



# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

March 16, 2017

Jim Ives, Editor

## Thursday's Meeting Summary

President Regan Ford led today's meeting, which opened with the singing of the National Anthem. Invocation was done by Margaret Blohm and was a prayer expressing hope of different nationalities, religions, etc. getting along together plus cooperation through Rotary.

Today's greeter, Maysam Alie-Bazzie, introduced our one guest, Wiley Pickett, a guest of Kathy Kalil. Wiley was serenaded in traditional fashion and said he has never received a welcome like this.

President Regan said PDG Bruce Goldsen is encouraging all Rotarians to sign up for Rotary District 6400 District Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, May 11-14, 2017. Past Rotary President, Rick King, a great speaker, will have a presentation plus there is a Rotary event at the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame. Visit the District 6400 Website to sign-up. Stipends are available from our Club and the District for Rotarians attending their first District Conference.

Dearborn Rotary Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 3-21-2017, at 5:30 PM at Dearborn Schools Administration Building.

Ray Trudeau is leaving this coming Tuesday morning at 5:20 AM for a Rotary mission project in Nicaragua. If you have any new t-shirts to donate for the Children of the Dump Project, Ray will pick them up before Tuesday. Ray thanked Jim Thorpe for his donation of t-shirts.

Shannon Peterson announced the Dearborn Crystallettes, a synchronized skating team, is having an exhibition skate and fundraising spaghetti dinner on Thursday, 3-23-2017, from 6P-9P, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. They are preparing for synchronized skating World Championship in Colorado Springs, 4-7&8-2017.

Shannon Peterson led the 50/50 raffle today. President Regan drew the winning ticket. Jim Thorpe was the winner of \$12.

President Regan announced today's speaker, Dearborn Rotarian, Kathy Kalil, Ph.D. She has self-published and authored a book. Kathy is a licensed psychologist at Apex Behavioral Health in Dearborn. She has degrees from Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State plus two years of law school. Kathy is also a member of several professional psychological societies.

Kathy said she was honored to speak today and looks at Regan Ford and Margaret Blohm as two role models and thanked them for their kindness. She also thanked everyone in Dearborn Rotary for their kindness.

Kathy's grandparents emigrated from Lebanon in the early 1900s. They named their 10 children after famous Americans. Her father served in World War II, worked for the Wayne County Sheriff Department, plus opened an insurance agency. Kathy is one of five children. Her father spoke regularly about international politics. Rule he taught his kids – you are no better than anyone else, and no one is better than you. Kathy and her husband adopted two infants, one from Pakistan and other from Guatemala. She did not complete law school because of a busy family life.

Book Kathy wrote is "Awakening the Sleeping Tiger Within – Breaking the Power of the Mainstream Media's Portrayal of Islam and the War on Terror". Book is published under the pen name, Anne Marie Ameri, Ph.D. She wrote the book because from the age of sixteen she has received from the media the message Palestinians are terrorists. This eventually evolved to Middle Easterners, and then Muslims. She is concerned about the negative effects of the propaganda on her community and youth. The book has 345 footnotes.

Kathy talked about what is Islam (a monolithic religion), Jesus being a prophet in Islam, Muslims following the law of the land where they live, and Islam not supporting terrorism. She mentioned the pro-Israel media bias and how six corporations control

90% of the information we receive. Feels the Palestinian grievances have been delegitimized and Muslim women with covered hair have become visible targets. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the US and we need to develop a more balanced relationship with Israel. She is concerned about how terrorism is portrayed in the media. The occupation by Israel in Palestine is demoralizing for the residents, particularly for the youth. Kathy feels every person is entitled to dignity and to be gratified. US aid to Israel should be reviewed because of the treatment of Palestinians by Israel. We have the economic pressure to help the Palestinians. She is proud of her heritage and proud to be an American. Kathy's book is available on Amazon and she is willing to speak to groups about her book.

**Jessica Haddad, Bill White, Roger Miller, David Anderson, and Jim Ives** all had questions or comments. Jessica visited the Holy Land in 2012 with her mother and was detained and questioned by the Israeli Defense Force for eight hours. She felt she was held because of her last name and felt threatened. Strategy of "BDS" means boycott, divest, and sanctions. We heard how Jews were welcomed back to the Middle East after they were kicked out of Spain by a queen. Way to solve problem with Israel is by US economic power. Jim Ives mentioned a Rotary Peace Scholar working with Israelis and Palestinians and said there probably is no easy solution. Kathy does not feel the problem is due to religion, but due to power.

Respectfully submitted,  
Davis Anderson



**Future Meeting  
Duty Roster  
03-23-17**

**Greeter  
Kathy Gapa**

**Guests and Visitors  
Kathy Gapa**

**Invocation  
Maysam Alie-Bazzi**

**50/50  
Maysam Alie-Bazzi**

**X-Ray Editor  
David Anderson**

### Future Meetings

**3-21-17  
Dearborn Rotary Club Board Mtg  
Dbrn Schools Admin Bldg 5:30PM**

**3-23-17  
Bob Hendrixx  
The Motown Movement**

**3-28-17  
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg  
Dbrn. Chamber Offices  
Noon**

**4-6-17  
Dr. Janosky, U of M -Dearborn**

**4-11-17  
Dearborn Rotary Club Board Mtg  
Dbrn Schools Admin Bldg 5:30PM**

**The Rotary Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year**

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.

