



Weekly eWheel for the

# Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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It's hard to believe it's already the last week in March! It's been a great month--a field trip, a celebration, a college game night and much more.

April and May are looking pretty good as well with our Essay Contest results, an Adopt-a-Roadway clean-up day, and the 60th Annual Rotary Track Meet all coming soon!

## 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



their referrals locally come from the courts, schools and foster care. Jenny said that children matched with adults through the program feel an 88% increase in self-confidence, 73% increase in school participation and 90% increase in trust towards adults.

If you're interested in volunteering, the main requirements are making consistent visits of at least once per week for at least one year. In addition, you would need to pass local and national background checks as keeping the children safe is mission-critical. Every volunteer receives case management support throughout the process to make sure that everyone is comfortable with the match.

There are three program areas for volunteers to dedicate their time:

- Bigs in Business
- Lunch Buddies
- Community Mentoring

For more information, please visit <http://bbbsofbc.org/> or call 887-367-2244. You can support BBBS by using: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) or [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com)

Rotarians heard from guest speaker Jenny Miner, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berrien & Cass counties, about their 50 years of serving the youth in our community. Jenny, the wife of our own Chris Newland, spoke about Big Brothers, Big Sisters' rich history which began in Niles in 1967.

Big Brothers Big Sisters leads the way in building strong one-to-one relationships between children and fully screened, caring, adult mentors. Since its inception, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been committed to helping underserved children, ages 6 through 16, now in 50 states and 12 countries.

In Berrien and Cass counties, Big Brothers Big Sisters connects 150 kids with mentors per year. Most of

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 4/3 Meeting: Matt Hanley, Vail Rubber Company
- ❖ 4/10 Meeting: TBD
- ❖ 4/11: 100 Year Celebration Steering Committee Open Meeting at 12 PM at Village of Shoreham Offices (BYO lunch)
- ❖ 4/17 Meeting: Essay Contest Winners
- ❖ 4/22: Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up Day starting at 9:00 AM
- ❖ 5/5: Track Meet
- ❖ 5/12-5/13: District Conference

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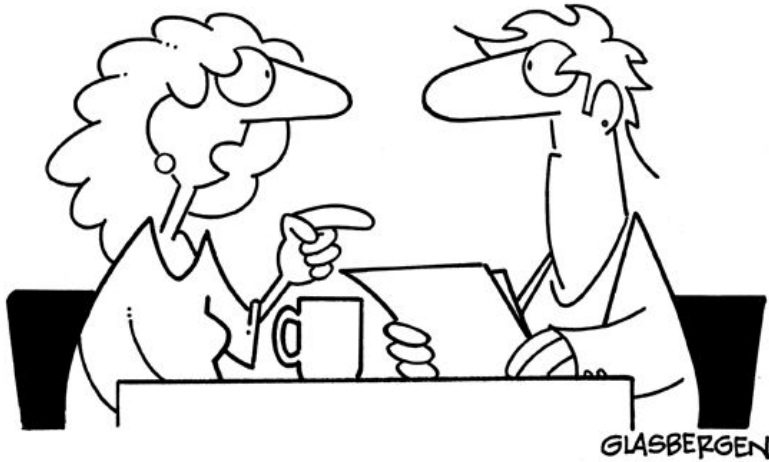


## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

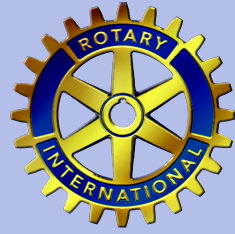
of the things we think, say or do

- 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



“Your advice is very important to me, so I wrote down exactly what I want you to say.”



### VISITING ROTARIANS

Cindy Kinney & Brian Saxton, Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary

### ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Jackie Huie brought Cindy Igoe and Alloyd Blackmon



*Of Service Above Self!*

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Want to know more about the 100 Year Celebration that's being planned for 6/16/18? All Rotarians are welcome to join in on any Steering Committee Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at noon at the Village of Shoreham Offices (2120 Brown School Road). Please contact Rick Villa at [rvilla@villaenv.com](mailto:rvilla@villaenv.com) if you'll be joining.

*Congratulations*

Congrats to our Rotary Hero, Patti Kutz! Patti will be recognized at the District Conference dinner on Friday, 5/12. If you're interested in attending the dinner, go to [www.district6360.com](http://www.district6360.com), click on the login for DACdb, go to calendar and register for the dinner. If you have any questions, you can direct them to Debra Trapikas at [tawana53@aol.com](mailto:tawana53@aol.com).

Save  
the Date



Save the Date for the Annual District Conference!!! District Governor Bill Smith welcomes you to his Rotary District 6360 Conference, scheduled for May 12-13, 2017 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek

Registration will be open soon!





# Join the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor for Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up on Earth Day!



**WHO:** Rotarians & Community Members  
(must be 12+ to participate, 12-17  
must be accompanied by an adult)

**WHAT:** Adopt-a-Roadway Clean-up

**WHEN:** Saturday, 4/22 starting at 9:00 AM

**WHERE:** Lakeshore Drive between Maiden  
Lane and Cleveland Avenue

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!](#)**

We'll start with a kickoff meeting at 9:00 AM at the Village of Shoreham offices at 2120 Brown School Rd. in St. Joseph. Breakfast snacks will be available, supplies and safety vest provided, and we'll watch a short safety video.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information from The Michigan Department of Transportation. Questions? Email [RotarySJBH@gmail.com](mailto:RotarySJBH@gmail.com).



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## NOW HIRING!

Club officer positions of secretary and treasurer will be open at the end of FY 17-18. With decades of years of service, Bob Peirce and Steve Ross will be retiring from these roles. They leave behind them some very big shoes to fill as they have served the club with the highest quality of work for so many of years.

Requirements for the positions will be provided shortly. The treasurer receives a \$100 monthly stipend and the secretary receives a \$325 monthly stipend. If you are interested in either position, please send your resume to Debra Trapikas at [tawana53@aol.com](mailto:tawana53@aol.com). Interviews will be scheduled for June with a board recommendation taking place in July. This will allow time for the incoming officers to work with Bob and Steve as they complete their term and to help maintain continuity.

## 2017 ROTARY TRACK MEET ADVERTISEMENTS

The 60th running of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Track Meet will be held on Friday, May 5 at Benton Harbor High School. As in past years, we will have a program with all of the key records, event lineup, this year's honoree, and the participating schools. Additionally, we will try to have the program FULL of advertisements that we have sold.

The advertising sales are our club's key revenue source for this event and largely determines if we are able to do a little better than break even after we award the four scholarships totaling \$8,000 to four worthy athletes. Last year, through your great efforts and support, was our best year ever regarding advertising sales. We sold \$9,375 worth of advertisements!!

As mentioned each year, we make a concerted effort for sales to businesses outside of our Rotary Club but usually have little success. For example, last year we had one ad for \$100 even though approximately 50 businesses were contacted. As such, if we are to be successful again this year, we must rely heavily on our Rotarians that own/manage a business and choose to advertise in the Rotary Track Meet Program. The advertising Purchase Order will start appearing at the tables each week and at the badge box for your consideration. Your support is appreciated.

All of the relevant details are spelled out on the [form](#). If you have any questions and/or comments, please discuss with J.C. Anderson at 269-921-2513 or [anderjcna@gmail.com](mailto:anderjcna@gmail.com).



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