



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

November 07, 2019

Jim Ives, Editor

Today's Meeting



PDG Roberto Sanchez presented the Guatemalan Literacy Project our club has sponsored for quite a few years. It is making huge changes in the lives of Guatemalans.



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
11-14-19

Greeter
Angie Linder

Invocation
Kathy Gapa

50/50
Martha Hnatiuk

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

11-14-19
Hope Against Trafficking
Janna Snyder

11-18-19
Dbrn Rotary Foundation Mtg
Dale Bender's office Noon

11-21-19
David Dubensky
Ford Motor Land Development

11-28-19
No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

12-05-19
V.I.P. Day
Bring a guest to Rotary

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 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, Al Martin, PP John McDonald, PN Shannon Peterson, Pres. Eric Rad-er, 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.
- Starting November 28th, and ending December 23rd, Dearborn Rotary will be providing pictures with Santa at the end of the Wayne County Festival of Lights. Our club needs to man the event every night with 6 volunteers. Please sign up on the schedule board in the back of the meeting room at our weekly meeting. **Changes from previous!!!**
 - **Moving set to pavilion is Nov. 21st after Rotary Meeting (1PM-6PM). Set assembly is Nov. 23rd (9 AM), and decorating is Nov. 24th (1PM-5PM).**
 - Please let Roger Miller, rogerhmf@aol.com, 313-475-1919 or Bob Gleichauf, rgleichauf@aol.com, 313-820-4604 know that you will come to help

Honoring Dearborn Rotarian of the Year

Inter-Service Club Council Luncheon is Wednesday, November 13, 2019 and PP Bob Ziolkowski, Dearborn Rotarian of the Year, is one of the honorees. Sign-in and socializing starts at 11:30 AM. Luncheon begins promptly at noon.

Cost is \$25. per person. **RSVP with David Anderson via phone (313-561-2300) or e-mail (davidanderson.app@att.net).** We need the number of members going by **November 6, 2019.**

Meeting Notes

Club President Eric Rader led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Kathy Kalil and she spoke of the "Four-Way Test", wisdom we all need and supported by all religions, plus thanked DPS for all their hard work regarding "BRICS" ballot initiative – will get it next time. Today's greeter and 50/50 seller was Sarah Al-Tamimi. We had one guest, today's speaker, PDG Roberto Sanchez.

President's Announcements

Dearborn Rotary Board cancelled Rotary meetings on November 28 (Thanksgiving), December 26, January 2, and January 23 (Big Band Concert is 1-25). Santa Snaps' volunteer board is filling-up, but there are still volunteer opportunities. Thank-you Angie Linder for managing electronic sign-up. Please sign-up on board by door or on-line at bit.ly/santasnaps2019.

We are still totaling (donations continue to arrive) our World Polio Day collection. Results soon.

Rotary Districts 6380 and 6400 Rotary Foundation and Membership Dinner past Saturday at Fox Hills Country Club was a wonderful long evening. Our newest club member, Sarah Al-Tamimi, was recognized and patient. Had a nice meal with good people.

Inter-Service Club Council Luncheon is Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Park Place. Dearborn Rotarian of the Year, Bob Ziolkowski, will be one of the honorees at the luncheon. Please call or e-mail David Anderson for tickets.

Bob Gleichauf announced Santa Snaps Shelter has walls, but still needs lighting, heat and doors. We will be moving set next Thursday after Rotary, if shelter is ready. Will finish assembling set following Saturday and decorate on Sunday. Santa Snaps opens on Friday, Nov. 22. Hope to do some training at our Rotary meeting in two weeks. Still need captains and volunteers. Consider bringing a group of volunteers.

Margaret Blohm said there are cards at door for Maureen LaFontaine Family and Ginger Nickloy. Appreciate all the support LaFontaine Automotive Group has provided Dearborn Rotary. Ginger is having health issues and was one of the five first women in Dearborn Rotary.

Dearborn Rotary VIP day is December 5, 2019. Please bring potential Rotarian guests. Let Margaret know how many you are inviting.

Rick Goward encouraged us to support Karen Newman's Christmas Spectacular on Friday, December 13. Half of each ticket sale to a Dearborn Rotarian, supports Dearborn Rotary. Tickets are going quickly. Contact Rick to reserve yours.

Dearborn Rotary Foundation meeting was moved to November 18, 2019, Foundation Chairperson Merritt Robertson reported.

Sarah Al-Tamimi led 50/50 drawing today. President Eric drew winning ticket and Bob Ziolkowski was winner.

