



MAY 4, 2015

May the fourth be with you! We welcomed the month of May with a sunny and warm day. A new Rotarian was inducted and another graduated from yellow ribbon newbie status. Many thanks to the volunteers who made the annual Rotary Track Meet a great success and to all Rotarians who give their extra time and energy to make our weekly fellowship possible!

A CLASSROOM OF MAKERS – EMBRACING A MOVEMENT

A classroom of Makers – what does this mean and who are these people? Joe Rommel, Educational Technology Consultant for the Berrien RESA opened our eyes to a new school of thinking when it comes to hands-on education.

seen in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) or STEAM (STEM + Art) initiatives. Makers’ resources are becoming increasingly more available in the classroom in an effort to promote more project-based learning.

ability to crowdsource funds, technological advances such as open-source designs, hardware and software and online marketplaces at which to sell wares. The popular site Etsy, where sellers pay only a 3.5% fee on transactions and pay 20 cents per item to list for four months, has some impressive statistics:

- 20 million active buyers
- 1.93 billion in gross merchandise sales in 2014
- 81% identified an “outlet for creativity” as their primary reason for starting an Etsy shop



UMS Maize Team @UptonMaizeTeam · 20 Dec 2013
@CainesArcade no cardboard, no problem! #makestuff



Many feel that project-based learning does more to prepare children for the future. Rommel shared a call to action in the form of a tweet, from author, speaker and international education advisor Sir Ken Robinson:

Education is not preparation. The first 18 years of life are not a rehearsal. Young people are living their lives now. #creativeschools

Making can be about education but it can also be about industry. Making is easier than ever before with increased access to resources,

Web strategist and industry analyst Jeremiah Owyang was quoted in Rommel’s presentation, stating “this Maker movement puts power in the hands of people to find, design, prepare, prototype, manufacture, distribute, market and sell their own goods.” It’s estimated that within 5 years, 10% of products in the U.S. retail market will have originated from these small-scale U.S. Makers. Another website, Grommet, boasts the launch of over 2,000 such companies such as Fit Bit and Soda Stream.



recently been a return to more hands-on learning in opposition to a previous trend of closing down shop classes at schools as

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Joke of the Week!

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot. One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them. Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off. But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her. After a couple of weeks the wife said, 'Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?' He hadn't and said so. Then she said, 'Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing.'

Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave. The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road. 'Well, is she selling drugs?' she asked excitedly. 'No, she's not,' he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have. 'Well, what is it then? What does she do?' his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, 'She's a battery salesperson.' 'Batteries?' cried the wife. 'Yes!' he replied. 'She Sells C Cells Down By the Seashore!'



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- **5/11/15** – Law Day, pre-purchased ticket required
- **5/18/15** – Speaker Lynn Kellogg, Back to Africa
- **5/25/15** – No Meeting – Memorial Day
- **5/30/15** – Makers Faire at Whirlpool Centennial Park

THANK YOU TRACK MEET VOLUNTEERS!!

NEW AND NOT SO NEW ANYMORE

Welcome new Rotarian, Therese Saggau, Executive Director of PACE! Congratulations also to Emily Hosinski on the removal of her “New Member” ribbon!



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 5/1 – Les Miller | 5/15 – Mary Spiegel |
| 5/5 – Mary Frey | 5/20 – Deb Trapikas |
| 5/7 – Steve Upton | 5/21 – Stephen Martin |
| 5/9 – Richard Trzupek | 5/26 – Nicole Beltz |
| 5/10 – Mike Ahern | 5/27 – Char Wenham |
| 5/13 – Steve Smith | 5/28 – Barclay Johnson |



A CLASSROOM OF MAKERS (CONTINUED)



Articulate Gallery
Interchangeable Artwork Frames
Starting at \$22



Castakite
Kite & Kite Flying Handle
\$24.95



RC Pets
Packable Dog Poncho
\$12



Siva Cycle
Bicycle powered charger
\$129

From the interesting and practical to the strange and unusual, the Makers movement is bringing a whole host of new products to consumers. And Makers organizations have been popping up all over the place: Make South Bend, GR Makers, Kalamazoo Makers Guild, The Geek Group and the Lakeshore Makers just to name a few.



