

# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

May 4, 2017

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 Jim Thorpe, who shared his inner Jedi since it was "May 4 be with you".

Today's greeter was **Kathleen Gapa**. Our guests were today's speakers from Fordson High School Interact Club.

### Announcements

**Susan Dabaja** is selling tickets for Dearborn Education Foundation Green Tie Dinner. Event is on May 16, 2017 from 5 PM to 7 PM at The Henry and cost is \$75.00. She also has 50/50 raffle tickers for sale for a \$25,000. grand prize. Tickets are \$100. and only 500 will be sold.

**Margaret Blohm** announced Bill White is being honored as the 2017 Michigan Banker of the Year by Michigan Bankers Association. Award will be presented in June.

**Merritt Robertson** reminded us about "Every Rotarian, Every Year". We are \$2,500. short of our goal. Club has received a \$500. matching challenge grant for donations. Rotary International Foundation uses donations for eradicating polio, clean water filters, etc.

**Neil Allen** led 50/50 drawing this week. **Glenn Maleyko** was the winner of \$12.

Glenn Maleyko introduced our two Fordson High School Interact student guest speakers, **Jamal and Fatima**. He said two Interact advisors at Fordson, **Sanaa Ayoub** and **Eman Naura**, have been inspirational to the club. The two are sharing their experiences with Dearborn High, Edsel Ford and Divine Child Interact Clubs. Fordson Interact Club members have also been active in student governor conference.

Students said their service project was in Village of LaRomana in Dominican Republic and took place during 2017 spring break in March. There were nine students and an advisor. They spent three days helping to build a school in middle of sugar cane fields. A visit to an orphanage, an ecological founda-

tion, plus a historic Portuguese fort were also part of their service project.

School was being built in village because other closest school was a one hour walk. Most of the children in village had no shoes. Their project also included buying flip flops, toiletries (particularly tooth brushes and paste), and some other essentials.

Students were amazed on how happy all the village children were. Children created their own toys and they included sticks, empty water bottles, and old tires. Visit was a humbling experience for Fordson Interact volunteers.

Village children helped with building the school. Kids filled wheel barrels full of sand for making the concrete. They turned the project into a game. Village kids made work project fun. Fordson Interact students worked on concrete walls for the school.

Their partial day visit to all boy orphanage was most moving to the volunteers. Every child in orphanage (22 of them) thought of each other as brothers. They brought necessities to orphanage and spent time playing games with the children. Women ran the orphanage.

Ecological foundation and museum were part of a national park and they learned about endangered species and bee hives. Fort they visited was from the 1500s.

Students did construction work and school is expected to open soon. Media does not show you the poverty in the world and this trip educated students about poverty. Diane Ives told students not to doubt their impact on the world because they are 17 years old. This project had an impact because of their work contribution. Organizer of project is a Dominican Republican gentleman named Moises, a Rotarian and hospital administrator. He grew up in poverty and is now giving back. This was a local Rotary project and multiple volunteer groups have donated labor and supplies to build the school.

Students did their supply shopping in Dominican Republic and based

purchases on needs. Found volunteer opportunity on the internet. They stayed at a resort about 30 minutes away from the village. It was more secure to stay at a resort and facilities were better for the students plus less expensive.

Dearborn Rotary Club Foundation made a \$2,000. donation for the project. This helped purchase sand, gravel, wood, paint, etc. Fordson students also donated to help kids they visited. They bought \$500. in groceries for the orphanage and spent \$150. on flip flops, etc. Each child they visited received a toy. It is cheaper to buy donated items in Dominican Republic rather than ship them there. Village where they worked on the school had no electricity or running water. Bathing was a challenge in the village.

Travis Furlow shared a study about paper clips and children's age changing creativity. He thought Fordson students did amazing creative things.

Fordson Interact Club has 30 active members. All their events are community service. They have collected canned goods and toiletries for Syrian refugees. Club is holding a prom on May 19, 2017 for disabled kids.

Glenn Maleyko said its great students are taking the initiative. Teacher advisors they have are a good fit. Seniors and juniors are a good influence on sophomores and freshman. Glenn said feedback from students who attended Dearborn Rotary Youth Month is all positive. Students enjoyed visiting with Rotarians. Glenn promised to share a ten minute video of the student's service trip to the Dominican Republic with the Club. Video will be presented at next School Board Meeting.

Rotary meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Anderson



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
05-11-17**

**Greeter  
Maysem Alie-Bazzi**

**Guests and Visitors  
Maysem Alie-Bazzi**

**Invocation  
Maysem Alie-Bazzi**

**50/50  
Glenn Maleyko**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

**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**

**5-25-17  
Andrew Dixon, ITM Association  
coding camps, U of M D**

**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.

**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: Sara Gleicher  
 Proposer: Hassen Hammoud  
 Classification: Healthy Lifestyles

## Pictures from Today



Our featured speakers today from the Fordson HS Interact Club speaking on their volunteer trip to the Dominican Republic.



President Elect Bob Gleichauf being interviewed by Rotarian Sue Dabaja for cable TV.



The video that was mentioned during our meeting can be found at the following link.

<https://youtu.be/T4FZmYpuTKE>



Interact Faculty Advisor is essential person in the success of an Interact Club



Interactors and both of the Faculty Advisors.



## More Rotary Firsts

- Rotary established the “Endowment Fund” in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name “Rotary International” in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis.
- The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift in 1929 of US \$500 to the National Society for Crippled Children, later Easter Seals, founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA. Paul Harris served as chair of the organization.

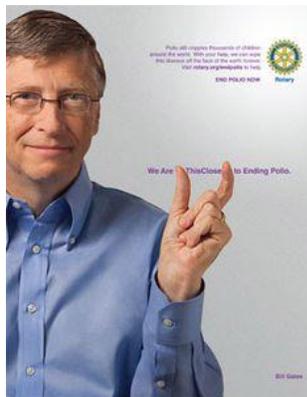
## Definition of Rotary

How do you describe the organization called “Rotary”?

There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club, as well as the activities of over a million Rotarians — there are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary’s Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications: “Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, “What is a Rotary club?”



It is great to have someone like Bill Gates on our side to fight Polio.