

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

May 03, 2018

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Meeting



Our speaker this week was Andra Watkins



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
5-10-18**

Greeter
Shannon Peterson

Guests and Visitors
Shannon Peterson

Invocation
Travis Furlow

50/50
Dan Hogan

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

5-10-18
*Karin Risko
City Tour Detroit*

5-17-18
*Wayne County Commission Chair-
person Gary Woronchak*

5-22-18
*Drbn Rotary Foundation Mtg.
Drbn Chamber offices Noon*

5-24-18
*Stop the Bleeding & Importance of
CPR Training*

5-31-18
*Corporal Gordon Morse
Dearborn Police K-9 Unit*

The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

EVERY

 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR



Thank you Rotarians who have already made your gift to support our clubs \$7,000 goal for the 2017 – 2018 Rotary International Projects. These gifts fund our commitment to support the Every Rotarian Every Year contribution of \$100 per member per year. This is sent to Rotary International to help support Rotary work around the world. Many of these projects we support are reported in the Rotarian Magazine and @ Rotary .org.

Dearborn Rotary's Giving status toward our 2017-2018 EREY goal of \$7,000 is of the 58 members we have, 50% (29ea.) have given. Eighteen are sustaining Members (contributed \$100 or more in a year). The YTD giving total is \$4,090 which is 58% of our \$7,000 commitment. The following have met the Every Rotarian Every Year commitment.

CDG Jim Ives, Diane Ives, Mike Maldegen, Al Martin, Jack & Jane Mueller, John Snyder

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.

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 Rotary Foundation Annual Giving

The Rotary Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Rotary International. The monies from the Foundation are used for countless opportunities to do good in the world. It is our responsibility as Rotarians to support The Rotary Foundation. Our commitment this year from our club was to give to the level of \$7,000. As of 4-18-18, we have contributed \$4,090. In order for us to be eligible for district grant money, we need to be at the level of \$100 per member.

Please consider giving to The Rotary Foundation this year. Merritt Robertson would be happy to help you with this task. Our money needs to be sent by June 15th, so please consider giving now. We would like to use District grant money for our tree project, but risk not qualifying it if we don't all contribute. Thank you for your consideration.

Dearborn Rotary at District Conference



Meeting Notes

Past President **Bob Ziolkowski** led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by **Margaret Blohm** and was a prayer giving thanks for being together and opportunities of Rotary. Greeter **Martha Hnatiuk** introduced our three guests, **Jean Overman** (guest of Margaret Blohm), **Silvio Davis** (Hines Park PM Rotary Club), and **Andra Watkins** (today's speaker). All stood and were recognized.

Janice Gilliland is looking to fill fourteen meeting volunteer positions through end of June. Please sign-up on passed clipboard sheet or contact Janice. So far for current Rotary Year, Martha Hnatiuk has volunteered most times for 50/50 raffle salesperson, Janice reported. **Travis Furlow** has volunteered most for Invocations. **Kathy Gapa** has volunteered most for Greeter position and is #1 volunteer, when all three positions are considered. Thank you Kathy Gapa!

Ray Trudeau reports Children of Dump School in Chinandega, Nicaragua is reported operating, but he has been unable to make contact since Sunday. He is concerned about civil unrest underway in Nicaragua and will keep us informed.

Sue Surducun thanked David Anderson for leading recent Saturday morning Adopt-A-Highway Telegraph Road Clean-Up. You have one more opportunity to volunteer. Volunteers are invited to join Sue this Saturday morning at 9 AM to pick-up trash on Telegraph Road/Michigan Avenue ramp.

Bob Ziolkowski, **Maysam Allie-Bazzi**, Kathy Gapa, Margaret Blohm and **Roger Miller** all had "Happy Buck" announcements. Bob Gleichauf was thanked for following through on the details. Happy summer is here. Happy to have replaced a car that has been a "lemon". Recent workshop on micro-financing for entrepreneurs was fascinating and is helpful for Rotary's Launch Detroit Entrepreneurship program. The 31 trees Dearborn Rotary is financing for Salina School were planted this past Tuesday. Additional Dearborn Rotary financed trees will be planted at Greenfield Village and to be built Motor Cities National Heritage Area Fort Street Bridge Park.

Dan Hogan led 50/50 raffle, today, with an assist from **Neil Allen**. The lack of 50/50 raffle expenses not being withheld over past winter was discussed by Dan. PP Bob Z. drew the winning ticket and Janice Gilliland was the winner.

David Anderson reported our two Advanced Balance Clinic speakers from last fall, who presented on "Fall Prevention in Older Adults" are offering senior classes on getting more movement into your day. Visit info@balanceabc.org for more information.

Meeting program was "I Walked 444 Miles to Make a Memory." by *New York Times* best selling author Andra Watkins and she was introduced by David Anderson. She lives in Charleston, South Carolina and is a non-practicing CPA. Andra is the author of four books and counting. She is a Rotarian. Andra is a past club president, past district communications chair, founding chair of Rotary Friendship Exchange, and has been recognized for her Rotarian service. She works with librarians around the United States to provide engaging, high-energy author programming for patrons. Andra reached out to us to present at Dearborn Rotary. She was in town with her husband, who was attending an educational meeting.

