

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

April 1, 2021

Jim Ives, Editor



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
04-08-21**

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

Future Meetings

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

**4-8-21
Travis Furlow**

**4-15-21
Kim Cross, President, Friends for
Animals of Metro Detroit**

**4-22-21
Paul Talpos, Assistant Chief
Curator,
Dearborn Historical Museum**

**4-29-21
Sisson Scholarship Winner**

Today's Meeting



Our Zoomers Thursday. We had 16 members, and 1 guest . Please follow the [link](#) to the recording of the meeting.



Harrow, ON Rotarian and Past President Peggy Little was our speaker today.



Peggy gave us an update on the Polio Plus effort in India and Pakistan.

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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 \$3,820. Those contributing at least \$100 this year are:

PP Margaret Blohm, Janice Gilliland, PP Lee Hollmann, 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 and began with the ringing of the cowbell. Attendance was 17 over the course of the meeting. Bob Gleichauf did the Invocation and mentioned Easter, Passover and Ramadan. He spoke of springtime, the almighty, service, Rotary, blessings and closed with a prayer.

Angie Linder gave a reminder Saturday, April 24, 2021 is Telegraph Road Clean-Up, our Adopt-A-Highway and beautification project. Donuts and gloves will be provided to volunteers. Meet at Bryant Middle School at 8:30 AM. President Colleen mentioned our project connects with Great Lakes Watershed Clean-Up. Angie took a group photograph for this week's X-Ray and asked everyone to put their smiling faces in the window and "Cheese".

Rotary District 6400 Convention is virtual this year and is May 4 and 5, 2021, President Colleen announced. Visit District website for more details. PDG Jim Ives said conference is free, but you have to register on District website. Programs run from 7 PM to 9 PM each evening and there will be great speakers. Next year's District Conference is scheduled for Mackinac Island.

President Colleen mentioned to think about donating to Rotary International Fund or Polio Plus with your District Conference savings this year.

Angie Linder reminded Scholarship Chairpersons to forward our scholarship recipient photographs to her for the press release and advertisement of our scholarship honorees. Ten photographs are outstanding, including four of Angie's Rowen scholars.

Today's speaker, Peggy Little, was introduced by Valerie Murphy-Goodrich. Peggy is a member of the Harrow Rotary Club, home of Meet the Governor Night, and has been involved with fight against polio in Pakistan and India with DGE Aruna Koushik. President Colleen asked us to keep DGE Aruna in our thoughts due to some family health issues. Peggy has worked with DG Noel Jackson on his Rainbow Connection team and will be working on DGE Aruna's membership team. She was thanked for making herself available to speak to our Club on short notice.

Peggy had a PowerPoint presentation and shared how she has traveled to Pakistan and India, twice, with DGE Aruna. In 1988 there were 125 polio-endemic countries, in 2018 there were three. Today there are only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. 17.4 million people would have been paralyzed by polio without Rotary's eradication efforts, which began in 1988. Rotary and its partners reached 430 million children in 39 countries during polio immunization days in 2017. She traveled to Pakistan in 2018 and showed a slide where drops were used to immunize a child. She traveled there again in 2019.

Polio is a virus that can strike at any age, but predominately in children under age five. It is an intestinal virus that can contaminate water or food and is spread person to person. A child under five cannot reach over their heads and touch their ears. This is a test Rotary does to determine if a child is under five. 0.5% of individuals who contract the virus have the severe symptoms of polio, muscle weakness and atrophy. This percentage is similar to severe reactions to Covid. 90% will have no symptoms and almost 10% will have mild symptoms, same as Covid. There is no cure for polio, but there are safe vaccines. Oral drops and injections are two ways to administer the polio vaccines. The oral drops prevent person to person transmissions. Geographic isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers are reasons polio remains in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk for outbreaks. Families are reluctant to be vaccinated because they fear the vaccine will harm them and they are suspicious of people administering the vaccines. Three polio workers were killed in Afghanistan over the past couple of days.

We heard about the geography and people of Pakistan. Community Resource Centers are where the polio workers are stationed. Local women are considered the most trusted workers per the population. It can take multiple visits to convince a family to have their children vaccinated. Nail of the little finger of the left hand is painted purple if a child is successfully vaccinated. This is a technique to know if a child has been vaccinated.

Permanent Transportation Posts are manned 24/7 to serve bus riders entering large cities. Children under five on the busses are vaccinated. Military is stationed at bus stations to protect the vaccination workers. These vaccinations also take place at train stations and private vehicles are stopped on roadways. Rotary vaccination workers also visit the slums to vaccinate. They also distribute mosquito netting in the slums to stop outbreaks of diseases. Outdoor schools are found in slums. Rotary vaccine volunteers purchased portable desks and school materials for one slum school. Rotarians did peace and conflict resolution work in Pakistan. Many Pakistanis are concerned the world thinks they are all terrorists. Rotarians made friends in Pakistan and attended several social functions.

