



# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

January 30, 2020

Jim Ives, Editor

## Today's Meeting

Dina Kansa with BuildOn,  
U of M Dearborn



Dmitri Kustamikov with  
BuildOn, U of M Dearborn



Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
2-06-20

Greeter  
*Kathy Gapa*

Invocation  
?

50/50  
*Danene Charles*

X-Ray Editor  
*David Anderson*

### Future Meetings

2-04-20  
Club Board Meeting  
DPS Admin Bldg 5:30PM

2-06-20  
Youth Month Starts  
History and Purpose of Rotary  
PP Bob Gleichauf

2-13-20  
?

2-20-20  
?

2-25-20  
Drbn Rotary Foundation Bd. Mtg  
Dale Bender's Office Noon

EVERY  
 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR

## The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

Rotarians have an obligation to support one of the finest charitable organizations in the world; The Rotary Foundation. This foundation makes it possible for our club to participate in receiving matching grant funds for our next year's Rotary projects. This is made possible because of your contributions to The Rotary Foundation (Every Rotarian Every Year Giving). All contributions received before June will be credited to this year's giving. Our goal for the 2019-20 Rotary year is \$5,200. Those contributing at least \$100 this year are:

**CDG Jim Ives, Don Kosch, Al Martin, PP John McDonald, PN Shannon Peterson, Pres. Eric Rader, PP Merritt Robertson**

**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.
- February starts Youth Month. Come have fun speaking with the area high school students every meeting in February, with them running the last meeting of the month.

## Service Opportunities

As a way to keep club members informed about service opportunities in Rotary, we have added a section specifically designed to highlight those opportunities for either volunteerism, or Rotary enrichment and education. Review this each week, and take advantage of the opportunities to learn more about this great organization we belong to, or the opportunities to serve.

- Every week we need Greeters, Invokers, and 50/50 raffle workers. Please contact Janice Gilliland to volunteer for these duties.

## Save the Date

- April 18th or 25th will be the Adopt A Highway Spring pick-up (confirmation of date to follow).
- April 21st "Scholarships Celebration". This will replace the regular noon meeting on April 23rd.

## Meeting Notes

Club President Eric Rader led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Bob Gleichauf and said Danene Charles and he met with our Youth Month participants (begins next week) and they are a great group of kids. Bob also mentioned the coronavirus and Rotary Service. Today's greeter was Kathy Kalil and we had four guests: Dina Kanso and Dmitry Kustourmikov (today's speakers), Dan Houston (guest of Rick Goward) and Andria Robinson from State Senator Sylvia Santana's office. Michigan legislative updates were on all our tables plus her business card.

### Announcements

President Eric thanked Rick Goward for all his work on past Saturday's Big Band, Bop and Pop Concert. It was a fun evening, Eric reported, and he promoted Rotary and our Club from stage at beginning of concert. President Eric also said he recently shared our Club's accomplishments at a mid-year Rotary President's meeting in Windsor. District Conference is coming-up in Mid-May at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Event is family friendly and visit District 6400 webpage for more information. There is a Club Board meeting this Tuesday (2-4-2020) at 5:30 PM at DPS School Administration Building. Any Rotarian may attend. Come out to our February Thursday luncheon meetings and support our high school student guests during Youth Month.

Kathy Kalil thanked Rick Goward for recent concert evening and for taking Neil Allen's concert advice. Kathy passed a sign-up sheet and is looking for volunteers to share about their profession for "My Potential" Mentoring program career days at Fordson HS (3-24-2020, 12:20P-1:20P) and Dearborn High (3-11-2020, 10:30A-Noon).

Bob Gleichauf said Club recently received a thank you note from a recipient family regarding a \$200. Meijer or Kroger holidaygift card that Dearborn Rotary Foundation purchased and distributed.

A sign-up sheet for upcoming Greeter, Invocation, and 50/50 raffle positions was passed by Janice Gilliland. Contact Janice if you would like to volunteer. There are plenty of 2020 volunteer opportunities, some next week.

Martha Hnatiuk led 50/50 drawing today. Guest Dina Kanso drew winning ticket and Janice Gilliland was the winner of \$13.

Jim Ives, Martha Hnatiuk, Rick Goward and Roger Miller all had "Happy Bucks" announcements. Happy coronavirus has nothing to do with Coruna beer. Students applying for our scholarships are fantastic. Thank you Lee Hollmann and the Scholarship Committee for all the hard work you are doing documenting our scholarship program. Thank you Bob Gleichauf and Roger Miller for all the work you do on our big and small Rotary projects. Thank you Rick Goward for all your work arranging recent fundraising concert. Thank you Bob Gleichauf for bringing Jean Allen to recent concert that was dedicated to Neil Allen. Thank you Neil Allen – my autistic grandsons loved visiting your model train set-ups. Just happy to be here and happy.

Dina Kanso and Dmitry Kustourmikov (today's speakers) are from University of Michigan – Dearborn Chapter of Build-On, an international non-profit organization whose goal is to break cycle of poverty, illiteracy and low expectations through education and service. Build-On has been around since 1991 and one of its goals is to build schools in third world countries. About 1/8 or 750 million of world's population is illiterate. Build-On has built schools in Nepal, Guatemala, Nicaragua, etc. 1,609 schools have been built since 1991. Build-On also does adult literacy programs in foreign countries. Organization has provided 2,675,138 volunteer work days.

Dina is a second year student and Dmitry is a first year. Their chapter's goal is to raise \$30,000., cost to build a school in a foreign country. UM-D Chapter has 15 members, so each student is expected to raise \$2,000. Chapter did fundraising on "Giving Blue Day" back in December on campus.

Interested chapter members will travel to a foreign country to help build a school and project is called "TREK". They stay with a host family and remain in the country for one week. It is a cultural experience for the students. Since this is first year of Build-On at UM-D, they are only sending two students abroad on TREK. Each student pays an additional \$900. for expenses plus pays flight to foreign country.

Bob Gleichauf, Ray Trudeau, Laila Dakroub and David Anderson all had questions or comments. Local community in foreign country provides land and raw materials for the school. Build-On sends professional builder staff members to supervise unskilled labor and to watch out for students. Local governments promise to operate school if Build-On builds and pays for materials to build school. It takes about five months to build a school. First ten days is usual time to build the foundation. Students plan to learn cultural competency from the experience. Dina is studying to be a social worker and Dmitry is studying computer science. Their names and pictures are on fundraising webpage.

President Eric thanked Dina Kanso and Dmitry Kustourmikov for their presentation and invited them to sign a children's book to be donated to Dearborn Public Library. Dearborn Rotary Club meeting closed with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson