



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

February 20, 2020

Jim Ives, Editor

Today's Meeting



Our speaker Karen Ebben from Girl Scouts of America



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
2-27-20

Greeter
Glenn Maleyko

Invocation
Laila Dakroub

50/50
Martha Hnatiuk

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

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

3-12-20
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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.
 - March 19th we need a person to do the 50/50.
 - March 26th we need an Invoker for the meeting.
 - April 2nd we need a person for the 50/50 and Greeter positions.
 - April 9th we need a Greeter.

Meeting Notes

President Eric Rader led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Bob Gleichauf and he asked to remember Peder Blohm and keep Margaret in our prayers and he closed with a prayer. Laila Dakroub was our greeter and introduced our one guest, Andria Robinson from State Senator Sylvia Santana's office. Our speaker was introduced later. We had two Youth Month guests from Advanced Technology Academy and one from Divine Child. Both schools are not on Winter Break this week.

President Eric said majority of our Youth Month guests will be back next week. Youth will run the meeting in two weeks. There will be a brief Club Board meeting after today's meeting.

Ray Trudeau reported Children of Dump School in Chinandega, Nicaragua is operating, but local and national Nicaraguan economy is in terrible shape. Tourism has mostly halted due to political unrest. Hotels, restaurants and other businesses have closed from faltering economy. President of Nicaragua is promising to make political changes and have another election. Ray is planning to travel to Nicaragua in the near future.

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.

Angie Linder led 50/50 drawing today. President Eric drew winning ticket and Roger Miller was winner of \$5.

Rick Goward, Margaret Blohm, Roger Miller, President Eric and Ray Trudeau all had "Happy Bucks" announcements. Happy because it's Thursday. Peder appreciated his Rotary friendships and I appreciate having Rotarian support. Had a medical situation and was hospitalized for four days. They could not find anything wrong with me, except that I have to lose 32 lbs. Happy I won the raffle. Was happy to be in Florida for a conference and 80° weather.

Karen Ebben from the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Board was today's speaker. She is a retired General Motors marketing and advertising executive and serves on several non-profit boards. One is involved with mentoring young adults and entrepreneurs. Karen had a daughter in Girl Scouts and has been a leader and a cookie seller. She feels Girl Scouts gave her 28-year old daughter the confidence to bicycle across the country in 71 days from Portland to Portland with a female friend.

Girl Scout organization is 107 years old and Southeastern Michigan Council includes eight counties and 32,000 scouts and adult volunteers. Girl Scouts promote early social interaction, leadership, camping and outdoor adventures plus STEM. They have 36 STEM badges plus 100s of other badges, in such things as snow shoeing, rock climbing, cyber security, etc. You do not have to be a camper, to be an adult volunteer leader. Girl Scouts have an urban initiative where they have partnered with school districts to form troops at schools. Today there are 2.6 million Girl Scouts and leaders. 90% of female astronauts were Girl Scouts. GM CEO Mary Barra, first African-American female Navy Admiral, three female US Secretary of States, and 55% of women in US Congress were all Girl Scouts.

Highest award in Girl Scouts is the Gold Award, which is similar to an Eagle Scout. Girls have to create and document a sustainable public project and spend a minimum 80 hours working on it. Recent Gold Award projects by Girl Scouts in Southeastern Michigan Council include: a Girls Who Code Club - which reached elementary to high school students, development of an app for stroke victim recovery, keeping homeless veterans and families together in housing, making special needs children comfortable and informed when hospitalized, and a mental health and stress management program for elementary to high school students appropriately geared to help reduce suicides. Some of the girls have received job offers from their Gold Award projects. One of the girls received the National Gold Award and was one of only ten in the entire country.

80% of Girl Scouts have a strong sense of self. 62% take risks and challenges. 57% contribute to the world. 79% have leadership roles in school and as volunteers. How can you support Girl Scouts? Volunteer as a mentor or leader. Host a merit badge workshop. Host a presentation. Support Girl Scouts financially. (Note: your writer bought a box of Tagalongs today). Visit www.gssem.org.

Janice Gilliland, President Eric Rader, Angie Linder, Danene Charles and Martha Hnatiuk all had questions or comments. Visit www.gssem.org to learn about hosting a badge workshop or volunteer opportunities. In Canada, I was a Girl Guide and we also sold cookies. There is a Girl Scout Cookie Gala at MGM Grand on March 26, 2020. Troops and troop leaders connect with local schools about possibly being affiliated with them. Not sure how many Girl Scout Troops are in Dearborn.

President Eric Rader thanked Karen Ebben 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

Prospective Member

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: Cindy Cannon

Proposer: Margaret Blohm

Classification: Financial Analyst

We Lost a good Friend in Peder Blohm

Peder Jonas Olaw Blohm (aka Blom) passed away on February 18, 2020 at the age of 72, fighting cancer like only a Viking king could do. He is survived by his loving wife Margaret; their blended family of five children Peder, Cortney, Lexie, Molly and Robyn; and 10 grandchildren Anthony, Noah, Liam, Rowan, Evita, Leo, Aurora, Olivia, Bruno and Archie.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden to Sven Olof Blohm and Margit Persson, he was predeceased by his parents and sister Mona and is survived by brother Roger and sister Annelie.

Peder was a talented artist, born salesman, out of the box thinker, entrepreneur and dreamer. His passion for cars led him to build the largest dealership of American muscle cars in Europe in the late 1960's and early 70's, helping to form the Swedish Hot Rod Association, become a drag racer, build the first Funny Car in Europe "Peders Backfire" and create the first drag racing team—winning three European championships.

Trips to the U.S. to buy cars for shipment to Sweden led Peder to move to the U.S. in 1976 to work for the largest export management company in the U.S., traveling the world. Always eager for new challenges and exploits, he was a risk taker and eternal optimist, who was able to celebrate achievements and be undaunted by disappointments.

During a business trip to Dearborn in August 2001 and a chance meeting with Margaret at Starbucks on Michigan Ave., Peder fell in love and found his forever home in Dearborn, where he continued to dream, color outside the lines, and develop stronger bonds with family, friends and neighbors.

Memorial services will be Saturday; March 14, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI. 48124. Memorial gathering from 10:30 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, 2661 Greenfield Rd, Dearborn, MI 48120 or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Contributions - VE01FS, 4100 John R, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

