

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

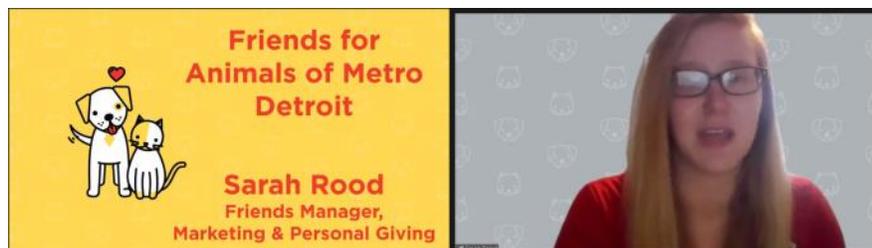
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Jim Ives, Editor

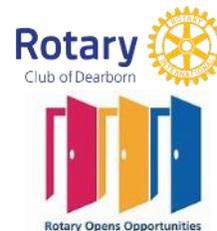
Today's Meeting



Our Zoomers Thursday. We had 18 members, and 1 guests. Please follow the [link](#) to the recording of the meeting.



Sarah Rood from the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit was our speaker today.



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
04-15-21

Greeter
?

Invocation
?

50/50
?

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

4-22-21
Paul Talpos, Assistant Chief Curator, Drbn. Historical Museum

4-29-21
Sisson Scholarship Winner

5-4 & 5 -21
District 6400 Virtual Conference

5-4-21
Club Board Meeting Zoom 5:30 PM

5-6-21
Tim Kiska, Producer of the Detroit History Podcast, "When Television Was Local"

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 \$4,380. 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 shepherd's bell. She looks forward to sometime striking the Dearborn Rotary bell at an in-person meeting. Attendance was 19 over the course of the meeting. Kathy Kalil did the Invocation and wished everyone peace during month of Ramadan. She shared a universal prayer from the Jewish tradition which spoke of speaking truth and related it to our Rotary guidelines.

Janice Gilliland is looking for volunteers to do weekly invocations for our meetings. Email or call her to volunteer. There is a Rotary website with invocations you can use or adapt.

Angie Linder encouraged us to try paying our quarterly Rotary dues on-line. There is a link on the Club webpage. A \$4.00 convenience fee is charged when paying dues via this method. Angie took a group photograph for this week's X-Ray and asked Martha Hnatiuk to make sure her extra little faces (young grandchildren) were in the photograph. Last week's PowerPoint presentation by Travis Furlow was sent out to all members.

Rotary District 6400 Conference is virtual and free this year and is on May 4 and 5, 2021 starting at 7 PM each evening, President Colleen announced. Visit the District [website](#) to register. There will be great speakers, inspirational material, and the opportunity to learn about Rotary.

Today's speaker was Sarah Rood from the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, a nonprofit operating the Dearborn Animal Shelter. She is Friend's Manager, Marketing and Personal Giving. President Colleen shared April is pet month and April 30th is Adopt-A-Pet Day. Her family has used the shelter to adopt pets. The organization was founded in 1993 and they are involved with the rescue, adoption and protection of animals. Since 1999, 100% of the adoptable and treatable animals have been adopted. They chose the "Metro Detroit" name because the majority of their adopters do not live in Dearborn. Their vision statement is a community free of homeless and neglected pets. They want all animals to have homes and be well taken care of. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, their top rating, which only 25% of charities earn (which includes The Rotary Foundation).

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit find homes for around 1,500 pets per year. All their pets are listed on their webpage and you fill out a questionnaire if you are interested in adopting a pet. One of their staff contacts you to talk more about the adoption process and to see if you are a fit for the particular animal. They have dogs and cats available for adoption. Sarah talked about the personalities of a particular dog and cat and mentioned both are available for adoption. Kitten season is typically in the spring and they expect to have many kittens brought to the shelter. Some of the pets brought to the shelter are in poor condition and they help bring them back to good health.

Volunteer positions are available at the shelter. You have to be 16 years of age or older. Volunteers walk pets, cuddle cats, do laundry and dishes, help in the office, and help showcase pets. Foster volunteers have to be 18 years of age and older. They help socialize kittens and puppies, nurture sick animals, and give animals a break from life at the shelter. There are also fundraising and support volunteers. They volunteer at fundraising events, community outreach and education, picking-up donations and transporting animals. Youth volunteers, ages 12 to 15, work as a team doing service projects around the shelter and spend some time with the animals.

