



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

September 19, 2019

Jim Ives, Editor

Pictures from Today



Murray Davis was our speaker today, speaking on programs with the 19th District Court for Veterans who need a little help



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
09-26-19

Greeter
Angie Linder

Invocation
Kathy Kalil

50/50
Shannon Peterson

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

9-24-19
Drbn Rotary Foundation Brd. Mtg
Noon, Dale Bender's office

9-26-19
Club Treasurers Report
Roger Miller

10-01-19
Club Board Meeting
DPS Admin Bldg 5:30PM

10-03-19
District Governor John Chambers
Official Visit

10-10-19
Vaping and Drugs
Cheryl Philips

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 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 will be credited to this year's giving. Our goal for the 2019-20 Rotary year is \$5,200. Those contributing at least \$100 this year are:

CDG Jim Ives, Don Kosch, Pres. Eric Rader, PP Merritt Robertson

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.

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.

Lost a Friend

We lost a dear friend and tremendous Rotarian on Friday in Past President Neil Allen. A proper tribute will be included in next week's X-Ray.

Meeting Notes

Club President Eric Rader led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Bob Gleichauf and was a prayer plus an update on Neil Allen. Bob visited Neil today at the rehab center, before the meeting. Neil is having medical issues and Bob included Neil in our payers. Murray B. Davis (today's speaker), Tom Pitock (Veterans Court Mentor & UM-D Veterans Office) plus Grant Flenney (guest of Margaret Blohm) were introduced by Martha Hnatiuk, today's greeter.

President's Announcements

Last week's Dearborn Rotary Picnic at Dearborn Historical Museum McFadden-Ross House went well. Weather did not cooperate, but we moved inside to museum and picnic continued. Thanks to Museum for hosting us plus Bob Gleichauf and David Anderson for organizing event.

One Rotary Summit is this Tuesday evening at Schoolcraft College. See President Eric if you are interested in attending.

Rotary District 6400 Governor John Chambers will be visiting our Club luncheon on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Sarah Al-Tamimi led 50/50 drawing today. President Eric drew winning ticket. Guest Tom Pitock was winner of \$15.

Jim Thorpe and Merritt Robertson had "Happy Buck" announcements. Our office moved to old Dearborn High School/Adams Jr. High office building adjacent to Downtown West Dearborn. Enrollment is flat at Henry Ford College, but number of credit hours taken has increased. UM-D had a 1% increase in enrollment. Happy both Dearborn schools are not suffering from declining enrollment.

Murray B. Davis, Program Coordinator at 19th District Veterans Treatment Court in Dearborn was introduced by Darlene Schoolmaster. Mr. Davis is an Air Force Veteran and has had a varied professional management career. He holds a BS in electrical engineering and a MA in social justice. Mr. Davis has worked for multi-national corporations and non-profit organizations. He is a past speaker at our Club and a member of Grosse Pointe Rotary.

Mr. Davis appreciates work Hugh Archer family, Dearborn Rotary and Lee Hollmann have done for Dearborn Veterans Court and UM-D Veterans program. A quote he feels describes Veterans Court is: "sometimes, some people in some situations deserve a second chance".

We watched two videos about Veterans Court. First was on national level and described there are 2.6 million veterans with issues; one-half have a mental health issue. One in six veterans has an addiction. One in five veterans has post-traumatic stress syndrome. There are 11,000 veterans in Veterans Court and court has a 98% success rate. Alternative would be incarceration at a cost of around \$22,000. per year (six year old data). Visit takepart.com to return the service. There were hand-outs about Veterans Court on all the tables.

Second video was about Veterans court in Michigan, particularly Redford District Court and Judge Karen Khalil. Video talked about a veteran who suffered from PTSD and had a bad reaction to a flash grenade going-off at an event. His reaction ended-up with him being arrested by police. Veterans Court served the man the best rather than regular judicial system. There are Vietnam veterans still suffering from effects of that war. Judge Khalil had first Veterans Court in Michigan. Veteran mentors and structured court program helps get veterans back on track. Eighteen month program is better than a jail stay. One success story has veteran now furthering his education, so he can become a great American. Veterans paid ultimate price by serving in battle.

There are now 27 Veterans Treatment Courts in Michigan. Judge Khalil is presently a visiting judge at Dearborn District Court. Program deals with alcohol and substance abuse plus gives emotional support through mentor program. Sobriety and civility are goals of the Court and stopping self-medicating.

Dearborn Court program has four phases lasting 12 to 18 months. There are 16 veteran participants and 14 volunteer mentors. Seventeen veterans have graduated out of the program. Court deals with PTSD, anger management, retail fraud, utility shut-off, etc. They are trying to get veterans stability. Dearborn Court needs funding to help support veterans. Non-profit, business community and UAW have done fundraising for more established Veterans Courts. Dearborn's Court is relatively new.

Veteran mentors come from veteran organizations and Ford Veteran Network. There is a need for younger veteran mentors. Once a month mentors go to court with their mentees. Mentors need common sense and caring. Dearborn Court has older mentee participants with an average age of 55 years. There is a need for donations to this program. Court serves both Dearborn and non-Dearborn residents. Dearborn just happens to be place where veterans crossed paths with law enforcement. They only deal with veterans who have done misdemeanors, no felonies. Veterans Court can clear your record and keep you driving as compared to criminal court route. Participants are required to get drug-tested twice per week, meet with a probation officer every two weeks, and complete 12-18 month program. Restricted driver's license is better than no driver's license, if they take criminal court route. First Veterans Court began in 2008 in Buffalo, New York by Judge Robert Russell. Veterans Court has prevented suicides. The suicide rate is high for veterans. UM-D is hosting a suicide prevention program next month and VA is participating. Archer Scholarship is for education only, but Archer family is providing support to help veterans get transportation. Education is the conduit to success. Veterans tend to be non-traditional students because they are older.

President Eric thanked Murray B. Davis for his presentation and invited him 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