Margaret Blohm, Diane Ives, CDG Jim Ives, Don Karcher, Aldo Martin, Mike Maldegen, Jack & Jane Mueller, Colleen Nieman, Shannon Peterson, Merritt Robertson, Darlene Schoolmaster, Ray Trudeau, Bill White.

**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.

**This Week’s Program**

Our speaker this week was Dr. Kathleen Kalil

## Things to Know About Rotary

### The First Years of Rotary

Within the first year, the Chicago club had become so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

The next four Rotary Clubs were organized in cities in the western United States, beginning with San Francisco, then Oakland, Los Angeles and Seattle. The National Association of Rotary Clubs in America was formed in 1910. In April 1912, Rotary chartered a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, marking the first acknowledged establishment of an American-style service club outside the United States. To reflect the addition of a club outside of the United States, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912.

In August 1912, the Rotary Club of London received its charter from the Association, marking the first acknowledged Rotary club established outside of North America. It later became known that the Dublin club in Ireland had been organized before the London club, its first meeting having been held on February 22, 1911, but the Dublin club did not receive its charter until after the London club was chartered.

During World War I, Rotary in Britain increased from 9 to 22 clubs, and other early clubs in other nations included those in Cuba in 1916, Philippines in 1919 and India in 1920. In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International. By 1925, Rotary had grown to 2,106 clubs worldwide with 110,500 members.

### Nazi Germany and World War II in Europe

In Germany, no club had been formed before 1927, because of opposition from the continental clubs. For a while after 1933, Rotary clubs "met with approval" by Nazi authorities, and were considered to offer "opportunity for party comrades ... to provide enlightenment regarding the nature and policy of the National Socialist movement." The Nazis, although they saw international organizations as suspect, had authorized NSDAP members to be members of Rotary through the Nazi Party's court rulings issued in 1933, 1934 and 1936. In 1937, more than half the German Rotarians were Nazi Party members.

Six German clubs were formed after Hitler came to power. They came under pressure almost immediately to expel their Jewish members.

Rotary Clubs do not appear to have had a unified policy towards the Nazi regime: while several German Rotary clubs decided to disband their organizations in 1933, others practiced a policy of appeasement or collaborated. In Munich the club removed from its members' list a number of Rotarians, Jewish and non-Jewish, who were politically unacceptable for the regime, including Thomas Mann (already in exile in Switzerland). Twelve members resigned in sympathy with the expelled members.

Beginning in 1937, however, hostile articles were published in the Nazi press about Rotary, comparing Rotary with Freemasonry. Soon after that, the incompatibility between Nazism and the international humanitarian organization resulted in two decisions which would jeopardize the existence of Rotary in Germany: in June 1937, the ministry of the interior forbade civil servants to be members of the Rotary; in July, the NSDAP's party court reversed its previous rulings and declared Party and Rotarian membership incompatible as from January 1938.

Rotary's cause was advocated before the NSDAP party court by Dr. Grill, Governor for the Rotary 73rd district, arguing that the German Rotary was compliant with the goals of the Nazi government, and had excluded Freemasons in 1933 and non-Aryans in 1936. Other attempts were made, also by foreign Rotarians, but appeasement failed this time, and, in September 1937, the 73rd district dissolved itself. Subsequently, the charter of German clubs was withdrawn by Rotary International, although some clubs continued to meet "privately."

Rotary Clubs in Spain ceased to operate shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War.

Clubs were disbanded across Europe as follows:

- Austria (1938) • Italy (1939) • Czechoslovakia (1940)
- Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Luxembourg (1941) • Hungary (1941/2)

In The Netherlands, Rotary was forbidden after the occupation by the German troops in 1940 and could only be reinstated after its liberation in 1945.

## Two Important Meetings Coming Up



If you were contemplating attending the District Conference in Cleveland, you need to act now and get registered. This is a celebration of what our District has done in the current Rotary year, and allows all of us to discover all that is possible in service to others. Please go to [www.rotary6400.org](http://www.rotary6400.org), and click on the District Conference logo at the bottom of the page to start the registration process.

If you were planning on attending the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, you need to act now to avoid an increase in the registration fee. The \$415 registration fee on April 1st will increase to \$490.

This is a celebration of the 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, and you won't want to miss the exceptional speakers lined up (Jack Nicklaus and Bill Gates to name a couple). Please go to the Rotary International Convention site (<http://www.riconvention.org/en>) to start the registration process.

It was at the 1917 Convention in Atlanta that The Rotary Foundation was started. Come to the reunion for an exceptional party.

