

# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

March 23, 2017

Jim Ives, Editor

## Thursday's Meeting Summary

President **Regan Ford** led today's meeting, and invocation was done by **Stan Jensen**.

Today's greeter, **Kathleen Gapa**, introduced our three guests, **Bob Hendrixx** (today's speaker) and his two associates, **Martha Koslers**, and **Ronen Dan**.

District Assembly is Saturday, 4-8-2017, at the St. Clair Center in Windsor, Canada. Planned program is good and Dearborn Rotarians are invited, particularly the incoming Board of Directors. Visit the District 6400 website to register.

Incoming Board of Directors for Dearborn Rotary will meet first Tuesday of each month in Room 13 at Dearborn Schools Administration Building or Ten Eyck Center.

**Randy Knight** announced a Fire-side Chat for new Dearborn Rotarians plus existing members at the McFadden-Ross House of the Dearborn Historical Museum on Thursday, 4-13-2017, from 6:30P to 7:30P. There are refreshments plus a tour of the museum after the meeting.

**Maysam Alie-Bazzie** led the 50/50 raffle today. **Glenn Maleyko** was the winner of \$12.

**Margaret Blohm** introduced today's speaker, **Bob Hendrixx**, from The Motown Movement. Three graduate architecture students from the Netherlands started a one-year project to rehab a house in Detroit into sustainable housing.

**Bob Hendrixx** and his two associates decided to travel to further their studies in architecture after completing their bachelor's degrees in the Netherlands. They came to Detroit because of the availability of inexpensive housing. They are concerned about climate change and as future architects, they want to create low budget sustainable housing, so everyone can afford a place to live. Visit their website, [www.themotownmovement.com](http://www.themotownmovement.com), to see their plan and the house they are remodeling into sustainable

housing. They are making a documentary film about their program to retrofit abandoned houses.

The two-family house contains about 3,500 sq. ft. and was purchased from the Detroit Land Bank for \$1,000. They are transforming the house with recycled newspaper insulation, solar panels, wind mill, self-sufficient roof, etc. First floor of house will be an education center for sustainable housing, basement will be a neighborhood community center, and second floor will be occupied by a family who loss their home.

They have local partners assisting in the project and they include: Greening of Detroit, Focus Hope, a Detroit elementary school, Lawrence Technological University, etc. Program will continue to grow after they leave.

The Motown Movement, their one year project, has raised \$26,000. in donations. They are trying to reach \$50,000. in donations, because they will receive a \$50,000. matching grant from Michigan for this project. By joining this project you will receive training in rebuilding sustainable housing in Detroit.

They have learned people in the U.S. are more interested in the money savings from creating sustainable housing, than threat of climate change. In the Netherlands, everyone is concerned about climate change because of level geography and proximity to the ocean.

House next door is being demolished and building material reclaimed. They picked Detroit because it is a shrinking city in population compared to increasing population cities in the Netherlands. They also visited New York, Chicago, and Toronto in their research, but picked Detroit because of the affordable housing.

There is no housing and neighborhoods in the Netherlands like they found in Detroit. There is a great socio-economic difference. They like the spirit of Detroiters. A profession-

al architect is overseeing their work. Three students are providing labor for the updating plus they have four contractors Total project cost including the documentary and operations is about \$230,000.

Estimate it costs about \$20,000. to \$40,000. to make a house sustainable. Family that will live on the second floor will have a \$0.00 energy bill. They will pay a social rent to live there. Goal is to rebuild a house in Detroit every two years and they hope movement will spread across the City.

Houses in the Netherlands are smaller and more energy efficient. They utilize solar, wind, geothermal, double and triple glaze windows. Apartment heating in cities in the Netherlands is usually excess heat from factories and power plants.

West and north sides of the Netherlands border the ocean and dikes protect the flat country. Netherlands have special ocean ships sucking up sand to create new land mass for their country. This has also been done in Dubai.

Training/education center on first floor of house will have 100 things you can do for sustainable housing. They have worked with a civil engineer for some of the house's complex energy/water systems. Solar panels have a four of five year payback period. Each sustainable system has a different payback period. Learned quickly that you have to work with the neighbors for security purposes plus put up fencing. House is located near Highland Park and Focus Hope.

President Regan thanked **Bob Hendrixx** for his informative presentation. Rotary meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,  
Davis Anderson



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
03-30-17**

**Greeter  
Shannon Peterson**

**Guests and Visitors  
Shannon Peterson**

**Invocation  
Stan Jensen**

**50/50  
Kathy Gapa**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

**3-28-17  
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg  
Dbrn. Chamber Offices**

**3-30-17  
Pastor Monica Villarreal, update  
on Flint water**

**4-6-17  
Dr. Janosky, U of M -Dearborn**

**4-11-17  
Dearborn Rotary Club Board Mtg  
Dbrn Schools Admin Bldg 5:30PM**

**4-18-17  
Sara Gleicher, Project Mgr.,  
Healthy Dearborn - Beaumont**

**The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year**

EVERY  

 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR

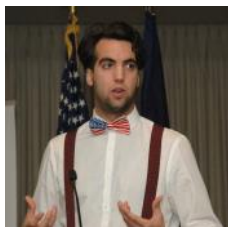
Our goal for annual giving is set at 7,000.00 . If every member contributes to the Rotary Foundation “Every Rotarian Every Year” program, we will make the pledges with no problem. Remember “It’s not about the money, but what the money can do.” The following people have contributed at least \$100 this year to The Rotary Foundation.

