



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

February 14, 2019

Jim Ives, Editor

Pictures from Today



Judge Gene Hunt spoke today on a new Veterans initiative in the 19th District Court. The Hugh Archer Scholarship Fund is a participant in the program.



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
02-21-19**

**Greeter & Guests
Jessica Haddad**

**Invocation
TBD**

**50/50
Maysam Alie-Bazzi**

**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

**2-21-19
Congresswoman Debbie Dingell**

**2-26-19
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg
Dbrn. Chamber Offices Noon**

**2-28-19
Mayor John O'Reilly**

**3-7-19
Youth led meeting**

**3-14-09
Transportation Riders-
Let's Talk Transit**

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 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR



The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

Thank you Rotarians who have already made your gift to support our clubs \$7,000 goal for the 2018 – 2019 Rotary International Projects. These gifts fund our commitment to support the Every Rotarian Every Year contribution of \$100 per member per year. This is sent to Rotary International to help support Rotary work around the world. Many of these projects we support are reported in the Rotarian Magazine and @ Rotary .org.

The following have met the Every Rotarian Every Year commitment.

David Anderson, Janice Gilliland, Rick Goward, PP Hassen Hammoud, Martha Hnatiuk, PP Lee Hollmann, CDG Jim Ives, Diane Ives, PP Mike Maldegan, Pres. Glenn Maleyko, Al Martin, PP John McDonald, PN Colleen Nieman, Shannon Peterson, PE Eric Rader, PP Merritt Robertson, Emma Jean Woodyard

Due to privacy rules at Rotary International, we no longer know who has contributed to the Foundation. With that said, if you have submitted money to The Rotary Foundation in excess of \$100 and would like to be recognized here, please let Merritt Robertson know of your contribution.

Announcements

- Need X-Ray meeting minute writers. Promise maximum writing is only once every six weeks. Can volunteer for even once a quarter or year. Please contact David Anderson.
 - Maysam Ali-Bazzi is looking for greeters and invocation givers.
- Please let her know if you're willing to serve. Sign-up sheets are being passed at the meetings to be a greeter, invocation giver, or run the 50/50 raffle for a particular date. Please volunteer.
- Youth Month starts Feb, 14th. Let's show support for the youth of the Dearborn Schools.

Service Opportunities

As a way to keep club members informed about service opportunities in Rotary, we have added a section specifically designed to highlight those opportunities for either volunteerism, or Rotary enrichment and education. Review this each week, and take advantage of the opportunities to learn more about this great organization we belong to, or the opportunities to serve.

- Every week we need Greeters, Invokers, and 50/50 raffle workers. Please contact Maysam Ali-Bazzi to volunteer for these duties.

New Contact Information for Bob Young

PP Bob Young has moved to Bloomfield Hills to suit his current needs. His new contact information is as follows:

6790 Telegraph Rd., Room 330, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

E-mail: drbowtie1928@gmail.com

Home: 248-539-9457

Cell: 248-229-0116

Meeting Notes

Club President Nominee Colleen Nieman led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. President Glenn Maleyko is in Washington D.C., today, representing Dearborn Public Schools. Invocation was done by Bob Gleichauf and was a prayer of thanks mentioning energy of Youth Month, city, and schools. Today's greeter was Kathy Kalil, dressed in a Valentines Day red sweater. Our guests included Judge Gene Hunt (today's speaker) plus our Youth Month students. Each student stood and introduced themselves.

50/50 raffle was led by Jessica Haddad. A student drew winning ticket and David Anderson was winner of \$15., with an assist by Margaret Blohm.

Announcements

Club Visioning Project is a dinner meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 5P-9P, Bob Ziolkowski announced. Please sign-up for this program plus participate in on-line survey, which was recently e-mailed to you, regarding Visioning Project.

Martha Hnatiuk and Kathy Kalil are looking for volunteers to participate in high school career days. It is part of high school mentor/mentee program Dearborn Rotary supports. They have a sign-up sheet for Fordson with Edsel Ford and Dearborn High to follow. Please talk about your occupation for an hour or two with some high school students.

Ray Trudeau said we will have a visiting dentist from Children of Dump Project in Chinandega, Nicaragua at next week's meeting. DGN Noel W. Jackson, DDS is hosting this visiting dentist.

