



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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We're enjoying an unseasonably warm January so far. It makes it hard to believe that the month is almost over. What are the chances we'll experience this the rest of the winter? Yeah...probably not likely!

THE "HOME OF BENTON HARBOR HISTORY"



The Morton House Museum is more than just a house museum, it is the "Home of Benton Harbor History" according to Chuck Jager, local historian, Past President of Morton House Museum and our guest speaker on Monday. Jager highlighted the history of how Morton House was built by Eleazar Morton and his son Henry in 1849.

The Morton House Museum is more than just a house

Henry Morton was one of the three founders of Benton Harbor who helped to build the ship canal that made the city a sustainable commercial center.

The Morton family lived in the house until James Stanley Morton's (Henry's son) death in 1936. The house was then deeded to the Federation of Women's Clubs who used the space as a gathering hub for their various civic endeavors. In the early 1960's, the house became a museum.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 1/25: Board Meeting at 7:30 AM at Area Agency on Aging
- ❖ 1/30 Meeting: Ric Pawloski, Mosaic: Jobs for Life program
- ❖ 3/20: Celebrate Rotary: Presidents' Night to End Polio at Shadowland Ballroom at Silver Beach

Rotary



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

JOKE OF THE WEEK

WEATHER IN THE UNITED STATES:



WEATHER IN Michigan



VISITING ROTARIANS

Matt Asculese from Lakeshore Rotary Club

CELEBRATE ROTARY: PRESIDENTS' NIGHT TO END POLIO

The date has been set for Celebrate Rotary - 3/20/2017! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as the event will take place in lieu of our Monday meeting that day. Please also consider [sponsoring the event](#) so that we can continue to offer this event free of charge and spread awareness of the work of the club in the community.

The "Home of Benton Harbor History" (CONTINUED)

Last year, Benton Harbor celebrated its Sesquicentennial, the 150 year anniversary of its incorporation. Jager said that the dream for the future of Morton House is to rebuild the barn to house exhibits, office space and archival storage. You can help them achieve their dream by spreading the word of their mission, support financially by becoming a member, volunteering as a docent, donating Benton Harbor historic items and monetary donations to rebuild the barn.

The Morton House Museum

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<http://www.bentonharborcity.com/history>
<http://www.mortonhousemuseum.org/>

Benton Harbor's 150th Birthday Party



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