[Margaret Blohm](#), [Diane Ives](#), [CDG Jim Ives](#), [Don Karcher](#), [Aldo Martin](#), [Mike Maldegen](#), [Jack & Jane Mueller](#), [Colleen Nieman](#), [Shannon Peterson](#), [Merritt Robertson](#), [Darlene Schoolmaster](#), [Ray Trudeau](#), [Bill White](#).

**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.
- April 13th is the Fireside Chat for new members at the McFadden-Ross House, 915 S. Brady from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. All are welcome, and tours will be available afterwards.

**This Week’s Pictures**

Our speaker this week was  
 Bob Hendrikx. Nice tie.



The Motown Movement  
 group. →

**Scholarship Celebration**

Dearborn Rotary on April 18th will award 27 scholarships to exceptional students from the Dearborn schools. It is a grand celebration, and represents the most money our club issues in any given year. The Scholarship Celebration is from 5PM (registration), Dinner 6-8 PM at the Henry Ford College Welcome Center. It will replacing the regular Thursday lunch meeting for that week (April 20). There is no charge for members who pay in advance since this replaces the regular weekly meeting. Those who pay weekly will pay \$13.00 - the regular cost for lunch. All other guests and visitors will pay \$15.00.

The menu choices are halal chicken or a vegetarian option.

Please sign up for this dinner at the regular Rotary meetings, or contact Kathy Gapa ([gapakathleen@yahoo.com](mailto:gapakathleen@yahoo.com)) or Darlene Schoolmaster ([dschoolmaster@comcast.net](mailto:dschoolmaster@comcast.net)) with your reservation and meal choice. Please come out to support these magnificent students.

## Things to Know About Rotary—Women in Rotary

From 1905 until the 1980s, women were not allowed membership in Rotary Clubs, although Rotarian spouses, including Paul Harris' wife, were often members of the similar "Inner Wheel" Club. Women did play some roles, and Paul Harris' wife made numerous speeches. In 1963, it was noted that the Rotary practice of involving wives in club activities had helped to break down female seclusion in some countries. Clubs such as Rotary had long been pre-dated by women's voluntary organizations, which started in the United States as early as 1790.

The first Irish Clubs discussed admitting women as members in 1912, but the proposal floundered over issues of social class.

Gender equity in Rotary moved beyond the theoretical question when, in 1976, the Rotary Club of Duarte in Duarte, California admitted three women as members. After this club refused to remove the women from membership, in 1978 Rotary International revoked the Club's charter. The Duarte Club filed suit in the California courts, claiming that Rotary Clubs are business establishments subject to regulation under California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which bans discrimination based on race, gender, religion or ethnic origin. Rotary International then appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. The RI attorney argued that "... [the decision] threatens to force us to take in everyone, "like a motel." The Duarte Club was not alone in opposing RI leadership; the Seattle-International District Club unanimously voted to admit women in 1986. The United States Supreme Court, on May 4, 1987, confirmed the Californian decision. Rotary International then removed the gender requirements from its requirements for club charters, and most clubs in most countries have opted to include women as members of Rotary Clubs. The first female club president to be elected was Silvia Whitlock of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA in 1987. By 2007, there was a female trustee of Rotary's charitable wing, The Rotary Foundation, while female district governors and club presidents were common. Women currently account for 15% of international Rotary membership (22% in North America).



The change of the second Rotarian motto in 2004, from "He profits most who serves best" to "They profit most who serve best", 99 years after its foundation, illustrates the move to general acceptance of women members in Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Dearborn in the 1987-88 Rotary year admitted the first women as club members. They were Bea McCray, Ginger Nickloy, Roberta Katona, Alberta Muirhead, and Marge Powell. They all were inducted together so they didn't feel singled out. Roberta Katona was the first female President of the club. Honorary Member Marge Powell is the only one of the 5 from that class still with the club. To date we have 34% of our club members are women.

## New Member Proposal

Pursuant to article XI, Sections 8,9,10, of the bylaws of Dearborn Rotary, the following individual or individuals have been proposed for membership in the classification indicated, and has indicated their willingness to serve. (Sec8.) Any member objecting shall notify the Board of Directors stating their reasons for objection in writing within 10 days of publishing the first notice. (Sec9) Otherwise the member shall be considered duly elected (Sec10.)

Proposed: Travis Furlow

Proposer: Diane Ives

Classification: Business Consultant

## Two Important Meetings Coming Up



If you were contemplating attending the District Conference in Cleveland, you need to act now and get registered. This is a celebration of what our District has done in the current Rotary year, and allows all of us to discover all that is possible in service to others. Please go to [www.rotary6400.org](http://www.rotary6400.org), and click on the District Conference logo at the bottom of the page to start the registration process.

If you were planning on attending the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, you need to act now to avoid an increase in the registration fee. The \$415 registration fee on April 1st will increase to \$490.

This is a celebration of the 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, and you won't want to miss the exceptional speakers lined up (Jack Nicklaus and Bill Gates to name a couple). Please go to the Rotary International Convention site (<http://www.riconvention.org/en>) to start the registration process.

It was at the 1917 Convention in Atlanta that The Rotary Foundation was started. Come to the reunion for an exceptional party.

