



The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

November 2, 2017

Jim Ives, Editor

Thursday's Speakers



District Membership Coordinator Jim Perri filled us in on a number of initiatives going on in the district.



President Bob filled us in on the Santa Snaps project.



Future Meeting
Duty Roster
11-9-17

Greeter
Art Hamparian

Guests and Visitors
Art Hamparian

Invocation
Sara Gleicher

50/50
Martha Hnatiuk

X-Ray Editor
David Anderson

Future Meetings

11-7-17
Club Board Mtg.
Dbrn. Schools Admin Bld. 5:30PM

11-9-17
DG Rick Caron makes his Official
Visit to our club

11-16-17
John Thompson from
Dearborn Goodfellows

11-23-17
No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

11-28-17
Dearborn Rotary Foundation Mtg
Noon at Dearborn Chamber Offices

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.

CDG Jim Ives, Diane Ives, Al Martin

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.



Santa Snaps sign up has started. We start taking photos. November 17th, so sign up to volunteer with Eric Rader (ewrader@hfcc.edu).

We are scheduled to move into the pavilion on November 9th after Rotary. Decorating will take place November 15th at 6PM. Please sign up to help either day at a Club meeting or email or phone Roger Miller at rogerhmf@aol.com, or 313-475-1919.

We also need workers on the following dates. Please contact Eric Rader if you are able to work any of these dates.

November 19, 24, 25

December 1, 11, 17

Meeting Notes

President Bob Gleichauf led today's meeting. **Kathy Gapa** did the invocation. Darlene Schoolmaster, today's greeter, introduced our one guest, **Jim Perri** from Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club. Jim was serenaded in traditional fashion.

Announcements

Next Thursday, 11-9-2017, Santa Snaps set move-in takes place right after Rotary. Santa Snaps set decorating is Wednesday, 11-15-2017, at 5:00 PM. See page 2 for details.

President Bob is looking for volunteer photographers and photo printers for Wayne County employee family Christmas party at Warren Valley Golf Course Clubhouse on Thursday, 11-16-2017. Event will probably involve a couple of hours volunteer service in evening.

Martha Hnatiuk answered **Janice Gilliland's** request for a meeting greeter or 50/50 worker volunteer on 12-21-2017. Janice will be greeter and Martha will run 50/50 raffle at that meeting. Janice will have sign-up sheet for volunteers to fill greeter, invocation giver, and 50/50 worker spots in 2018, shortly.

Susan Dabaja encouraged us all to get out and vote on Tuesday, 11-7-2017. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

Jim Perri passed a sign-up sheet for "Kids Coalition Against Hunger" or "7th Annual Feed the World Day" on Saturday, 11-11-2017. Southeastern Michigan Rotary Clubs are sponsoring event and 100,000 packaged meals are proposed. Dearborn Rotary Foundation has donated \$2,500. to event. Looking for set-up crew volunteers, 7 AM to 8:30 AM; Shift One packaging volunteers, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM; and Shift Two packaging volunteers 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Packaging takes place at Henry Ford College cafeteria or Building M. You can also contact Jim Perri to sign-up or on-line. One out of five children go to bed hungry in Detroit area. One-half of prepared bags will be distributed locally, one-quarter to national disaster relief, and remaining quarter for international relief.

A sign-up sheet for purchasing a Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club citrus box was also distributed. Cost is \$25. and proceeds support Fairlane Sunrise projects. Jim Perri will also be looking for volunteers for fitting children's coats at Starfish on a date to be determined.

Visit Rotary District 6400 website if you are interested in attending evening District Membership & Foundation Dinner next Thursday, 11-9-2017, at the Caboto Club in Windsor, Ontario. Cost is \$25. US, or \$35. Canadian.

PP Bob Ziolkowski provided a review of our 9-1-2017 Club meeting attendance survey. Survey summaries were distributed on all tables. There were 30 responders to survey or about half our membership. If you did take survey, please e-mail Bob Z. and he will provide a link for you to participate in survey. 76% of Rotarians miss meetings because of work schedules. They attend meetings because they enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians. Participants said they would like to learn more about Rotary and its' international projects at meetings. Making meetings more interactive was another desire. Club Board will be discussing on how to make meetings and events more enjoyable. Meetings are a conduit to being active in Rotary.

Susan Dabaja related a story about Kiwanis Club "Happy Bucks" where members tell Club something important in their lives and pay a small fee (fundraising). It was suggested maybe we should allow guests to introduce themselves to entire Club, rather than taking time to sing to them. Some Clubs form two lines across the room to greet each other.

President Bob reminded us Inter-Service Club Council of Dearborn 56th annual luncheon is Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Park Place. Doors open at 11:30 AM and lunch is served at noon. Dearborn Rotarian of the Year, **Rick Goward**, will be honored at the event. Cost is \$25. per person. See or e-mail PP Regan Ford to purchase a ticket.

Shannon Peterson and **Lee Hollmann** led today's 50/50 raffle. Lee encouraged Shannon to share with Club a major event in her life. Shannon said her middle child, the Detroit Police officer, is receiving a Detroit Police Medal of Valor on 11-30-2017. Shannon drew the winning ticket and Stan Jensen was the winner of \$20., which he promptly donated to Club.

