



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

February 13, 2020

Jim Ives, Editor

Today's Meeting



Our speaker Jaycie Giordano from the Children's Leukemia Foundation



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
2-20-20

Greeter
Laila Dakroub

Invocation
?

50/50
Angie Linder

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

2-20-20
?

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

2-27-20
Mayor John O'Reilly

3-04-20
Club Board Meeting
DPS Admin Bldg. 5:30PM

3-05-20
Students run the Meeting

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 \$5,300, of which we have to date raised \$2,960. We have also contributed over \$500 for Polio Eradication, \$400 over our goal of \$100. 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.

The Rotary Foundation Contributions



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 21st "Scholarships Celebration". This will replace the regular noon meeting on April 23rd
- April 25th will be the Adopt A Highway Spring pick-up.
- July 18th will be the Adopt A Highway Summer pick-up
- September 26th will be the Adopt A Highway Fall pick-up

Meeting Notes

Today was second meeting of Youth Month and President Elect Colleen Nieman led meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by PE Colleen and she spoke of one person cannot do everything, but everyone can do something. Invocation closed with a period of "be still" to help us deal with stress in our lives. Today's greeter, Martha Hnatiuk, introduced our four adult guests: Jackie Lovejoy (guest of Jim Thorpe), R. Cindy Cannon (guest of Margaret Blohm), Jaycie Giordano (today's speaker), and Nadia Moussa from Fordson High School. Our Youth Month guests each stood-up and introduced themselves.

President Elect Colleen welcomed our Youth Month guests. She reminded us to sign-up for Rotary District 6400 Conference, May 15-17, 2020 at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Event is family friendly and visit District 6400 webpage for more information.

Kathy Kalil passed a sign-up sheet 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). Contact Kathy to volunteer.

Shannon Peterson and Merritt Robertson led 50/50 drawing today. Merritt drew winning ticket and Ray Trudeau was winner.

ATA student Cargwe Daniels, Danene Charles, Shannon Peterson, Bob Gleichauf, and President Elect Colleen all had "Happy Bucks" announcements. I am happy. Happy for support for ATA heart association fundraiser. ATA students who make donations to fundraiser have a casual day dress code on Friday. My second child is getting their degree from UM-D in April. Happy guest Jackie Lovejoy shared her 50/50 tickets with her tablemates. Happy there was no snow day today.

Jaycie Giordano from Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan was today's speaker. She has a master's degree in social work from University of Michigan and previously worked in foster care in Colorado.

Her organization serves both children and adults. Three main types of blood cancers are leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. Blood cancers are 10% of all cancers. Via a show of hands, many people attending today's meeting knew of someone with blood cancer. There are 18 new cases diagnosed daily in Michigan and approximately 43,000 suffering from the disease in Michigan. One in 24 cases is a pediatric patient. Survival rate used to be 10%, but now is 90%. There are 1.4 million cases in the U.S. Disease is a life changing event. There are hospital stays, financial hardships, and frequently depression. Even with traditional insurance, out of pocket cost is typically \$3,900. Frequently patient has to stop working. Caregivers also frequently quit working to help a patient, be it child or spouse. There are unexpected costs of transportation, eating out and lodging during hospitalization.

Their organization began almost 70 years ago by a family who lost a child to the disease. Brown Family and several other families struck by the disease bonded together to create an organization to make sure no other family went through the disease alone.

Leukemia Foundation connects with hospitals and social workers. They provide compassionate support to people who have been diagnosed with the disease. There are 40 different types of blood cancers, nine are prominent. All ages are supported and there are no income requirements.

Majority of leukemia patients are in Metro Detroit and Grand Rapids area and this reflects the population distribution. There are only three bone marrow transplant hospitals in Michigan. Two are located in Detroit and one in Grand Rapids. Patients from all over the State, including the Upper Peninsula, travel to these three hospitals for treatment. They must stay within 30 miles of the transplant hospital for 30 days after the procedure.

Leukemia Foundation provides emotional and financial support plus disease education. They have personalized casework, social workers, support groups, an educational library at their Farmington Hills office, and annual financial grants of \$1,000. plus \$750. per patient. First is for expenses associated with treatment of disease - medicine, food, lost wages, lodging, etc. Second is for other everyday life expenses such as utilities, car repair, etc. There is also a special 100-day lodging fund for those undergoing a bone marrow transplant.

Social support programs are created by Leukemia Foundation to bring some fun into the lives of the patients and caregivers. Detroit Pistons and Tigers are generous in their donations of tickets to these families. Some fun programs are designed for younger children, others for teenagers and others for adults. Leukemia Foundation hosts movie nights, bowling parties, skating outings, dinners, holiday parties, scavenger hunts at Detroit Zoo, etc. There is a holiday toy program. In 2019 they gave gifts to 674 children and 268 families. Children 12 and under received a box of toys and kids 13 to 18 received Visa gift cards.

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is funded 100% through philanthropy. Corporations, foundations, community fundraisers and individuals are their supporters. They have a four-star rating from Charity Navigator. 70% of money goes back to community where originated. Individuals can donate money, volunteer, organize a group fundraiser, participate in Kroger Rewards or AmazonSmile.

Some patients do not go into remission. They continue to receive maintenance treatment, maybe monthly. New therapies are being developed with T-cells and other experimental treatments.

President Elect Colleen thanked Jaycie Giordano for her presentation and invited her 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