

May 11, 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 **Maysam Alie-Bazzi**, who spoke of community, respect, service and other positive thoughts.

Today's greeter was **Kathy Kalil**. Our one guest was **Charlie Davis** from Detroit Rotary and his 50 years of perfect Rotary attendance was recognized. **Dan Hogan** received a welcome back.

### Announcements

**Janice Gilliland** passed a sign-up sheet for greeters, invocations givers, and 50/50 volunteers. She is looking for volunteers for June and the summer.

**Rick Goward** and **Merritt Robertson** both spoke of "Every Rotarian, Every Year". End of Rotary year is coming shortly and our Club has not met its donation goal to Rotary International Foundation. Rick said he uses his Visa Card to donate monthly to Foundation automatically.

**Lee Hollmann** announced today is a special day for Merritt Robertson and his wife, Mary. They have been married 60 years. Merritt was serenaded with a rendering of Happy Anniversary. Behaviors per Merritt to being happily married for 60 years are: "Yes Dear, What would you like to do?, and I love you".

**Neil Allen** led 50/50 drawing this week with an assist from **Glenn Maleyko** and **Kathy Kalil**. **Bob Ziolkowski** was the winner of \$22. Today's speaker was Wayne County Commissioner **Gary Woronchak**, who is also Chairman of the Commission. He has also been Editor of the Dearborn Press & Guide plus a State Representative.

Gary said he is a product of Dearborn Public Schools. He graduated from both Henry Ford Community College and University of Michigan—Dearborn with degrees in political science.

He was a journalist with the Dearborn Press & Guide for 20 years. As a 19 year photographer he took one

of the last public event photographs of a healthy Mayor Orville Hubbard at an Edsel Ford event. As a journalist, Gary covered Mayors Hubbard, O'Reilly, Sr., and Guido. He lost his Editor's position in a corporate newspaper restructuring.

Gary's first attempt at public office was running for State Representative in 1996 and it turned out to be a landslide defeat for him. He won the seat in 1998 and was term limited out of the House after six years. In 2004, Gary was elected to Wayne County Commission and has served there since. He was elected Chairman of the Commission in 2011 by other Commissioners.

"A Citizen's Guide to Wayne County Government, 2017-2018 Edition" was distributed to all in attendance. We heard about: charter counties, commission/legislative branch, executive branch, about 130,000 residents per district, Gary's is Dearborn and Allen Park, 15 commissioners and districts, two-year terms, Guardian Building in Downtown Detroit is seat of county government, \$1.5 billion budget, county road division, county courts, county prosecutor, public health regulations, register of deeds, county clerk, county treasurer, drains division, pollution control, senior services, etc.

We also heard about: Gary served with Kwame Kilpatrick in state house, 2008 collapse of the housing market, county fiscal crisis and loss \$100 million in revenue in one year, bad ending of Robert Ficano administration, current stable financial condition, County Executive Warren Evans, Wayne County jail and court system and suspended jail project, and Dan Gilbert. Jail went way over budget because "scope of the project" kept changing. Dispute between contractor and County has been settled.

Recent regional transit vote was a narrow defeat and another transportation ballot initiative will probably take place. Hoping newly opened Q-Line will have a positive impact on voters.

Edsel Ford humanities program he was exposed to in high school was

described as remarkable and revolutionary by Gary. Program blended English, art and music. Gary stumbled into newspaper business via a transfer out of an advanced math class in eleventh grade to a journalism class.

Aerotropolis and Pinnacle projects near Detroit Metropolitan Airport have been failures. County is still promoting development around airport. Nothing major is happening, though.

Gary responds to constituents who complain about lilac bushes in median of Outer Drive being overgrown and obstructing automobile sight lines. Several automobile accidents have occurred because of obstructed views. A county road crew was sent out to resolve the problem. According to our club member, road crew did not trim enough to reduce the sight obstruction hazard.

Wayne County Economic Development Department promoted sale of Warren Valley Golf Course to a private residential developer. County listened to complaints of local residents regarding sale of course and proposed development. City of Dearborn Heights is now proposing to purchase the golf course and it will probably remain a golf course.

Every two years County Commissioners elect a chairperson. First two cycles as chairperson, he had opponents. Last two cycles, he has had no opponents. Next year will be his 14<sup>th</sup> year on the Commission.

State Senator Morris Hood is planning on retiring. Gary is hoping to run for state senate. Primary will essentially decide who will win this state senate seat. This senate district is gerrymandered.

President Regan thanked Commissioner Gary Woronchak for his presentation. Rotary meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Anderson



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
05-18-17**

**Greeter  
Kathy Kalil**

**Guests and Visitors  
Kathy Kalil**

**Invocation  
Susan Dabaja**

**50/50  
Zeinab Debajeh**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

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

**5-23-17  
Dearborn Rotary Foundation  
Board Meeting Noon**

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

**6-1-17  
Regan Ford  
Report on District 6400 District  
Conference**

**6-8-17  
Classification Talks**

**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.

**Award Presented at District Conference**

CDG Jim Ives was awarded the H. William Ives Lifetime Achievement Award for all the service he has provided to Dearborn Rotary, District 6400, and Rotary International over the past 26 years. It was a huge surprise, and it was particularly meaningful as the namesake of the ward passed away in December.

## The Four Way Test



Herb Taylor, the author for the Rotary Four Way Test

The Four-Way Test was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The Four-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers. The survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became President of Rotary International during 1954-55. The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943.

“Of the things we think, say or do” —

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”