

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

March 30, 2017

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Meeting Summary

PE Bob Gleichauf led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Diane Ives.

Today's greeter, Shannon Peterson, introduced our four guests, Rev. Monica M. Villarreal (today's speaker), Jennifer M. Rogers (associate speaker), DG Sue Goldsen, and Warren Rotarian Bob Selwa. All were serenaded in traditional fashion.

District Assembly is Saturday, 4-8-2017, at the St. Clair Center in Windsor, Canada. Visit the District 6400 website to register.

Incoming Board of Directors for Dearborn Rotary is meeting next Tuesday, 4-4-2017, for a short meeting in Room 13 at Dearborn Schools Administration Building or Ten Eyck Center.

Ray Trudeau said recent 14-person dental Vocational Training Team project in Chinandega, Nicaragua was a success. Two dentists from U.S. plus their support staff teamed up with four dentists in Nicaragua to serve the community around the Children of the Dump Project. Volunteers worked from early morning through late afternoon/evening through the week and served about 200 patients.

Diane Ives announced we have a Rotary booth a tomorrow's Dearborn Area Chamber Choice Event at The Henry. Dearborn Rotarians George Darany and Jim Thorpe are both being honored at the event for their non-Rotarian activities.

Kathleen Gapa led the 50/50 raffle today. Margaret Blohm was the winner of \$15.

Colleen Nieman introduced today's two speakers, Rev. Monica M. Villarreal from Salem Lutheran Church in Flint, and Jennifer M. Rogers, an upcoming May graduate from the University of Michigan – Flint in social work. Rev. Monica has a Masters Degree in Social Work. Both spoke on lead and the Flint water crisis.

Rev. Monica through the Lutheran Church has traveled for humanitarian reasons to Latin America and

Africa. Water issues are big in those regions of the world. Water is life and precious. There is still a water crisis in Flint and basic needs of community are not being met. It is estimated 2020 is when the infrastructure improvements will be completed in Flint. Education is a huge part of the lead crisis. Children need proper nutrition to deal with lead poisoning.

We watched a one-year old video about how the Flint water crisis came about. Not a lot has changed since the video was made per Rev. Monica. Food Bank of Eastern Michigan provides 100,000 lbs. of water every two weeks in Flint. The crisis began in 2014 when City of Flint switched from Detroit water to Flint River water for budget reasons. Residents immediately protested smelly water, hair loss, and lead in children. For almost two years the City and State said the water was fine. The 42% poverty rate in Flint means many do not have access to clean water. Transportation is an issue for the poor in obtaining bottled water.

Rev. Monica's church delivers 120,000 lbs. of water weekly. They also provide water filters to residents, which offer some hope, but are not the solution. Salem Lutheran Church was built in 1952 and has galvanized steel pipes. Rev. Monica held up a bottle of yellow/brown water, which was drawn from the Church's tap today. The acidic Flint River water ate away the protective coating on interior of pipes and exposed the rust. It takes a long time for protective coating to build back-up. They are using Detroit water again, but damage to pipes from Flint water remains. They have to replace all the plumbing in the church.

Rev. Monica's church administrator, a mature women, has 15 times the permitted lead level in her blood. Acidic river water exposed residents across Flint to lead from the pipes and plumbing fixtures. They are pushing back on government reports that say Flint water today is okay. Homes and buildings in Flint still have rusty water and high lead lev-

els.

Jennifer M. Rogers did an internship on the Flint water crisis for her upcoming BA degree in social work. She worked with Salem Lutheran in a neighborhood connection committee to seek social justice. They reached out to the poor, elderly and homebound to deliver water and food. Food is important to offset lead poisoning. They try to educate the exposed population regarding lead poisoning.

Salem Lutheran Church is one of three "Help Centers" in City of Flint and is a water distribution center. They have distributed 4,000,000 lbs. of water since 2016. Rev. Monica chairs an advisory board for the Help Centers. Several non-profit groups serve the Help Centers and they look for holistic solutions for the water crises.

Michigan has committed upward of \$237 million for the crisis. Money is for infrastructure and nutrition. The 2018 State Budget has \$140 million for the crisis. 800 service lines have been replaced so far, goal is 6,000 service pipes per year. Cost is \$5,000. per home. 20,000 service lines need to be replaced. Need home owner permission to replace service lines. State of Michigan operates nine water distribution centers in Flint. The State is presently considering closing them as demand for bottle water declines. Poverty rate by Rev. Monica's church is high and there is a high concentration of children. Residents like to obtain gallon jugs of water. They expect they will be using water filters for three years or more. Water crisis has been non-partisan and \$100 million has come from the EPA.

PE Bob presented a check from The Dearborn Rotary Foundation to Rev. Monica to help with the Flint water crisis.

Respectfully submitted,
Davis Anderson



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
04-06-17**

**Greeter
Eric Rader**

**Guests and Visitors
Eric Rader**

**Invocation
Bob Gleichauf**

**50/50
Janice Gilliland**

**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

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

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

**4-13-17
Sara Gleicher, Project Mgr.,
Healthy Dearborn - Beaumont**

**4-18-17
Scholarship Celebration
HFC Welcome Center 5:30—8PM
Replaces 4-20-17 meeting**

**4-20-17
No Meeting**

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.

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.

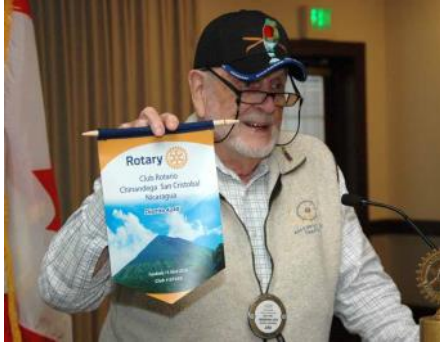
The menu choices are halal chicken or a vegetarian option.

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

Fireside Chat

The Fireside Chat for new Dearborn Rotarians plus existing members is a way to hear Rotary basics, and is part of the Blue Badge program (one of the requirements to get a Blue Badge). It will be held 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.

Pictures from Today



Like a boomerang, Jose Jimenez is back. He presented our club with a banner from the new Rotary Club in Chinandega Nicaragua. Nice hat!



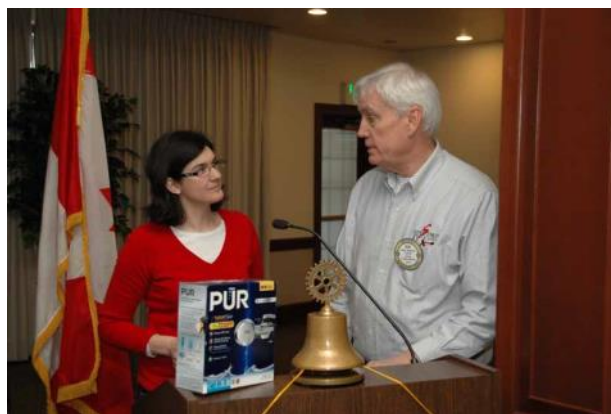
Our speakers Jennifer Rogers (left) and Rev. Monica Villarreal



The water in question.



Filters used in homes.



President Elect Bob Gleichauf presenting a check to Rev. Monica Villarreal for the Flint water effort for \$750 from The Dearborn Rotary Foundation for the purchase of water filters.

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, 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.