Shannon Peterson, Rick Goward, Janice Gilliland and President Eric all had "Happy Bucks" announcements. Turned 50 yesterday. Husband recently retired and it's nice coming home to a cooked dinner and clean laundry. Thank you Rotarians for substituting at last minute for meeting roles. A Fordson High School Interact student was the recipient of a scholarship at a recent function I attended. Thank you Kathy Kalil for your positive message about BRICS – DPS remains students first and positive.

Today's program was about The Guatemalan Literacy Project and was presented by PDG Roberto Sanchez. He was District 6400 Governor in 2003-2004 and is a member of Taylor Rotary Club. Roberto has served Rotary roles at Club, District and International levels. He has done Rotary service projects in Venezuela, Philippines, India, Guatemala and Mexico.

Roberto believes Guatemala Literacy Project is one of the premiere programs in Rotary because it is self-sustaining. He thanked Dearborn Rotary for its support of this project. A network of individual Rotarians, Clubs and Districts support the project. Goal of project is to end poverty through education. Roberto had a PowerPoint presentation.

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Four out of five indigenous people live in poverty. Average adult has less than a fifth grade education. One-third of indigenous people cannot read or write. 90% of rural Guatemalans do not have access to textbooks. 95% of people in rural areas do not graduate high school. Families live in dirt floor shacks and cook over open fires. Guatemalan Rotarians and educators support the project and provide on the ground volunteers.

Project has been in operation for 20 years and Roberto has been volunteering 10 years. Eight countries, 100 Districts and 6000 Clubs have supported the project. They have served over 200,000 Guatemalans and 54,000 students are benefiting in 2019. RI President Ian Reisling visited the project and called it a "Gold Standard". Guatemala Literacy Project is breaking the cycle of poverty. We heard about a successful young woman who came from an illiterate family.

Many school teachers in Guatemala only have a high school education. They do not know how to teach. Guatemala Literacy Project's Sparks reading program instructs teachers on how to teach and elementary students on how to read. Program gets parents involved with student's learning and requires them to purchase a text book through an annual \$1.00 five-year payment plan. Book is passed-on to another student each year. Rotary supplied computer labs provide some Guatemalans their only access to computers. Students share buildings with businesses.

Rise Development Program targets students who might drop-out. 80% of the students in this program graduate. There is job training, leadership training, psychological and social support, plus helping others. Cost to sponsor a Rise student is \$750. per year and student informs you of their progress.

Roberto invited us to visit Guatemala Literacy Project. Rotary leads four tours per year and cost is \$1,200. for 15 days. Older people are accommodated and travel in Guatemala is in an air-conditioned van. You visit the schools and deliver books. Guatemala is a beautiful country with lots of volcanoes – nothing to worry about. Tell Roberto you want to go and he will go, too. There are good Rotarians in Guatemala.

Guatemalan Literacy Project was started by two young men from Ohio, a visit to Guatemala, met a girl, her father was a Rotarian, and a cooperative for education was created. Brothers are still involved with the project. Merritt Robertson said you can find detailed financial records on-line about the project.

President Eric thanked PDG Roberto Sanchez 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

Holiday Concert

Dear Dearborn Rotarian,

I am very pleased again to offer you an exciting and profitable opportunity to enjoy a spectacular holiday event while earning funds to support our organization. This will be our December evening social function.

Please join us on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 at 8 p.m. for "Karen Newman's Christmas Spectacular" with Blue Fusion and the Henry Ford Big Band at the beautiful Michael A. Guido Theater. To benefit our organization, 50 percent of your ticket purchases for this concert will go into our club account. Our 50 percent will be used to defray the cost of the technical expenses of our own Rotary Club concert on January 25th.

The Christmas Spectacular promises to be the premier event of the holiday season, with our Detroit area's beloved Karen Newman performing traditional songs of the season with her modern, uplifting arrangements, backed by the powerful sounds of Henry Ford College's celebrated Blue Fusion vocal group and the award-winning instrumentals of the Henry Ford Big Band.

Building on last year's success, this year's concert is sure to sell out, so please complete the order form below and purchase your tickets early! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Rick L. Goward

Director of Bands



Detach and Return – Due: Wednesday, November 27th



Ticket Order Form

Karen Newman's Christmas Spectacular

December 13, 2019 - 8 p.m.

Name _____

Address _____

City / Zip _____

Organization Name _____

_____ Number of tickets X \$35 each = \$_____ .00

Check / Money Order Payable To: **Henry Ford College Bands**

Mail to:

**Rick L. Goward
Henry Ford College**