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has a learning program. Research shows children who are taught kindness towards animals tend to become caring adults. They have a read to animal program children can participate in. Reading helps children improve their skills and comforts the animal being read to. Adult volunteers accompany the children. They have a doggie day out program where volunteers take the pets out for a day. They go on walks, take them swimming, or let the pets hang out at the volunteer's home. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has a food pantry for animals. Pet owners who are having financial problems can come to the shelter for pet food. They are always looking for donations. Majority of their funding is from donations. City of Dearborn provides some support for the shelter. You can donate monetarily or wish list items. Wills, bequests and sponsorship are also appreciated. They also do Kroger Rewards, Amazon Smiles and naming opportunities.

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit main facility is their new building behind the Dearborn Police Station. Their old facility is on Greenfield Road and is used as an intake center. They are hoping with additional funding to move their entire operation to the new facility. Upcoming fundraising events include an Animals Golf Outing, Mutt Strut, and Black Tie and Tails.

Sarah has been working with Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit since 2017. She has a couple rescue dogs. New facility has a hospital grade air handling system. Dogs and cats are separated at new facility to reduce the stress levels of the cats. They have a trap, neuter, release program for feral cats. Sometimes the feral cats become social after being at the shelter. Dearborn Animal Control brings stray dogs to the shelter and staff works with the animals. An older Rottweiler was brought to the shelter and was stressed. A Rottweiler rescue organization is going to take the Rottweiler into their care. Technically they are considered a "no kill" shelter. Janice Gilliland volunteered to take a dog out for a day. She walked Peaches on trails by HFC and UM-D plus let Peaches sniff around and hang-out in her backyard snoozing on a blanket in the sun. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit partners with other shelters to adopt and care for animals. Detroit Dog Rescue and Detroit Humane Society can be contacted regarding stray animals in Detroit.

Jim Thorpe reported we are around 60% of our goal for Every Rotarian, Every Year. Jim Ives gave a dollar amount of \$4,380. We have until end of June to reach our goal and then be eligible for Rotary District Grants for 2021-2022 Rotary Year. Jim Thorpe can help you set-up an automatic donation program, if you are interested. Angie Linder reported Dearborn Rotary is working on obtaining a District and Global grant to help finance solar electric panels for the Children of the Dump School in Nicaragua. President Colleen mentioned our Every Rotarian, Every Year donations will help support this solar electric panel project. Dearborn Rotary meeting closed with members reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted, David Anderson



LWV REDISTRICTING TOWN HALL

April 22, 2021

7 pm



AAs As part of the People Powered Fair Maps Program of the League of Women Voters, local Leagues across Michigan are holding virtual town hall events to educate Michigan residents on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission's (MICRC) process in drawing new legislative and congressional maps.

The Dearborn-Dearborn Heights LWV will be holding its virtual Town Hall on **Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7 pm**. In addition to learning about the MICRC, attendees will learn about Communities of Interest (COI) which will be an important criterion when district lines are drawn. A member of the MICRC will join the Town Hall to provide a brief presentation, including how to submit testimony to the Commission.

Partnering with the League on this event are AAUW – Dearborn Branch, ACCESS, and Western Wayne County NAACP.

Attendees are asked to register for the Town Hall at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuc--rrDMrHNF6jRxvqapYDCdSBkapjDQI>

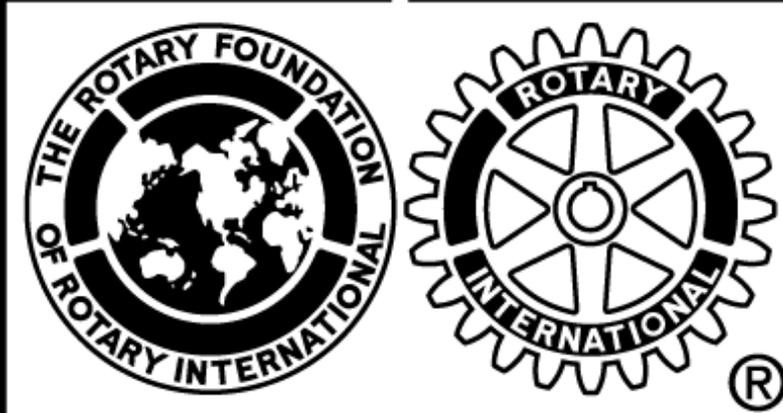


You can also register on the LWVDDH website at www.lwvddh.org

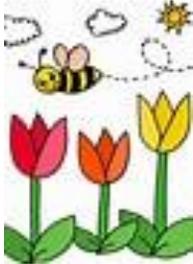


The Rotary Foundation

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!!!!