The Berrien RESA supports Making through the support of STEM initiatives, providing educational technology consultants, application of grant money to purchase Maker supplies. Berrien RESA is also currently exploring the idea of a summer camp for Makers. Through partnership with the St. Joseph Today, Kinexus and Cornerstone, the Makers movement is becoming more entrenched in our community and a Makers Faire is about to hit Southwest Michigan!

The Southwest Michigan Mini Maker Faire, an officially licensed event through Maker Magazine, is a celebration of invention and creativity for all ages. Individuals, groups, industries and schools are invited to present their projects that explore DIY (do-it-yourself) innovation. The event will take place on Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Whirlpool Centennial Park in St. Joseph. For more information, visit swmimakerfaire.com.

Southwest Michigan Mini Maker Faire®

The Southwest Michigan Mini Maker Faire is a celebration of invention and creativity for all ages. We're inviting makers (individuals, groups, industries and schools) to present their projects that explore DIY (do-it-yourself) innovation, reveal their process and show how materials are pushed to their limits. Whether it's scientific exploration, woodworking, robotics, beekeeping or e-textiles, this event will explore it all!

Bicycle Groups Cooking Class Bee-keeping
Science Workshops Model Making Game Design
Quilting Young Makers Groups Fabric Arts
Pottery Art cars Steampunk Mosaics Paper Airplane Making
Woodworking Musical Instrument Design Robotics Composting & Recycling
DIY Science Programming Sewing LEGO Users Groups Gardening

MAY 30, 2015

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Whirlpool Centennial Park
330 Broad Street

St. Joseph, MI

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THREE ROTARIANS IN “DANCE OFF” THIS WEEKEND

Three Rotarians have been putting in long hours practicing and preparing to dance off against each other, and other contestants in the 2nd Annual “Dancing with the Symphony Stars” which will be held this Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Dr, St. Joseph. The event is already sold out.

Stuart (Stu) Boekeloo, Gyl Kasewurm and Tom Starks, all members of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor will be competing for the coveted Mirror Ball Award but only one couple will take home the prize. The couples consist of the local celebrities and their instructors who are all dancers from The Citadel Dance & Music Center.

Judging will be performed by Jay Costas, co-owner of Silver Beach Pizza and last year's winner of Dancing with the Symphony Stars Mirrored Ball Award, Dana Riley, a local resident of Stevensville who has been involved in ballroom dance for the past 12 years as a competitive dancer, and “Wild Bill” Lewis, the Morning Personality at 97-5 Y-Country Radio..

Boekeloo will be dancing the Samba, with instructor Susan Dennison. Boekeloo has been a general dentist



in the area for more than 25 years. He has been very active in the community and has served on several Boards including Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, the Morton House Museum,

The Heritage Museum and the Michigan Dental Association. Sailing, skiing and golf are his hobbies which he tries to share with his wife and two sons as often as possible. He is a nationally acclaimed speaker on care for the elderly in assisted living facilities and is the founder of Aleydis Centers, the only manufacturer and installer of multi-functional treatment rooms in the country.

Gyl Kasewurm will be dancing Hip Hop with Reese Dubrow. As a lifelong resident of Michigan's Great Southwest, Dr. Gyl Kasewurm started Professional



Hearing Services (PHS) in Saint Joseph, Michigan in 1983 but her love of the stage began much earlier than that. At the age of 5, she swept the hearts of the entire K through 8th grade school with a performance that would end up winning the talent contest. Her motto then and now continues to be work hard, push ahead and never look back! Never one to shy away from a challenge, Dr. Kasewurm promises that she will devote the same relentless passion to this competition that has proven to be effective in her professional life.

