

The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

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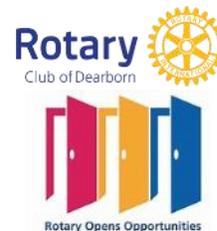
Today's Meeting



We had 20 members at Thursday's meeting. To see Thursday's meeting, click [here](#).



Adopt A Highway is scheduled for July 18th. Helpers are needed as this will be our first collection this year. Please let Angie Linder know if you would like to help at technochick@gmail.com. Also, if you have not helped before, please click [here](#) for the safety video.



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
7-16-20

Greeter
?

Invocation
?

50/50
?

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

7-16-20
Club Zoom Meeting

7-18-20
Adopt A Highway 8:30am

7-30-20
District Governor Noel Jackson Official Visit

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 \$4,500, of which we have to date raised 1,000! Those contributing at least \$100 this year are:

CDG Jim Ives, PP Eric Rader

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.

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 Invokers. Please contact Janice Gilliland to volunteer for these duties.
- July 18th will be the Adopt A Highway Summer pick-up
- September 26th will be the Adopt A Highway Fall pick-up
- Shannon Peterson reported School District is doing food distribution for students. PTA groups arrange for volunteers to help with distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please click [here](#).

Meeting Notes

Club President Colleen Nieman led today's meeting, which was on-line via Zoom. Socializing was underway at 11:27 AM with six participants and formal meeting began at 11:36 AM.

Pre-meeting or luncheon-like conversation included: Like your waterfront Zoom background. I'm on vacation and helping my son and his girlfriend strip wallpaper at their new old house. HFC campus is quiet with maybe 200 students attending on-campus classes. Mackinac boat race is this weekend and they cannot sail in Canadian waters or dock at final destination. There are COVID-19 outbreaks on Mackinac Island. Boat night party is cancelled in Port Huron. Son is a farmer and is selling at a Saturday farmer's market. Hello Zoom telephone participants.

We had 20 in attendance at beginning of today's meeting, all Dearborn Rotarians. Meeting was recorded and commenced at 11:36 AM. District Governor Noel Jackson's official Dearborn Rotary visit is July 30, 2020. Not sure if it will be via Zoom or in-person. Adopt-A-Highway or Telegraph Clean-Up is Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 8:30 AM at Bryant Middle School. Watch Safety Video prior to clean-up. Link to video is on Dearborn Rotary website and in weekly X-Ray. Maybe bring handheld grabbers for clean-up in this age of COVID-19.

Today's program was President Colleen Nieman's new Rotary Year address and it included a slide show presentation. We heard lessons of a fourth grade on-stage school auditorium experience, mom feeding a family of eight, and dad building a dry stone wall, one slab of rock at a time. When working on a project or in an organization, everyone cannot do everything, but everyone can do something.

President Colleen appreciates former Dearborn Rotarian Rick Ruth getting her involved in Dearborn Rotary and Past President Rick Enright getting her involved in Club activities. She appreciates Past President Hassen Hammoud asking her to be on his Board plus all the support from other Club Past Presidents. Colleen learned things sometimes get messed-up because humans are involved, but things can usually be worked out. She liked hearing from Jim Ives on a past VIP Day about getting things done. Rotary President Elect Training was abbreviated this year and on-line because of COVID-19, but beneficial. Now I'm your duly installed Club President. Colleen appreciates her son's support, when he said your Club President for a reason. New Rotary banner of the year is "Rotary Opens Opportunity".

We have a new tentative Rotary journey because of COVID-19. President Colleen talked about her 2020-2021 Dearborn Rotary Board and related how each member is contributing to mosaic of the upcoming year. Also talked about how a dry stone wall is not mortared together and flexes with the earth. We will be supporting DG Noel Jackson's Peace Chain initiative and hearing a presentation at a future meeting. Our Club meeting format will be determined. Rotary International President is talking of change and remaking Rotary for new times. We are all here for a reason and all can contribute.

Margaret Blohm and Bob Gleichauf thanked President Colleen for her uplifting presentation. She said she was thrilled to have friends in Rotary. Lee Hollmann, Bob Ziolkowski, Jim Ives, Jackie Lovejoy, Val Murphy-Goodrich, R. Cindy Canon, and Martha Hnatiuk all had questions or comments. Dearborn Rotary Board is looking into Club finances and Dale Bender, CPA is providing financial reports plus will update/amend our invoices. Board will be appointing a Club Treasurer. Suggestions were made for every Club member to buy one or two meals per month and try a different meeting location. Have a committee looking at our meeting format. Suggestions were made for more service projects plus possibly an international one. One possible project is helping students in need of support for on-line learning. Derek Locke wants to do a Shelter Box presentation for our Club. We have not heard status of Wayne County Lightfest. Bob Young Past Presidents Scholarship needs to be reviewed due to funding questions. Meals-on-Wheels is using less volunteers because they are presently delivering frozen meals once per week rather than hot meals five times per week. Some recipients miss the hot meals and one day delivery reduces ability to check on welfare of recipients.

President Colleen wished everyone a happy new Rotary year and Bob Ziolkowski took a group photograph. Today's meeting closed with members reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson

Presidential Message

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Holger Knaack
Rotary International President 2020-21

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This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values. Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.

All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the foreseeable future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that *Rotary Opens Opportunities* for generations to come.