

April 27, 2017

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Meeting Summary

President **Regan Ford** led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by **Colleen Nieman**, who spoke of recent passing of a famous music conductor. She compared conductors to directors. Rotary and Rotarians through service projects and donations act as conductors improving the world. Our work tries to bring out the best in people, just like conductors. She mentioned **Ray Trudeau's** work with the Children of the Dump project.

Today's greeter, **Margaret Blohm**, announced our only guest, **Barb Kaye**, today's speaker. A more detailed introduction came later in the meeting.

Announcements

Merritt Robertson said our prior guest speaker from the Netherlands reached the \$50,000. fundraising goal for their organization's rehabbing a house project in Detroit. By reaching goal, their organization is eligible for a State grant. Group is now looking for a carpenter to work on the house.

A sign-up sheet will be passed next week for a June ceramics evening at HFC, Janice Gilliland announced. It will be kind of like Painting for a Purpose, but with clay. Rotarians, family, and friends are invited to attend.

President Regan said District Conference is in two weeks. Said event will be good and there is a special guest speaker. Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and a Tribe/Twins game are fun events to attend, too.

Bob Gleichauf said second annual Scholarship Gala was a success. Honored students and their parents loved it. Over \$56,000. was given away. Bob enjoyed the pre-dinner visiting time to get acquainted with students and parents.

President Regan thought event brought good exposure to Dearborn

Rotary. He thanked Margaret Blohm for getting City of Dearborn TV to event.

Bob Young was this week's winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Colleen Nieman introduced today's speaker, Physical Therapist, Barb Kaye, from Beaumont Healthcare - Center for Exceptional Families in Dearborn. Rotary International designated April as Mother & Child Health Month. Barb is a product of Dearborn Public Schools and a graduate of Henry Ford College, Wayne State, and University of Indianapolis.

Barb Kaye highlighted one families' experience with Center for Exceptional Families. She had permission to speak about the family because the grandfather has been a Rotarian for 40 years. Grandson had cerebral palsy from a difficult birth. Dr. Susan Youngs and Center for Exceptional Families teaches special needs children and their families on how to live. Barb was the physical therapist for this special needs child, who suffered spasms from the cerebral palsy.

Center for Exceptional Families has a mission statement of "work long and hard together". Children are not isolated; treat whole family. Teach family they live differently as a family. Take all children, regardless of diagnosis. They are moving into autism and developmental delay to provide exceptional care. Organization is 100% donor funded. Red Tie Ball is one of their major fundraising events. University of Michigan - Dearborn School of Education works with the Center.

We watched a video about Center for Exceptional Families and the child with cerebral palsy. Heard about special need children's birthday parties, Halloween Walk, Family Fun Day, Summer Art Camp, support from Dearborn Firefighters, Teenage Girl Night Out, Sibling Camp, Family Fit Zone, and Community Action Day. Barb shared how the child with cerebral palsy eventually succumbed to a nighttime seizure.

The Center has two physicians, two nurse practitioners, three occupational therapists, three speech pathologists, and 2.5 social workers. Staff will grow with their expanding program to serve children with autism.

New autism center will be funded by donations. Physical therapists teach children how to move, walk, ride a bike, roller skate, etc. Their clients remain with them into adulthood. One Rotarian has a family member with Down's Syndrome and the kid and their accomplishments are amazing. Educating children about special needs children is an effective learning tool to help inclusiveness. Sometimes unique skills are needed when special needs child is 6' tall and throwing a tantrum. Sometimes siblings of special needs children feel left out. We heard about one child with limited speech but good computer skills. Treatment for special needs children is costly. Many of the families are on Medicaid. They have special needs children, who have taken their first steps at 8 or 9 years old. There is a waiting list to get into the program. They take all children.

President Regan thanked Barb Kaye for her presentation and invited her to sign a copy of a children's book for the Dearborn Public Library. She was given the Dearborn Rotary signing pen.

Rotary meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison
Respectfully submitted,
David Anderson



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
05-04-17**

**Greeter
Kathy Gapa**

**Guests and Visitors
Kathy Gapa**

**Invocation
Jim Thorpe**

**50/50
Bob Gleichauf**

**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

**5-4-17
Fordson Interact Student's Trip to
Dominican Republic**

**5-9-17
Club Board Meeting 5:30PM
Dbrn Schools Admin Bldg**

**5-11-17
Wayne County Commissioner Gary
Woronchak**

**5-18-17
V.I.P Day**

**5-23-17
Dearborn Rotary Foundation
Board Meeting Noon
Dbrn. Chamber Offices**

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, Lee Hollmann, 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, Bob Young.

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.

The Newest Younis

Congratulations to Waseem and Laurene Younis on the new addition to their family.



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Rotary Ideas

Minority Membership

Rotary formally considered the issue of racial restriction in membership and determined that the organization could not allow racial restrictions to the organization's growth. In Rotary's legislative deliberations in June 1921, it was formally determined that racial restrictions would not be permitted. Non-racialism was included in the terms of the standard constitution in 1922, required to be adopted by all member Clubs.

Rotary and other service clubs in the last decade became open to homosexual membership. Other minorities, in the face of general changes in demographics are also encouraged to join.

Tolerance of Differences

Tolerance is one of the most important virtues in the Rotary spirit. As early as 1911 our founder Paul Harris in his essay "Rational Rotarianism" said, "If by interposition of Providence I someday were to find myself standing on a platform in some great Coliseum looking into the eyes of every living Rotarian, and were to be told that I could have one word to say, without an instant's hesitation and at the top of my voice, I would shout 'Toleration!'"

Our founder Paul Harris has repeatedly iterated: "Rotarians respect each other's opinions and are tolerant and friendly at all times. Catholics, Protestants, Moslems, Jews, and Buddhists break bread together in Rotary." And it is this tolerant attitude that prompted the Rotary International to adopt the following statement in 1933: "Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts (differences), and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country." Tolerance is a key to

The Concept of Dues

Rotary was almost bankrupt in 1915. Frank Mulholland, then President, realizing the seriousness and urgency of the situation, conceived the simple idea of asking Rotarians each to contribute a dollar. This commonsense method of raising a sizable amount of money proved quite successful; Rotary has not been financially embarrassed since that time. understanding among different peoples and nations.