Ardea Youth Climate Coalition

Major Campaigns & Achievements

- "ReOilution" Campaign: Reduced BOEM DOI lease sales from 11 to 3 (2023-28)
- WMU Into the Woods Initiative: Founding member, promoting campus green space preservation
- Ardea Youth Climate Coalition: High school advocacy program through Kalamazoo Nature Center

Key Initiatives & Events Year One:

- World Food Day
- Edison Lessons

- Urban Bird Treaty
- Climate Education Panel
- Youth in Action Awards
- Annual Thrift Event

Year Two:

- Fridays for Future March
- Climate Rally for Our Future
- Environmental Literacy Bill
- Great Lakes Pace Jam Fall Slam
- Powerpalooza
- Clean Energy Bill Signing

Youth Support Strategy

- Provide education and nature introduction
- Create engagement platforms
- Include youth in change-making circles
- Monitor youth climate events
- Foster grassroots climate discussions

Next week's program on Nov. 25 will be about "The 5 Key Steps to 20% Membership Growth" by Mike Huie (Assistant Governor, Area 12).