Maysam Alie-Bazzi asked for a moment of silence for a second grade student at Henry Ford Elementary School who recently passed away. There is a vigil at school today at 4P.

Dearborn 19th District Court Judge Gene Hunt was today's speaker. He is a Fordson High School, Henry Ford College, UM-Dearborn, and Wayne State Law School graduate. Judge Hunt served in United States Marine Corp. for two years after high school. He was a private attorney for 31 years, elected district court judge in 2016, and Michigan Supreme Court appointed him Chief Judge of 19th District Court beginning January 1, 2019. New Veterans Treatment Court was program topic for today.

Judge Hunt said he practiced criminal defense and divorce law in his private practice plus spent one year in California for college. Most of his life has been spent in Dearborn.

19th District Court Veterans Treatment Court was established in January 2018. It received a \$50,000. grant from State of Michigan in April 2018 for funding. There are 24 Veterans Court programs in Michigan. It is a treatment court for veterans outside traditional justice system. Presently there are eight veterans in Dearborn's program. Two have struggled but shown good improvement last two months.

Program has four phases. Veterans are interviewed by Ann Arbor VA Hospital and available benefits and counseling are determined. UM-D Veterans Association, District Court and VA Hospital all team together to help the veteran. Local support groups help with drug treatment and housing. Program is for 18 months. Each phase of program requires drug testing and meeting with a probation officer. First three month phase is intensive and requires drug testing two or three times per week plus two probation officer meetings per week. Next phases are less intensive if veteran is successful. Driving offenses cannot be expunged from record.

Proposed Hugh Archer Grant through Dearborn Rotary for Veterans Court will help veterans get back on their feet. VA benefits pay for education, but not books, transportation, trade tools, child care, supplemental expenses, etc. Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, will distribute proposed Archer Grant funds to veterans and report back monthly to Rotary how money was spent. District Court cannot handle these funds.

Opioid epidemic is totally out of control and is stealing lives. Addicts lose family and friends and just have drugs. Dearborn District Court is working on re-establishing a formal drug court. State Rep. Abdullah Hammoud is looking for funding for this court. Philosophy of district court is not to punish, but to get them out of their situation.

Dearborn District Court only handles misdemeanors, so if they committed an assault or felony, they will not participate in Veterans Court. Program began in April 2018 and takes 18 months to complete, so we have no graduates yet. Court is not involved in Narcan training, but local Safe Coalition does that training. Dearborn Police officers are trained in administering Narcan. VA Hospital does drug addiction treatment plus Salvation Army helps with alcohol rehab. Program mentors come from local veteran posts. Try to match branch, age and service locations with mentors and mentees. Ann Arbor VA has been wonderful with their support for this program. They helped a homeless vet. Victory Gym in Brownstown is supporting veterans and first responders with free work-outs. If you want to get your parking ticket dismissed, you will have to successfully complete 18 mo. veteran treatment court program with drug tests and probation officer visits. Program is not free. Some unions with veterans are supporting program by helping participants find work or training.

PN Colleen thanked Dearborn 19th District Court Chief Judge Gene Hunt for his presentation and invited him to sign a children's book to be donated to Dearborn Public Library. Judge Hunt thanked Dearborn Rotary for opportunity to present and said he had an information sheet about Veterans Treatment Court.

Colleen Nieman, Bob Gleichauf, Jim Thorpe, Maysam Alie-Bazzi, Danene Charles, Ray Trudeau, and students all had Happy Buck announcements. Happy students are here, for Veterans Court, all public school days are used for the year, for having us students here, for snow days, for Rotary supported Victory Gym, for mid-winter break, another day for break, love what Rotary does, and I never had a dollar in my pocket when I was in high school.

Lee Hollmann shared with his Happy Buck, Dearborn Rotary supports 26 scholarships annually for high school students ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$8,500. We also have a \$1,500 veterans scholarship at UM-D, that can be used for books, transportation, etc. which Veterans Affairs Office manages. There are 270 veterans at UM-D. Judge Hunt's veteran's program is also supported by UM-D. Hugh Archer, a former Dearborn Rotarian, who served as a leader in every level of Rotary, was a veteran and we have two \$4,000 high school scholarships for college-bound students plus veterans' scholarship in his memory.

Dearborn Rotary Club meeting closed with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,
David Anderson