



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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Halfway through February and still waiting for winter to arrive. In honor of Valentine's Day this week, let's take a moment to express our love for mother nature and the mild weather she's sent our way this year.

YOUTH EXCHANGE



Lee Scherwitz, our District 6360 Youth Exchange Chair, spoke about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program and the many benefits it offers high school students both from the United States and abroad who are looking for the experience of living in and going to school in a different country.

The 4th objective of Rotary is "the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace," and Lee explained to us how the exchange program fosters this.

While exchange students are sponsored by clubs in our Rotary district, they participate in many events throughout the year together that promote cultural exchange. These exciting events include a trip to Chicago, a Halloween service project, a winterfest, the district conference, president elect training, and the Central States Rotary youth exchange conference. This allows them to learn more about Rotary and meet other exchange students from all over the world.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 2/20 Meeting: Matt Cooper, The Service Members Civil Relief Act
- ❖ 2/22: Board Meeting at Area Agency on Aging at 7:30 AM
- ❖ 2/27 Meeting: Rick Dyer, Banking in the 21st Century
- ❖ 3/20: Celebrate Rotary!

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

Kids 'n Dogs



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CELEBRATE ROTARY: PRESIDENTS' NIGHT TO END POLIO

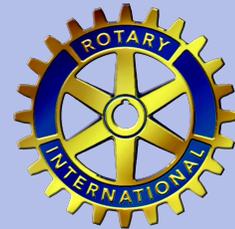
The date has been set for Celebrate Rotary - 3/20/2017, 5:00-7:00 PM at Shadowland Ballroom at Silver Beach! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as the event will take place in lieu of our Monday meeting that day. Please also consider [sponsoring the event](#) so that we can continue to offer this event free of charge and spread awareness of the work of the club in the community.

Thank you sponsors!

Gold: Berrien Community Foundation, Curious Kids Museum, Foster Swift, Johnson-Rauhoff, Lakeland Care Network, Shadowland at Silver Beach, Sheriff's Office, Silver Beach Carousel, Villa Engineering.

Silver: Aubrey Court Reporting, Banyon Investments LLC, Al Butzbaugh, Bill Marohn, Honor Credit Union, Vail Rubber.

Member: Allan Westmaas, Brian Berger, Dale Park, Hilton Garden Inn, Mike Kinney.



VISITING ROTARIANS

Terry Grosch
Lee and Sue Scherwitz

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Melissa Hahn brought Steve Riley
Jackie Huie brought Robyn Johnson
Robert Judd brought Laurie Schmidt
Char Wenham brought Julie Duensing





PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

In 2016, our Rotary Club recognized Coach Elliott Uzelac by making him a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation for the work that he did in remodeling the Benton Harbor High School football team into a championship team.

This honor that is being bestowed is funded by Paul Harris Fellow/Rotary Foundation points that a local Rotarian has donated for this purpose. A "blue ribbon committee" is preparing criteria for this year's nominees and we will share it with you at that time and then you can share your thoughts about nominees at that time, with thoughts about their qualifications.

The presentation will be made at the Celebrate Rotary! after hours event when we recognize Past Presidents, showcase the progress being made to "End Polio Now"!

Questions? Contact Charles Jespersen at cj1270@sbcglobal.net.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (CONTINUED)

Rotary offers a youth exchange scholarship that is worth \$24,000, and includes placement in a host country for the academic year and all expenses including room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. Parents pay for travel, visa expenses, and health insurance. All eligible high school students ages 15 ½-18 ½ can participate in this program. There is no direct cost for the sponsoring Rotary club, but a budget of \$1,200 is recommended to pay for a \$75 monthly stipend and holiday and birthday gifts.

This year, we are glad to be hosting Isabela Seixas, our exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil! She is very thankful to Rotary for this opportunity and has enjoyed being a part of our club and the St. Joseph community!



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