



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

August 17, 2017

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Meeting Summary

Past President Regan Ford led today's meeting, President Bob Gleichauf is on vacation. Invocation was done by **Glenn Maleyko**, who spoke of "back to school" and tragedy in Charlottesville, Virginia, plus a prayer mentioning Rotary, children, and blessings for future.

Today's greeter was **Art Hamparian** and we had one guest, today's speaker, **Kellee Robinson**, from Starfish Family Services. Our guest was serenaded in traditional fashion. President Bob's voice was missed in all singing today.

Announcements

Funding for "My Potential" mentoring program was recently approved by Dearborn Rotary Foundation, PP Regan announced. This is a new mentoring program for all three public high schools in Dearborn. Seniors will be paired with incoming freshmen, who need a little extra guidance. **Kathy Kalil** led implantation of this new program with an assist from Superintendent Glenn Maleyko and PP Regan.

Volunteers are needed after next week's meeting to assemble information packets for new mentoring program.

Janice Gilliland thanked volunteers who have filled greeter, invocation giver, and 50/50 worker spots for September, but now is looking for volunteers for October. Please sign-up.

Martha Hnatiuk and Bob Ziolkowski led 50/50 drawing this week. Martha brought up the bowl and our guest, Kellee Robinson, drew winning ticket. Jim Ives was winner of \$20.

Margaret Blohm introduced today's speaker, Kellee Robinson, from Starfish Family Services. Margaret said Dearborn Rotary Foundation supported a Parent Empowerment Plan several years ago at Starfish. Dearborn Rotary also supports "Coats for Children" for Star-

fish clientele prior to winter.

Kellee is Corporate & Foundation Relations Specialist at Starfish Family Services. She has been with Starfish for three years and thanked us for our past support of their programs. Kellee presented a four-minute video about Starfish's programs and also had folders for us to take home about Starfish. Video talked about how they serve children, families and communities. Past students come back to organization to volunteer. They are always in need of volunteers and donors. Donations can include school backpacks, gas cards, hygiene supplies, diapers, etc. Organization started in 1988 and original purpose was helping teens who aged out of foster care find housing and start their lives.

Now organization is known for children's "Head Start" programs and their robust parenting program "PEP". Parenting program educates parents to better care for their children through Starfish University. Originally it was a Saturday parenting class, but has evolved into a catalogue of courses such as, "Real Talk to Connect with Teenagers", financial training classes, starting a business class, fitness classes, etc. Two generation educational approach meets needs of both child and parent and helps families find success.

Starfish Family Services has 17 locations in Western Wayne County. Most locations serve Head Start and Early Head Start (birth to 3 years) programs. Locations also include a butterfly garden for children plus a community garden. 800 lbs. of produce was raised last year and shared with their clientele.

Dan Hogan, Diane Ives, Regan Ford, Lee Hollmann, and David Anderson all had questions. Starfish serves 9,000 to 10,000 children annually. They provide mental health services at four different facilities. Funding for Head Start comes mostly from federal government. Mental health funding comes from fees, state and federal government. Cooper Standard

employees partnered with Starfish and provided business clothing for Starfish clientele to have successful job interviews. Organizations also donate shoes and winter boots so children are properly outfitted. Dearborn Rotary donates winter coats for Inkster location. Most of their clientele is referred to them. Starfish has intake people to help those who come to their door and direct them to proper services. Head Start serves children age three to five. Parents have been enthusiastic about Starfish University courses. Children and adult classes create a "community" for their clientele and helps families.

Starfish is evaluating its' seventeen locations and figuring how best to serve the clientele. Many of the facilities are old school buildings. They are leaving some because they are not conducive to their program. Starfish programs and offices are grouped based on services provided. They have a separate facility for their mental health services.

PP Regan Ford thanked Kellee Robinson for her presentation and invited Kellee to sign a copy of a children's book for the Dearborn Public Library. Kellee was given Dearborn Rotary signing pen. Dearborn Rotary Club meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,
David Anderson



**Future Meeting
Duty Roster
08-24-17**

**Greeter
Darlene Schoolmaster**

**Guests and Visitors
Darlene Schoolmaster**

**Invocation
Adel Mozip**

**50/50
Zeinab Dabajeh**

**X-Ray Editor
David Anderson**

Future Meetings

**8-22-17
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg.
Dbrn Chamber Offices, Noon**

**8-24-17
Drs. Jessica Schering and Mona
Vekaria , Oncologists from Henry
Ford**

**8-31-17
Club Treasurer Roger Miller
2016-17 Financial Summary**

**9-5-17
Club Board Meeting
Dbrn Schools Admin Bldg 5:30PM**

**9-7-17
Naturalist Dorothy McLeer, UM-D
Environmental Interpretive Center**

The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year



Our goal for annual giving is set at 7,000.00 . If every member contributes to the Rotary Foundation “Every Rotarian Every Year” program, we will make the pledges with no problem. Remember “It’s not about the money, but what the money can do.” The following people have contributed at least \$100 this year to The Rotary Foundation.

CDG Jim Ives,

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.

Today’s Speaker



Starfish Family Services Kellee Robinson was our speaker this week.

International Responsibilities of a Rotarian

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities, although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country. Membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat unique view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said: "A world-minded Rotarian looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace; resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority; seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands; defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear; supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere; upholds the principles of justice for mankind; strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal; urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life." That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

The Rotary International Convention

Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level." The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process usually begins about four to seven years in advance.

The RI board determines a general location and invites cities to make proposals. The conventions are truly international events which 20,000 to 40,000 Rotarians and guests attend. All members should plan to participate in a Rotary International convention to discover the real internationality of Rotary. It is an experience you'll never forget.

Upcoming International Conventions:

2018: Toronto, Ontario, Canada	June 24-27
2019: Hamburg Germany	June 1-5
2020: Honolulu Hawaii	June 6-10
2021: Taipei Taiwan	June 12-16
2022: Houston Texas	June 4-8