



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

February 11, 2021

Jim Ives, Editor



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
02-18-21**

**Greeter
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**Invocation
Jim Thorpe**

**50/50
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**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

**2-18-21
Laura Edwards
Friends of the Rouge**

**2-25-21
Marge Powell Remembered
Margaret Blohm and Val Murphy**

**3-2-21
Club Board Meeting
5:30PM**

3-4-21

3-11-21

Today's Meeting



Our Zoomers Thursday. We had 18 members, and 3 guests . Please follow the [link](#) to the recording of the meeting.



Our speaker was Sharlene Denise Harmon, a social worker from The Guidance Center

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 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 2021 will be credited to this year's giving. Our goal for the 2020-21 Rotary year is \$7,000, of which we have to date raised \$3,260. Those contributing at least \$100 this year are:

Janice Gilliland, CDG Jim Ives, Kathy Kalil, Al Martin, PP Roger Miller, PP Eric Rader

If interested in contributing to The Rotary Foundation, please fill out [this form](#) and send to Jim Thorpe.

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 Jim Ives 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 District 6400 Conference is going virtual!

As your District Governor, I have made this decision in compliance with Rotary International's advisory to take all meetings virtual though June 30th of this year. I know so many of us were looking forward to getting together – no one was more excited for an in-person event than Captain Rotary!

However, in the face of the many realities confronting us with the global COVID-19 pandemic, we need to do whatever we can to mitigate the virus's spread. As a humanitarian organization, it is our obligation to protect our members, their families, our communities, and the world by doing our part to ensure safety in our gathering choices. By following this advisory, we will be contributing to mitigating the pandemic, thus contributing to our future ability to be able to meet in-person and to carry out the incredible mission of Rotary International without the current restrictions limiting the means by which we are able to do so.

As a health care professional, I learn everyday about not only the illness of COVID-19, but of the long-range effects and future illness that may develop when one is exposed to it. No amount of fun can be worth lost lives or chronic illness. When this pandemic began, none of us could have realized how very serious it could be or had any idea of how long this virus's impacts on our daily lives would last.

I thank everyone on the District Conference committee who worked tirelessly registering people, planning and dedicating time and energy into the orchestration of what we hoped would be a tremendous celebration in the form of in-person fellowship. It was a labor of love, and I want them all to know how very much I appreciate their efforts. Over the last year, Rotary has been tested, as we all have. Rotarians have been called on to be adaptable and creative. Our virtual conference will be another opportunity to rise to that challenge and share all that Rotary accomplishes in our clubs and the fellowship we share for each other.

Debbie and I can't wait to celebrate with as many of you as possible during our virtual conference and help us to celebrate the 2020-21 Rotary Year, where I have been honored to serve as District Governor. The virtual conference will be Tuesday, May 4th and Wednesday, May 5th.

We're very excited about our great program! Our virtual conference will have many of the same elements of an in-person gathering! We'll be celebrating our club's many accomplishments and presenting awards to both clubs and individual Rotarians. Our speakers will include Chief Giima LaForme, the elected Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) in Ontario; Windsor-Roseland Rotarian and Rotary International President-Nominee Jennifer Jones; DG Noel will review the 2020-21 Rotary year, and DGE Aruna will look ahead to 2021-22!

Please click [here](#) to register, even though you may have registered for the in person conference..

Meeting Notes

Club President Colleen Nieman led today's meeting, which was on-line via Zoom. Socializing was ongoing at 11:29 AM with 10 participants. Formal meeting began at 11:35 AM with the ringing of the cowbell. Attendance was 21 over course of the meeting, with some coming and going. We had three guests, our two speakers, plus Shiva Gumate, soon to be Dearborn Rotarian. Kathy Kalil did the Invocation and recognized Black History Month plus Dr. J. Drew Lanham, African American ornithologist and poet (she credited him with one of the lines of her reading), and she mentioned skin, heart, character, voice, intentions, we are all linked together by common origin, and one God who created us all.

2021 District Conference is now a virtual event on May 4 and 5, 2021, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, President Colleen announced. Grand Hotel District Conference on Mackinac Island has been cancelled due to Covid-19 and policy of Rotary International regarding events during the pandemic. Register at District 6400 website for virtual event plus get information regarding refunds for cancelled Grand Hotel Conference.

President Colleen announced Club Board has cancelled April 6, 2021 Scholarship Gala. David Anderson announced there is a Scholarship Committee Meeting on Zoom after today's Rotary Meeting. Lee Hollmann believes we have received the last of our scholarship applications and the committees can commence reviewing the applicants. President Colleen invited us to stay for group photograph at end of today's meeting.

Sharlene Denise Harmon and Leah Thomas, our guest speakers, are two social workers from The Guidance Center and were introduced by President Colleen. Sharlene is a Recruiter and Leah is a Team Lead for Treatment Care Oregon Program, which serves children with emotional problems. They are going to speak about how you can become a therapeutic parent in their program.

Ms. Harmon was first speaker and they had a PowerPoint Presentation. Treatment Care Program began in Eugene, Oregon 30 years ago and it has become an international program. The Guidance Center is the first to implement the program in Michigan. It is an alternative to sending children to group or institutional settings for care. Traditional foster care was compared to therapeutic treatment care. Children in foster care are typically placed for one year and they do not receive any special care. Therapeutic program typically is for 6 to 9 months, children learn coping skills from their therapeutic parent, and return to their families. Therapeutic foster parents receive special training about the program through The Guidance Center to serve these children.

Therapeutic parents can see another point of view and listen. They have experience raising a child and are willing to provide higher care with ability and patience. Teach how to tie shoes, do chores, etc. Treatment plan can change based on stress level of the child. Therapeutic parents have weekly support meetings with The Guidance Center Team. The child's parents are briefed.

Ms. Thomas said appropriate ages for this treatment are children 7 to 11 years old with mental health needs and emotional disturbances. It is a voluntary therapy program. Team Lead is the lead clinician in all aspects of the child's treatment. There are daily reports and stress level of child is monitored. Treatment program is evaluated daily. Therapy continues after child is returned to their own home and therapist is an advocate for the child. Licensed therapeutic parent is a skill coach, a "fun" person, and utilizes positive reinforcement. Therapeutic parents have to undergo 12 hours of training on the Oregon Treatment Program, have first aid and lifesaving skills, be familiar with HIPPA Law, and converse with treatment team for 6 to 9 months about each child. Children's families are evaluated before child is returned to see if they can follow prescribed mental health treatment for the child.

Therapeutic parent licensing process is thorough and requires references. Alternative caregivers must be identified. Parents need to have income outside of this program. Children need individual bedrooms. Single people can be a therapeutic parent. The Guidance Center matches the child with the appropriate therapeutic parent and tries to make child feel comfortable with their placement. Children can possibly go on a family vacation with therapeutic parent. Try to match children in homes with similar faith beliefs of their actual parents. Therapeutic parents do not meet actual parents.

President Colleen, Cindy Cannon, Bob Gleichauf, Margaret Blohm, David Anderson, Jean Overman, and Val Murphy-Goodrich all had questions or comments. This is a new program for The Guidance Center. They have not licensed a therapeutic parent yet, but want to start placing children, soon. Program tries to serve mental health needs of children and keep them out of State institutions. There is 24-hour special care support for the program. Therapeutic parents do not need a mental health background, just experience in raising kids. Frequently children in foster care never return to their biological families due to legal, abuse or addiction problems. Oregon Treatment Program focuses on children with mental health needs and is voluntary. When changes are made, the child gradually returns home with monitored visits. The Guidance Center is visiting organizations to get information out about this new program. Therapeutic parents can have their own children in the home but they look for a minimum of two years older or younger than placed child. All children in Wayne County are eligible for this program. Therapeutic parents can live outside of Wayne County. First step to become a therapeutic parent is to get licensed by the State of Michigan as a foster home. Then therapeutic parent has to complete Oregon Treatment Program training. Are you available to speak at a program on Monday that has 52 churches participating? Will share Safe Community Coalition contact information with you. Therapeutic parents are paid \$75. per day as a contractual employee plus \$17. per day for child's room and board.

President Colleen thanked Sharlene Denise Harmon and Leah Thomas for their presentation. It was group photograph time and Angie Linder asked everyone to smile and snapped a photo. Today's meeting closed with members reciting the Four-Way Test in unison plus President Colleen encouraging us to enjoy the sunshine and have a great week.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson

Meeting Notes**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the President Elect of Rotary International to serve as President in the 2021-22 Rotary year. This year's International Assembly, which is usually held in person and is a weeklong session with the incoming District Governors, was virtual this year. This is also the time when the President Elect announces their theme for the coming Rotary year.

Shekhar wrote a poem to highlight his theme:

The biggest gift we are given
 Is the power to touch a life
 To change, to make a difference
 In the circle of life.
 If we can reach out
 With our hands, heart, and soul
 The magic will begin to happen
 As the wheel begins to roll ...
 Let's turn the wheel together
 So all humanity thrives
 We have the power and the magic
 To serve ... to change lives ...

At this moment, I urge you, wherever you are seated, to put your hand on your heart and pledge with me: **WE HAVE THE POWER AND THE MAGIC TO SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

It is especially nice to see that our 2021-22 District Governor for D-6400 is Aruna Koushik from the Windsor Roseland Rotary Club. Aruna is a descendant of India, and has done numerous Polio National Immunization days there. With her ties to India, the work done there, and the new R.I. President from India, this should be a very good year for the Governor Elect.