



# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

May 23, 2019

Jim Ives, Editor

## The Tradition Lives On

For 66 years, the Harrow Rotary Club has hosted the District for the annual Meet the Governor Night . It is a celebration of the current Rotary Year, and a welcome to the incoming District Governor, who happens to be John Chambers from the Detroit AM Rotary Club. It is a fun event and probably the largest gathering of Rotarians in our district.

Come join the tradition of sunflower seeds and Red Pop (not your Grandma's red pop, unless you had a lush for a Grandma).

Come join the fun June 25th and see what real Rotary fellowship is like.



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
05-30-19**

**Greeter & Guests  
Janice Gilliland**

**Invocation  
Darlene Schoolmaster**

**50/50  
Danene Charles**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

**5-30-19  
Wes Berry**

**6-5-19  
Club Board Meeting  
12-1PM  
DPS Admin Building**

**6-6-19  
Nadine Jones  
Love a Vet Project**

**6-13-19  
TBD**

**6-20-19  
Bryan Brooks , Hood for the Hood  
Glenn Maleyko  
Rotary Year Summary**

EVERY  
 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR



## The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

Thank you Rotarians who have already made your gift to support our clubs \$7,000 goal for the 2018 – 2019 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.

The following have met the Every Rotarian Every Year commitment.

David Anderson, Janice Gilliland, Rick Goward, PP Hassen Hammoud, Martha Hnatiuk, PP Lee Hollmann, CDG Jim Ives, Diane Ives, PP Mike Maldegan, Pres. Glenn Maleyko, Al Martin, PP John McDonald, PN Colleen Nieman, Shannon Peterson, PE Eric Rader, PP Merritt Robertson, Emma Jean Woodyard

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.
  - Maysam Ali-Bazzi 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.
- Youth Month starts Feb, 14th. Let's show support for the youth of the Dearborn Schools.

## 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 Maysam Ali-Bazzi to volunteer for these duties.

## Meeting Notes

Club President Nominee Colleen Nieman led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Bob Gleichauf and he spoke of 245,000 flags being placed on graves at Arlington Cemetery, today, for upcoming Memorial Day. Bob was remembering a nephew lost in war in Afghanistan and closed with a prayer.

Today's greeter, Jessica Haddad, introduced our two guests, Tom Nieman (Colleen's husband) and Carmen Szurpicki (today's speaker).

Dearborn Rotary Memorial Day float will be decorated on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 9AM at Bob Gleichauf's house. If it is raining Saturday morning, come to his house on Sunday at 2PM to decorate float. Bob is also looking for volunteers to ride on Rotary float or march along side at Dearborn Memorial Day parade on Monday morning, May 27, 2019. See Bob to volunteer for either day.

Danene Charles led 50/50 drawing, today, with an assist from Dan Hogan. Our guest speaker drew winning ticket, and Angie Linder was winner of \$21.

Tom Nieman, Janice Gilliland, Mike Law, Jessica Haddad and Kathy (glad to see you back) Gapa all had "Happy Buck" announcements. Have an SUV full of "Little Free Library" and "Food Pantry" literature for Henry Ford College. This is first time I ever won 50/50 drawing. Happy Mike Law from LaFontaine Automotive Group is becoming a member. Happy for a vacation. Looking forward to seeing my two young children participating in a wedding – plus I am standing-up. Thank you for all the get well cards – received 130, glad to be back.

Mike Law is the General Manager of LaFontaine Automotive Group in Dearborn and he was inducted into Dearborn Rotary, today, by Twice PP Bob Gleichauf. Maysam Alie-Bazzi is Mike's sponsor and Jessica Haddad photographed the induction. PP Bob spoke about Rotary and encouraged Mike Law to continue learning about the organization plus become involved in service opportunities. Mike Law was welcomed to Dearborn Rotary and encouraged to network with other business leaders and professionals. He was "pinned" with his Rotary pin, given a "Red Badge" and new member information packet.

Today's program was about The Children's Center of Detroit. Ms. Carmen Szurpicki, Senior Donor Relations Manager Philanthropy, was introduced by PN Colleen. Carmen has worked with non-profits for ten years and previously served Habitat for Humanity and Boy's & Girl's Club. She has an MBA from Eastern Michigan with a non-profit organization concentration. There were brochures on all the tables about The Children's Center.

Carmen Szurpicki thanked Margaret Blohm for inviting her to Dearborn Rotary. The Children's Center was founded in 1929 by Michigan US Senator, Philanthropist and former Mayor of Detroit, James J. Couzens. Organization supports children and families to shape their own future plus stop cycles of trauma and abuse. They serve 7,500 children per year plus their families. Almost all have suffered trauma. The Children's Center looks beyond the symptoms by looking at the barriers. Their annual budget is \$27 million and is primarily financed by Medicaid plus State and County funding. Government budget cuts are an on-going concern.

The Children's Center has four program service areas. "Healthy Start" helps children become successful adults. One in 68 children is on autism spectrum. Their 15 to 30 hours per week intensive therapeutic program helps autistic children with communication, social, and bathroom skills, etc. They have programs to educate young moms and about infant mental health. One 16 year old mom served her infant and two toddlers Mountain Dew because the mom liked it. Children were fathered by the stepdad.

Second service area is "Healing the Hurt". The Children's Center has expertise in providing behavioral or mental health crisis care. Typically troubled young people would end-up in a 3-day stay in a costly hospital and not be served properly.

"Safe Home" is third service area. There are 7,000 children in foster care in Wayne County. The Children's Center helps place children in a safe environment in foster homes. They also have a program on educating young adults, 16 to 21, aging or aged out of foster care on life skills for adults, doing laundry, for example.

Fourth program service area is "Bridging the Gap". They teach clients on how to do job interviews and provide them with proper clothes. The Children's Center operates homework locations and provides computer tutors. Their library is their center for family literacy. About 40% of adults in Detroit read at a third grade level. Center also hosts fun activities, such as monthly birthday parties for anyone born in the particular month. Their summer camp program provides a safe place for children with mental health problems. Yoga classes and healthy living classes are also offered. Goal is to let children be children.

Through the talk Carmen provided examples of how children, they serve, were abused by their caretakers – the ones supposed to be protecting them. Some of the children's mental health issues were brought about by the horrific abuse.

Bob Gleichauf, Danene Charles, Dan Hogan, Margaret Blohm, and David Anderson all had questions or comments. The Children's Center partners are some hospitals and schools in Wayne County. They only serve children in Wayne County and have a child welfare department. One area of program serves children with mental health problems. Children are referred to program by word of mouth and first responders. Many of the problems the children have are from the abuse. The Children's Center is a non-residential facility. Tours of the facility are offered and Margaret described facility as amazing and program meaningful. A Launch Detroit client's two autistic children were helped by The Children's Center. They have trained therapists for all mental health problems.

President Nominee Colleen Nieman thanked Carmen Szurpicki for her presentation and invited Carmen 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