High energy was an understatement for Andra Watkins – she was a dynamo. Her own description of her vocalizations was slightly nasally, southern accent and quick speaking. Andra's stories were humorous and pointed.

The reading of ***Undaunted Courage***, a biography of Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and surrounding history by Stephen E. Ambrose, changed Andra's opinion of learning history. She shared South Carolina schools taught history in a boring manner. Stephen E. Ambrose brought history to life for her.

Story behind Meriwether Lewis's untimely death in 1809 kindled Andra's interest in writing a paranormal history book about Lewis. His death was reported as a suicide, but there have been suspicions it was a murder.

Meriwether Lewis was traveling the Natchez Trace when he died. Natchez Trace is a 10,000-year old road that goes between Natchez, Mississippi and Nashville, Tennessee. The 444 mile road is where Andra's novel is set.

Andra decided walking the 444-mile road, 15 miles per day would be a great way to launch her new novel. Thought she could generate publicity for her book during the hike. The hike would end at author Ann Patchett's bookstore in Nashville, Tennessee on April 3, 2014. Andra had permission to promote her book on that date at Patchett's bookstore.

She needed a wingman to pick her up at end of each day's hike. Andra planned to stay in motels each evening. Her husband was not available, because of work, to accompany her on her five-week adventure. One girlfriend was available to accompany her for four days. Last person available was her 80-year old father. The two had never gotten along. When she first proposed idea to her dad, he told her spending five weeks with her did not sound like fun. Andra convinced her dad he could have fun telling his stories to local citizenry along the route. He could also enjoy southern fried cooking at local restaurants and she would not tell mom about his eating habits. Dad was convinced.

We heard stories of cold and harsh walking conditions, bad weather, physical pain from hiking, sharing a room with your father, arguments with dad, dad forgetting to pick her up one day, sickness, hiking hygiene problems, then warming weather, beauty of nature, chatting with people along the route, and finally enjoying the beauty of the journey. Andra finished hike on time at the bookstore, sold a few books, and received some TV news coverage.

Andra's next book was ***Not Without My Father***, which was about the journey with her dad and became a *New York Times* Best Seller. Book was about making memories and turning "I Wish I Had" into "I'm Glad I Did". Andra encouraged us to make memories and turn "I Wish I Had" into "I'm Glad I Did".

Dan Hogan, Bob Ziolkowski, and David Anderson all had questions or comments. We heard a humorous defense of Andra's father regarding toilet paper and scared about what our children think of us. Andra admitted she forgot the toilet paper on that particular day. Her mother says she takes after her dad. Andra said she got her gift of storytelling from her father.

Andra's other novel was a question on Jeopardy. She is presently working on a new novel. Andra's books were for sale after the meeting. She gives a percentage of her Rotary book sales to Rotary literacy initiatives.

PP Bob Ziolkowski thanked Author Andra Watkins for her presentation and invited her to sign a book plate for a children's book to be donated to Dearborn Public Library. Dearborn Rotary Club meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

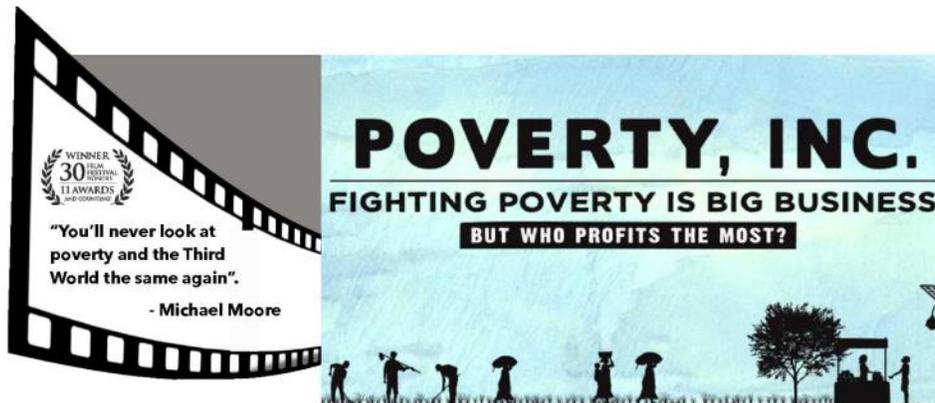
David Anderson

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.

Poverty Inc. Showing and Q&A



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FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us for a public screening of the multi-award winning documentary film "Poverty, Inc." followed by a 30 minute panel discussion with Dr. Marilyn Fitzgerald, author of 'If I Had a Water Buffalo'.

DATE: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

TIME: 6:00pm movie (90 minutes) followed by panel discussion

LOCATION: Wayne County Community College District - Downriver
Heinz C. Prechter Educational and *Performing Arts Center*
21000 Northline Rd. Taylor, MI



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Service Oriented Groups, Faith Based Organizations, Humanitarian Mission Groups, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis Clubs and anyone who is or plans to be involved with charitable projects.

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