President Bob Gleichauf led today's meeting, which was a Santa Snaps review. This is our 28th year of doing Santa Snaps. Event has raised over \$500,000. for our Dearborn Rotary Foundation. We have a valuable role at Wayne County Lightfest by providing an enjoyable opportunity with Santa plus an affordable photo if interested. Guests include all income levels, ethnicities, religions, abilities, etc. There are several rules we need to follow to make this a prosperous event.

#1, be on time. Monday thru Thursday nights be there by 6:00 PM. Friday through Sunday nights be there by 5:30 PM.

#2, smile, enjoy our guests and our volunteers. Please make an extra effort to be friendly. Bob shared a story about how inadvertently it is easy to become a "mean Santa"

#3, be prepared, know your job. There are written instructions for all the jobs. Evening Captains will be there to set-up and make sure everyone knows their roles. Greeters manage the crowd and sends guests up to see Santa. Watch for Santa's signal to send up guests. Someone should always be watching Santa to see if he needs water or a break. Santa has the most demanding job. Camerapersons look at photographs before handing camera over for picture printing. See if you cut someone's head off or guest's eyes are closed.

Captains are responsible for set-up each evening. They make sure there is a full crew, maybe six or seven workers. They can probably leave after an hour and a half if everything is running smoothly. They stay if we are short-staffed. Rotarians are a back-up for the Captain.

Crews should be trained to do their jobs each evening. We have student, HFC, Rotary, and other volunteers. Many volunteers have never done Santa Snaps. We never close down Santa Snaps before 10:00 PM. Photographers please take picture first and then let guests visit with Santa. A skilled photographer can keep the line moving. Santa's helpers can engage kids and give Santa children's names. Helpers alert Santa ahead of time if there are special instructions with our visiting guests. Santa Snaps can be a moving experience and sometimes involves major life events. There has been a returning soldier's reunion with children, a gift of a new puppy, birth announcements, and just plain interesting interactions with our guests.

President Bob encouraged us to sign-up on Santa Snaps' board at rear of room or e-mail Eric Rader to volunteer. Dearborn Rotary Club meeting ended with us reciting the Four-Way Test in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

David Anderson

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.

- **Santa Snaps Move in:** November 9, 1PM to 5PM. Contact Roger Miller if you can help. (rogerhmf@aol.com. or 313-475-1919)
- **Santa Snaps Decorating:** November 15th, 5PM to 9PM. Contact Roger Miller if you can help. (rogerhmf@aol.com. or 313-475-1919)
- **Santa Snaps Help Needed:** Please see page 2 for dates needed.
- **Kids against hunger:** November 11th at HFC. Three shifts available to serve. Go to <https://7th-annual-rotary-ftwd.eventbrite.com>
 - Set-Up 7-8:30am
 - Morning 8:30am to 10:30am
 - Late Morning 10:15am to 12:30
- **Coats for Kids:** Dates to be announced around Thanksgiving week. Take a half day off work and bless a kid with a new coat, hat and gloves!
- **Membership Foundation Dinner:** Thursday November 9th, 2017 5:30pm Registration, 6pm-8:30pm Cabota Club Windsor. RSVP to jkarolyi241114mi@comcast.net.
- Wayne County Christmas Party, November 16, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Warren Valley Golf Course. We need three people to take photos with Santa for the Wayne County employees. Contact President Bob if able to help.
- Help us celebrate our newest club to the District 6400 Family. **Charter Night for our newest Rotary Club Plymouth After Hours:** Thursday, December 7th, 5:30pm Aqua Restaurant in Plymouth. Register today by emailing Aaron at aaron@atlaslawoffice.com

All hands on deck! The Rotary District 6400 Governor is coming to our club for his official visit next week, November 9th. This is an important meeting to welcome the Governor to Dearborn, and hear of his goals for this Rotary Year, and allow him to hear of our plans for the year. Come out to welcome the Governor for this important meeting!



Honorary Membership

“Honorary” is one of the two types of membership a person may have in a Rotary Club. This type of membership is the highest distinction a Rotary Club can confer and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and society. Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues. Many distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts and other public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary Clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King Badouin of Belgium, King Hassan III of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Charles Lindbergh, composer Jean Sibelius, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Dr. Albert Sabin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and many of the presidents of the United States. Truly, those selected for honorary membership are those who have done much to further the ideals of Rotary.

In our club, we have many times honored the Mayor of the city, or past members of our club with Honorary Membership.

Rule of 85

The so-called “Rule of 85” is alive and well, although modified by the 2010 Council on Legislation. It is hard to find because it is not officially called the “Rule of 85”, nor a type of Rotary membership (“Active” or “Honorary” are the only two) – it is merely a provision listed under “excused absences” in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. It provides that if a members combined age and years of service equal 85 years or greater, they are at least age 65, and they ask to be excused, then they are excused. Additionally, they don’t count against the club’s attendance figures.

Example: Member John Doe will be 65 in June 2015 and he will have 20 years of service in October 2015. This qualifies him for exclusion from attendance starting in October 2015. This will not affect his or her membership status in any way, but will simply allow the Club Attendance Secretary to exclude him from the attendance percent if he does not make a meeting. However, if he attends a meeting he should be counted toward your overall percentage.

Rule of 85

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, “Of course I’m a member of Rotary International!” But in this instance, technically the confident Rotarian would be wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International! The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple: the constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. Over 34,500 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International. So, if someone asks if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, “No, I belong to the Rotary club of Dearborn Mi.” But it is doubtful anyone would understand the difference, or, in fact, would really care.