



# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

June 13, 2019

Jim Ives, Editor

## Pictures from Today



Tom Pitock, Director of Veteran's Affairs at the U of M-D was our guest speaker this week. Tom outlined the challenges facing returning veterans who want to further their education. He also described many of the support and scholarship programs available to vets as they apply for and begin college.



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
06-20-19**

**Greeter & Guests  
Danene Charles**

**Invocation  
Shannon Peterson**

**50/50  
Jim Thorpe**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

**6-20-19  
President's Year End Summary and  
Byron Brooks**

**6-25-19  
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg  
Noon, Dale Bender's Office**

**6-27-19  
Guatemalan Literacy Project  
Angie Gilmore**

**7-04-19  
No Meeting—Holiday**

**7-10-19  
President's Party  
6PM Park Place  
No noon meeting**

EVERY  

 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR

## The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

**Thank you** Rotarians for making it possible for our club to participate in receiving matching grant funds from Rotary International for our next year Rotary project.

This is made possible because of your contributions to The Rotary Foundation:  
 (Every Rotarian Every Year Giving)

All contributions received before June will be credited to this year's giving. Our total member giving to date is \$7,025 which exceeds our 2018-19 goal of \$7,000

**Thank You:** Neil Allen, David Anderson, Margaret Blohm, George Darany, Regan Ford, Janice Gilliland, Bob Gleichauf, Rick Goward, Jessica Kandalajt, Hassen Hammoud, Art Hamparian, Martha Hnatiuk, Dan Hogan, Lee Hollmann, Diane Ives, Jim Ives, Kathleen Kalil, Don Karcher, Don Kosch, Angela Linder, Mike Maldegen, Glenn Maleyko, Al Martin, John McDonald, Roger Miller, Valerie Murphy-Goodrich, Colleen Nieman, Shannon Peterson, Eric Rader, Merritt Robertson, Darlene Schoolmaster, Nancy Siwik, Jim Thorpe, Ray Trudeau, Bill White, Emma Jean Woodyard, Bob Ziolkowski and Honorary Member Robert Burke



## 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.

## 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

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Club President Glenn Maleyko led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Danene Charles and was a prayer. She spoke of giving thanks, mentioned schools, Rotary and summer.

Today's greeter, Darlene Schoolmaster, introduced our only guest, Tom Pitock, today's speaker.

### Announcements

Merritt Robertson thanked everyone for meeting our "Every Rotarian, Every Year" donation goal to the Rotary International Foundation. We did not have to go to Dearborn Rotary Foundation for help in meeting our goal.

Bob Gleichauf reminded us that the party honoring President Glenn's 2018-2019 Rotary Year is Wednesday night, July 10, 2019 at Park Place. The Dearborn High Jazz Band will be providing entertainment in honor of President Glenn and his year.

President Glenn said all three Dearborn high schools had good weather for their commencements. Dearborn Public Schools leadership have been busy attending commencements. It's a good time of year with professional championship hockey and basketball plus attending children's sporting events.

Bob Ziolkowski and Bob Gleichauf were thanked for publishing and distributing our weekly Dearborn Rotary X-Ray, while our regular editor Jim Ives, is traveling. Angie Linder was thanked for her program equipment tech support.

Angie Linder led 50/50 drawing with an assist from Merritt Robertson. Our speaker, Tom Pitock, drew winning ticket, and Bob Ziolkowski was the winner of \$10.

Shannon Peterson, Jim Thorpe, and Glenn Maleyko all had "Happy Buck" announcements. PE Eric Rader is a hero for picking up a replacement "Buc-ee's" (Texas convenience and travel center) water bottle in Texas for one member's teenage daughter who misplaced her "Buc-ee's" water bottle.

Shannon honored one of last night's Magnet School graduation students who received a college soccer scholarship. Shannon is also attending a wedding shower this Sunday at Park Place for another one of her children getting married. And a third Happy Buck for Dearborn Public Schools graduating seniors who collectively earned over \$15 million in scholarships this year.

Today's speaker, Tom Pitock is the Veteran Affairs Coordinator at the University of Michigan – Dearborn. He served in U.S. Coast Guard for 23 years and is a graduate of Airport High School in Monroe County. Tom retired in 2008 and was living in California and decided to go back to school at age 44 to earn his college degree. Many veterans are non-traditional college students. They typically range in age from 24 to 40 and have different life experiences than 18 year old graduating high school seniors.

## Meeting Notes, continued

Veterans attending college are 73% male and 27% female. Note: military is only 14% female. 62% of veterans are first generation college students. Tom was first member of his family to graduate from college. Many veterans joined the military at age 17 or 18 and did not have family support for college. 50% of veteran students are married and have kids. There are presently 89,000 students using VA educational benefits. Typically there are 125-150 veteran students at U of M-D each semester. Henry Ford College has slightly more veterans attending. Many of the veterans attending college are combat veterans and many bring this background to school with them – tend to scan the room for danger.

Veteran centers at colleges help veterans navigate GI scholarship bills (there are six programs), provide peer counseling, help educate college staff about veterans through workshops, help veterans with resumes, etc. They do whatever they can to help veterans to be successful on campus. Both UM-D and HFC have gold-star rated veteran centers. Not all colleges have veteran centers. Sometimes it is difficult to get veterans participating with centers because they are so busy with work, school and family. Veterans and their families have lived a transient life due to soldier's deployments and frequent new assignments around country and world.

Tom extended his appreciation to Dearborn Rotary and Hugh Archer family for Hugh Archer Veterans Scholarship. Alexandria Chambers was the first recipient of a \$1,500. scholarship that is based on academic achievement. U of M-D Dearborn also has a Veterans Scholarship. The Dearborn War Veterans Council also supports student veterans.

Dan Hogan, Janice Gilliland, and David Anderson all had questions or comments. Finances can be tight for veteran students, even with GI bill scholarship benefits. Many also have student loan debt. Veteran centers help educate veterans of educational benefits available to them. GI bill scholarship rules are complex. Peer counseling helps veterans. Veterans on campus also help mentor young students, who are considering entering the military. There is a ROTC program at the U of M-D.

Tom Pitock also thanked Dearborn Rotary and Archer Family for supporting Veteran Treatment Court at 19<sup>th</sup> District Court. Judge Gene Hunt is ecstatic about the program. Monthly court has been in operation for 14 months and participating veterans have increased from three to 16. Court helps end substance abuse and counsels veterans regarding employment, education, disability and rehab.

PE Eric Rader (filling in for President Glenn) thanked the U of M-D Veteran Affairs Coordinator Tom Pitock for his presentation and invited Tom to sign a children's book to be donated to Dearborn Public Library. The Dearborn Rotary Club meeting closed with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Next week is President Glenn's final meeting as President, please attend, asked PE Eric. Glenn will be wrapping up the Dearborn Rotary year.

Hugh Archer golf outing (Monday, August 5, 2019) flyers were on our tables.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson