



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

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Jim Ives, Editor



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
03-11-21**

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

Future Meetings

**3-11-21
Kathryn Hannah, Community Outreach Liaison
Program for All-Inclusive Care for**

**3-18-21
Club Assembly**

**3-25-21
Ron Haddad, Dearborn Police Chief**

**4-1-21
No, this isn't an April Fools joke.
We really don't have a speaker yet.**

**4-6-21
Club Board Meeting**

Today's Meeting



Our Zoomers Thursday. We had 18 members, and 0 guests . Please follow the [link](#) to the recording of the meeting.



Our newest member Shiva Gumate spoke on Lotus Mentoring

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 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, Angie Linder, 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 11:33 AM with 14 participants and one member showing the ocean and palm trees via their laptop from their work location on a balcony in Florida plus discussion by another member of a local Florida restaurant's black bean soup. Formal meeting began at 11:37 AM with the ringing of the cowbell. Attendance was 18 over the course of the meeting. President Colleen did the Invocation and told a story of a little boy in a boat on a lake believing he was holding up the boat from sinking by clinging to the side of the boat. She reminded us to do things together and share the load and network like Rotary regarding clean water and March World Water Day plus eradicating polio.

Club Treasurer Cindy Cannon said next quarter's dues will remain \$100. and we are following Rotary International's suggestion of not having face-to-face meetings until after June. There was also a transfer of funds between the Dearborn Rotary Club and Foundation.

President Colleen said Club is considering an in-person meeting once per month, two Zoom meetings, plus an evening fellowship meeting, when we start meeting again in-person. There are 37 Dearborn Rotary Cookbooks remaining and they would make a great Mother's Day gift – see Rick Goward to purchase. Rick said he has received five Covid-19 vaccination offers after receiving his vaccination, which he worked very hard to obtain.

PE Shannon Peterson will soon be attending PETS training virtually and then meeting with her Board and then leaning on all of us to support her Presidential year. PP Eric Rader was last Club President to attend an in-person PETS training. Check with ADG about attending PETS training virtually.

Rotary District 6400 Conference is evenings of May 4 and 5, 2021 and is virtual. You need to register on District website to attend and there is no charge. Conference is a great way to learn about Rotary.

Angie Linder announced April 24, 2021 is Telegraph Road Clean-Up, our Adopt-A-Highway project. We are meeting at Bryant Middle School Parking lot at 8:30 AM. Bring guests and have them watch MDOT safety video. There is a link on our Club website for the MDOT safety video. PE Shannon will share this announcement with the Interact Clubs.

Jim Thorpe announced we are halfway to our goal of "Every Rotarian, Every Year". Please donate and you can donate more if you wish. If we reach our goal, we are eligible to participate in Rotary International and District grants.

Newest Dearborn Rotarian Shiva Gumate was today's speaker. He thanked Cindy Cannon for informing him about Rotary and inviting him to join. He is developing a youth mentoring program and he shared his plans. Program is named "Lotus" after a beautiful flower that is capable of growing in poor quality water.

Shiva shared a PowerPoint presentation about his program and himself. He is from India and grew up in a humble family that stressed education. Shiva is a lifelong student. His father was a teacher in a remote village and he learned a lot from his mother. Growing up he had typical quantity of clothing for average Indian, two sets of clothes plus a school uniform. Shiva was first in his family to earn a college degree. His father spent a year's salary to purchase Shiva's airline ticket to the United States. Shiva has worked for Ford Motor Company for 29 years. He is married and has two college-age daughters.

Education is important to Shiva and described its' roots as bitter, but fruits sweet. He has studied individuals who have overcome adversity and wanted to excel in school. He admires Abraham Lincoln and many educators. Shiva admires

B. R. Ambedkar, an Indian who overcame the caste system and wrote the India Constitution.

Shiva has been talking with Pastor Jean Overman about his Lotus program. He would like to start with five 4th or 5th grade students and support their education through high school and college. Shiva showed research via charts of how students, who do not complete school, remain in low paying jobs. He coached his two daughters as they were growing-up about importance of education. Lotus Mentoring Program would be tailored to student's needs. If students do not have a strong educational foundation, they will not be able to do higher level learning. He believes human potential is unlimited. Students need to study academic subjects plus nature and the seasons. If program starts this year, students will be in the Class of 2028. Shiva would like to add five additional students per year. After eight years there will have been 40 students participating. He is willing to commit his time.

Kathy Kalil, Cindy Cannon, Val Murphy-Goodrich, and Jean Overman all had questions or comments. The Lotus Program will be structured and Shiva is hoping others will volunteer to help. He will be partnering with Pastor Jean and her STEM outreach program in Inkster. Students in outreach program are 5th grade and up. An educated workforce brings economic stability. Dearborn Heights Rotary is supporting the STEM program.

President Colleen thanked Shiva Gumate for his presentation and asked him to send PowerPoint, so she can share with the Club. She also thanked Pastor Jean for her educational program.

City of Dearborn is offering Covid-19 vaccinations at Dearborn Performing Arts Center. One Club member is in line there now. March 8 and 22, 2021 are dates when those over 50 are eligible for the shots, earlier date is for those with a medical condition.

Bob Ziolkowski took a group photograph. Today's meeting closed with members reciting the Four-Way Test in unison plus President Colleen saying visions can be accomplished by working together and following Four-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson