



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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Our first meeting of 2017! Although our Rotary year goes from July-June, currently 2016-2017, and by that account, we're in our 99th year--if you go by the calendar, we have now crossed into our 100th calendar year! And we still have members who have been with the club for more than half the time it has been in existence!

A TRIP DOWN THE RIVER...AND BACK IN TIME



Rotarian Jack Kinney was born and raised in Benton Harbor. He is the great grandson of P.M.

decline. Jack transitioned to a road building business and what was previously coal storage was converted to aggregate storage.

Jack shared his memories of the canal throughout the years. Areas of the canal were filled in as Benton Harbor boomed and there was a demand for more parking. Whirlpool Corporation's Plant 7 also led to the filling in of areas of the canal.

He remembered 4 or 5 summers when a ferry, which had been purchased after it was decommissioned with the building of the Mackinaw Island Bridge, was filled with potatoes. He also remembered a time when cherries were washed and the runoff found its way to the storm sewers and turned the river red for a time. It was quite a sight to see until the cherries brought in the swarms of bugs.

This year marks the 80th year of operating their largest dock known as Central Dock.

Kinney who was one of the early developers of the city. He was the first to build a store on Main St. along the original turning basin of the ship canal.

The Kinney family is now in the fifth generation of building and operating commercial docks alongside the canal. Even though Jack was born at Mercy hospital and raised on Pipestone, he actually feels like he spent most of his life on the docks and in the family buildings along the ship canal.

Jack's relationship with the canal started around the age of 7 when he was working in his father's coal yard. After completing his education and spending time in the U.S. Navy, Jack came home as the coal industry was in a state of

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 1/16* Meeting: TBD
- ❖ 1/23 Meeting: Chuck Jager, Morton House Museum
- ❖ 1/30 Meeting: Ric Pawloski, Mosaic: Jobs for Life program

If you attend the MLK Jr. event at Lake Michigan College on 1/16, please email Bob Peirce at bkpeirce@comcast.net as it will cancel out your club meeting absence.

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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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10+ YEAR ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Years - Val Grimes
- 12 Years - Melissa Hahn
- 15 Years - Bill Downey
- 16 Years - Charles Jespersen
- 18 Years - Bill Marohn & Gary Bruce
- 39 Years - Chuck Dill



VISITING ROTARIANS

Bob Kynast, Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Jackie Huie brought Don Johnson

Happy Birthday

ROTARIANS WITH JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/6 - Mike Cook
- 1/13 - Janet Zielke
- 1/30 - Mike Huie



STUDENT GUEST

We had a special guest with us for our first meeting of the year. Charvi Chhatwal recently participated in the Rotary Student Program and spoke to our club about her experience. Charvi spent the day at Vail Rubber to find out more about the Chemical Engineering field. She has been debating between Chemical and Mechanical Engineering as her career path and this experience helped her lean more towards Chemical Engineering. Charvi has a long list of educational institutions that she is considering, including University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Purdue, Northwestern, University of Illinois and University of California.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Fostering Youth Leadership & Service Grants Awarded

The Rotary District 6360 Foundation (RD6360F) recently met and approved Fostering Youth Leadership & Service (FYLS) grants to District Interact Clubs. The RD6360F funds come from donations received to honor Past District Governor and Past District Secretary Ed Foster and Past District Administrator Linda Foster. Award winners include:

1. **Lakeshore Rotary Club** will send 80 Interact students to LaRomana in Dominican Republic (D.R.) to install bio-sand water filters and build a small school or home. They will travel July 15-22, 2017. They will spend \$7,500 on water filters. RD6360F granted them \$2,500 towards the \$7,500. For more information contact: Bill Scaletta, williamscaletta@sbcglobal.net, 269-429-1638.
2. **Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary Club** has connected with La Romana Rotary Club in Dominican Republic to build a school for the children of Batey 106, a community of 60 migrant farm worker families, mostly Haitians. Three S-D Rotary club members and three Interact Club members will travel to D.R. March 3-9, 2017 to conduct due diligence on a planned project. RD6360F awarded them \$2,500 towards their \$6,000 goal. For more information contact: Jim Sullivan, jsulli26@nd.edu, 614-207-4047.
3. **Berrien Springs - Eau Claire Rotary Club** will support two students to attend the World Affairs Seminar to be held June 24-30, 2017 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The students will attend the Education & Social Justice seminar.



Congratulations to All!



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