Vaccine volunteers visited Chennai, India, prior home of DGE Aruna Koushik. A maternal and child health center was visited. Up to 20 mothers shared one ward and Rotarians distributed baby supplies to the new mothers. Peggy shared some travel dialogue about India and pointed out hydro lines in photographs. There is poverty in India and abundant cattle. The cattle's waste is used for fuel. Gypsies in India are hard to vaccinate because they are always moving. Some beautiful locations were visited by the Rotary team in both Pakistan and India. They visited Jaipur Limb Factory where individuals are outfitted with artificial limbs. Literacy is important in India and Rotary Clubs get involved with education. Visited a hospital specializing in post-polio surgeries. Hundreds of millions of doses of polio vaccine have been distributed in India by Rotary. They are also distributing measles and rubella vaccines. Rotary group also visited a Rotary water and sanitation project plus a healthy eyes project. They also did a polio inoculation clinic in India. They do inoculations in India rather than drops.

Meeting Notes (continued)

People of India and Pakistan are grateful for what Rotary does. Peggy shared photographs of individuals she met in the two countries. One young woman was in a hospital having her leg extended, after effects of polio. Support polio eradication through our District program, Pdio Plus Society.

Lee Hollmann said we are thankful for the conditions we live in and for the work you and your team have done for polio eradication with some risk to yourself. Your presentation format was excellent. Jim Ives said his Rotary experience in Nigeria was educational. He is impressed by how Rotary developed programs to take the vaccines to the people in such high population countries. Rotary found ways to do vaccinations in dangerous countries and thanked Peggy for her work. Peggy said there have only been two cases of polio this year, one in Pakistan and other in Afghanistan. Bob Gléchauf asked how important is it to have Rotarians on the ground in these countries? Peggy said both countries' citizens appreciate Rotarians coming over to help. They respect the work and caring the Rotarians are doing. Rick Goward remembered being warned to stay out of the water when he was young to avoid polio. Peggy said virus is water-born and children playing on the ground are frequently infected – they put things in their mouths.

Current and former Dearborn Rotarians Ray Trudeau, Diane Ives, Val Murphy-Goodrich and husband Steve, Omar and Maureen Guevara, Margaret Blohm's daughter and Penny Oglesby, were recognized for their work in Rotary service projects in Nicaragua, Honduras and Brazil. President Colleen suggested we should keep our imaginations active for a possible service project to undertake. Peggy Little suggested District's Rainbow Connection might be a source for volunteer work projects. Jim Ives suggested traveling and volunteering in a group is the best way to go – it is meaningful and builds relationships. He has been on six of the seven continents because of Rotary. President Colleen and Angie Linder attended an on-line grant seminar and it was educational about Rotary projects. Peggy Little shared fellow Rotarians around the world are there to support your service projects. World gets smaller through Rotary – you make contacts all around the world. President Colleen mentioned our sometime Rotary guest from India, Swaminathan Chelladurai who is from same region as DGE Aruna.

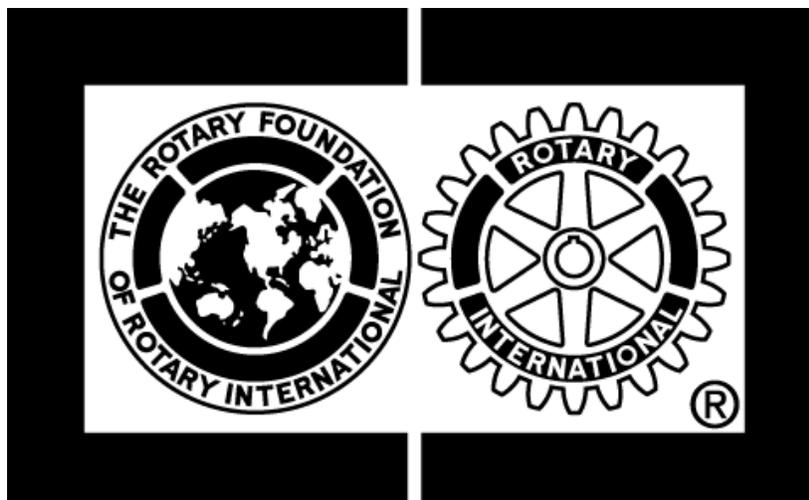
President Colleen thanked Peggy Little for her excellent presentation, especially on short notice. She mentioned the present holy season for three faiths and Angie Linder mentioned Mother Nature's April trick. Dearborn Rotary meeting closed with members reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson

The Rotary Foundation

Dearborn Rotary is at half of their Annual Giving goal for The Rotary Foundation. We have 3 months left to make our goal, so if you have been waiting to contribute, now would be a good time to do that. If you have questions about how to give, please contact [Jim Thorpe](#) and he can walk you through the process.



Adopt-A-Highway April 24th



April 24th will be the Telegraph spring pick-up for Adopt-A-Highway. We will meet at 8:30 at Bryant Middle School. Please view the safety video at www.dearbornrotary.org on the home page under "Links".



Safety First!!!!