



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

March 15, 2018

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Speakers



Our presenters today from the Dearborn Crystallettes (L to R) Allen Cauchon, Stacy Holland, Jillian Furlow, Cassie Wignal, and Shannon Peterson



More pictures at www.dearbornrotary.org/photos



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
3-22-18**

**Greeter
Martha Hnatiuk**

**Guests and Visitors
Martha Hnatiuk**

**Invocation
Travis Furlow**

**50/50
Margaret Blohm**

**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

**3-22-18
Mary Bugeia
Dearborn Garden Club**

**3-27-18
Drbn, Rotary Foundation Mtg
Dbrn Chamber Offices
Noon**

**3-29-18
V.I.P. Day/ Classification Talks**

**4-3-18
Club Board Mtg
Dbrn. Pub. Schools Admin Bldg
5:30PM**

**4-5-18
Club Assembly**

The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

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Thank you Rotarians who have already made your gift to support our clubs \$7,000 goal for the 2017 – 2018 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. Dearborn Rotary's Giving status toward our 2017-2018 EREY goal of \$7,000 is of the 58 members we have, 50% (29ea.) have given. Eighteen are sustaining Members (contributed \$100 or more in a year). The YTD giving total is \$3,740 which is 53% of our \$7,000 commitment. The following have met the Every Rotarian Every Year commitment.

CDG Jim Ives, Diane Ives, Mike Maldegen, Al Martin, Jack & Jane Mueller, John Snyder

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.
- Janice Gilliland 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.

Adopt-A-Highway

April 21st at 8:30am, we will be picking up the trash on Telegraph for our annual spring clean. Meet at Bryant Middle School parking lot.

Meeting Notes

President Bob Gleichauf led today's meeting and we opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Shannon Peterson and was a reading of "Choose to Live in Joy" – good perspective in regards to how quickly life goes by. Today's greeter, Travis Furlow, introduced our five guests – Jack Tate from Dearborn Historical Museum, plus connected with Dearborn Crystalletes (today's program): Stacy Holland, Cassie Wignal, Allen Casachon and Jillian Furlow.

Janice Gilliland is looking for Invocation givers, 50/50 workers, and greeters. Please sign-up on passed clipboard sheet or contact Janice. Have volunteer opportunities for March 29 and April 5, 2018.

Sara Gleicher announced (and had literature on tables about) Healthy Dearborn restaurant program, public hearing on 3-27-2018 at Dearborn Inn regarding proposed DTE generators near Edsel Ford, DTE community meeting at Salina on 3-20-2018, a substance abuse forum on 3-17-2018, Library "Big Read Kickoff" on 3-18-2018 at Performing Arts Center, and Beaumont Health diabetes cooking classes.

Jack Tate, Curator of Dearborn Historical Museum, announced a petition drive to support a five-year 0.375 millage to repair and update Dearborn Historical Museum facilities. Election is August 7, 2018 and Jack has petitions to circulate (due in April 2018) to place millage initiative on ballot. Please volunteer to circulate a petition. President Bob mentioned how Dearborn Rotary has utilized museum facilities for functions.

PP Regan Ford is looking for committee volunteers to help organize upcoming President's Party on June 21, 2018. Party honors outgoing President Bob and takes place of weekly Club meeting. Entertainment for party will be two Gleichauf family members. Committee will meet briefly after a weekly Club meeting.

Bob Gleichauf, Sara Gleicher, Janice Gilliland, Travis Furlow, Ray Trudeau, Jim Ives, Jim Thorpe and Shannon Peterson all did "Happy Buck" announcements. We heard happy to have daughter and Crystalletes here today, it's 80°-90° in Chinandega, Nicaragua for upcoming dental service team project, Bryant Middle School teachers went above and beyond call of duty during a recent incident, a Blue Badge was earned, happy Ray Trudeau is part of Club, happy to be here because having a bad day, happy we had Youth Month, and a family spring break vacation will include a visit to White House.

Neil Allen sold 50/50 raffle tickets today. Merritt Robertson brought up 50/50 raffle bowl for drawing. President Bob drew the winning ticket and Jillian Furlow was winner of \$12.

Today's program, The Dearborn Crystalletes – a Dearborn-based synchronized ice skating team, included two coaches, a parent (coach and former skater) plus two skaters as speakers. Coach Shannon Peterson was introduced by Travis Furlow, a father of a Crystallette. Travis said skating program has changed his family life and includes colors pink and black, 5 AM morning skates, and a daughter developing character and discipline.

Shannon Peterson and her sister became coaches of Crystalletes in 1986. Coaching provided them income for their college studies. Both she and her sister were youth Crystalletes in 1970s. First year they had one team of 17 girls, eleven and under. Next year they had two teams and additional teams were added through years. There are now ten teams and over 120 skaters involved. Five times they have been world team competitors. Their skaters have gone to Finland, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Croatia, and all over the United States. It is an expensive sport. Some skater families provide all the funds, while other skaters fundraise. Both coaches/sisters' daughters have participated in the sport. Shannon provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included video, and speakers from past, present and future of Crystalletes. The 2010 video was created by a team skater and highlighted trust, commitment, perseverance, teamwork and artistry of synchronized team skating. Skating was elaborate and team skaters were all dressed in same attractive wear.

Speaker Allen Casachon is a Westland fireman, a parent of a Crystallette, and a coach. He skated with the Crystalletes between 1987 and 2003 and liked team aspect. He was one of three males on the team. Team skating required before and after school skating plus a commitment to being part of a team. His teammates provided him a social network. Skating team took him around the country and world, which was an awesome experience. Shannon interjected, Allen was like a rock star to some Great Britain girl skaters at a world event. Senior team practices are three or four times per week and involve +14 hours per week. You have to keep yourself in shape for the team.

Stacy Holland is a coach, parent of a Crystallette, and a former skater. She said Shannon's phone call to her mother in 1986 to get Stacy involved with the Crystalletes changed her life. Stacy described experiences of team, travel and friendship through the Crystalletes as a great part of her life. Nine of her bridesmaids were Crystalletes.

Young Jillian Furlow said she has fun at skating practices and enjoys travel to different skating events. She likes her coaches and is friends with the other skaters.

College student Cassie Wignal said her grandmother got her involved with skating at age three through a pair of garage sale skates. Cassie indicates Coach Shannon uses tough love with her skaters. She said representing her country at world events is the best feeling ever. You learn to keep trying. Cassie enjoys friendship with teammates and small differences are gotten over with quickly – they are like a family.

Students from twelve colleges are on the team and some students are from out-of-state. Coach Shannon said skaters learn life lessons from their mistakes. Synchronized skating is time consuming and expensive. They do a lot of fundraising. Beginning cost is \$100. per month and then it increases with skating level. The nine coaches of the Crystalletes keep their coaching fees low because they love the program here in Dearborn. A single synchronized skating coach elsewhere might make combined coaching fee of the nine coaches in Dearborn. There is a Dearborn Crystallette ice show at the DISC in Dearborn, April 14 and 15, 2018, plus there is a Christmas show.

President Bob thanked Shannon and the Crystalletes for their presentation and invited them to sign a book plate for a children's book to be donated to Dearborn Public library. Dearborn Rotary Club meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

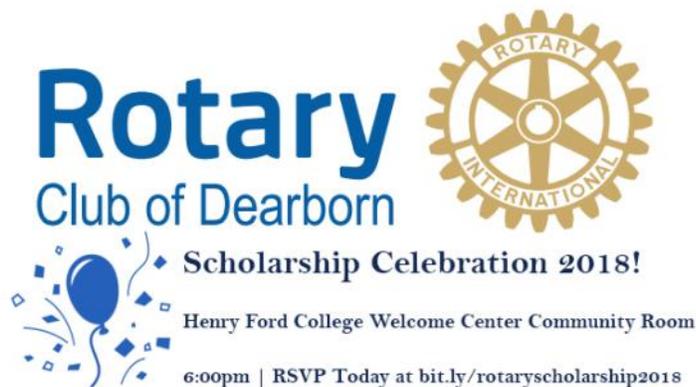
David Anderson

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 Janice Gilliland to volunteer for these duties.
- Scholarship Gala—April 17th at 6:00 PM.
- April 21st is Adopt-A-Highway. Meet at Bryant Middle school at 8:30AM

Scholarship Celebration



Adel Mozip has developed a link to register for this great event. Click [here](#) to register.

Rotary Literacy Efforts

Rotary Clubs worldwide place a focus on increasing literacy. Such importance has been placed on literacy that Rotary International has created a “Rotary Literacy Month” that takes place during the month of **March**.

It has been estimated that a billion people – one-sixth of the world’s population – are unable to read. Illiteracy among adults and children is a global concern in highly industrialized nations and in developing countries. The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year! In the United States, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate. In Wayne County, it is estimated that 33% of adults are functionally illiterate.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human dignity that give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and personal development. Illiteracy is a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

Some of the way Dearborn Rotary is or has supported literacy are working with Pro-Literacy Detroit to mentor adult learners, provided first reader books to new parents on Medicaid, make a donation to the Centennial Library in the name of each of our speakers, and giving out \$55,000+ each year in scholarships to local students.