Tom Starks grew up attending many local dances. He says that, “Looking back, dancing was shaking your body to the music or holding your date close on a



small dance floor. When I attended college at the University of Wyoming and joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity, the sorority ladies taught us how to cowboy line dance. As the night progressed, I got a bit looser. While keeping hydrated by drinking beer, I believed I was a better dancer. I'm honored to bring my dancing experience along with my two left feet”.

Tom will be dancing with Christin Davis and was selected to dance the Jive. Born in Royal Oak, Michigan, to Bob & Carol Starks, he moved to St. Joseph in 1961 when he was three years old. He attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration and then attended the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1986 he moved back to St. Joseph to join his family at Kerley & Starks Funeral Home. He has two wonderful daughters, Olivia and Laura. He is proud that my daughters decided to join me in my business and become third generation funeral directors. Tom is the Owner and President of Starks Family Funeral Homes.

The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra began this fundraiser in 2014. Rick Dyer of our Rotary Club danced in the 1st Dancing with the Symphony Stars. Money raised from the fundraiser (this also includes an auction) will go to help support youth programs in their community outreach. Ticket prices don't really cover the cost of the concerts. This money will also help support the symphony. Be sure and congratulate our Rotarians. We can't wait to see who will take home the Mirror Ball Award this year!

FROM THE DISTRICT 6360 GAZETTE – GROWTH THROUGH MENTORING

Jackie Huie, of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, will be leading an inspirational Breakout Session at the upcoming District Conference in Saugatuck on Friday, May 15 from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Through the Rotary Student Program, select young people are invited to explore career interests, with behind-the-scenes visits to area businesses. Meeting one-on-one with business professionals, participating students gain rare access to every level – from CEOs of global corporations to small business owners. In “reverse interviews,” students are given the opportunity

to learn more about particular areas of interest, what it takes to land the dream job, and even verify opposing career interests.

Through Rotarians, students explore dreams from every possible direction. With the Rotary Student Program, the opportunities and possibilities are endless. In return, your Rotary Club will meet new young people, their parents, and the professional mentoring them – all future potential Rotarians. Mentoring is a great way to grow your Club’s membership. Learn more at Jackie’s session! Questions? Contact Jackie Huie at jhuie@johnson-rauhoff.com.

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO...

We are very excited to announce that, due to growing popularity in our local schools, the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor is sponsoring the charter of a second Interact Club - Interact of St. Joseph High School.

The new Interact club spins off from the current charter - Interact Club of The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor. This original 5-school charter launched in 2011 under then Rotary Club President, Charlie LaSata.

At time of the original charter, Interact consisted of 60 students from five schools - Benton Harbor, Countryside Academy, Lake Michigan Catholic, Michigan Lutheran and St. Joseph. The charter's Rotarian Advisor was Maria Kibler who for 4 years has done a phenomenal job guiding students through community and global

service projects including the trip to the Dominican Republic, where students install water filters, supporting the Safe Water Project in La Romana. Piloted in 2000 by Lakehore Rotarians Dick Laney, Past District Governor, Terry Allen, and our own Charles Jespersen, the effort has garnished international attention, highlighted with an invitation for Terry Allen to meet with a U.S. President.

The popularity of Interact in SWMI has grown immensely over the past 4 years, in part because it is based on both community and global initiatives and run by students. At St. Joseph High School, alone, Interact has grown in popularity rising to 58 SJHS student members and there is a continued push to start early by attracting middle schoolers. To accommodate growing interest in membership and accommodate for busy activity calendars, the schools

have agreed to continue to hold joint meetings and host major fundraisers together, but will also hold meetings and host fundraisers separately. The largest initiative will be the June mission trip to the Dominican Republic, led by Rotary Advisors Maria Kibler in 2015 and Jackie Huie in 2016.

Moving forward, Lake Michigan Catholic High School will retain the original charter, holding consistent leadership under Maria Kibler as Rotarian Advisor. The new charter will be created for students at St. Joseph High School and fall under new Rotarian Advisors, Jackie Huie and Mary Frey, who will continue to coordinate joint school projects, working with Maria.

At high school graduation, Interact Seniors will wear a special Interact sash, awarded at Honors Night.

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