



Weekly eWheel for the

# Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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We had a lot of young faces in the crowd while we celebrated the recipients of the Track Meet Scholarships. Our President, Steve Smith, also noted that when we have a younger audience, we also happen to sing the Tootsie Woosie song...which was written in 1902.

### ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Rotarian Dennis Bowen had the pleasure of introducing the winners of the Annual Rotary Track Scholarships. Since 1977 our Rotary Club is proud to have presented over 118 scholarships to deserving young men and women from Berrien County high schools.

Kurt and Michele Armstrong. He will graduate from Lake Michigan Catholic High School on June 2 with a GPA of



3.96. As with most our scholarship recipients, the full list of extracurricular activities would be too long to share but a few notable activities include:

The 11 students who were interviewed represented the following high schools:

- Berrien Springs
- Lake Michigan Catholic
- Lakeshore
- Niles
- St. Joseph
- Watervliet

- Eagle Scout
- Varsity Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Student Council
- Key Club
- Drama Club
- Culver's employee

Rotarians who assisted with the selection this year include Brian Berger, Mary Kynast, Bill Marohn, Jim Marohn and Christine Vanlandingham (who also did the presentation at the track meet).

Andrew has also been active in community service participating in SJ Recycling Center since 6th grade, Lest We Forget, blood drives, landscape volunteering at Bridgman Library, LMC elementary and Hanson Hospice Center. Andrew plans to attend University of Michigan and major in film and business management.

Our first recipient, who received a check for \$2000, is Andrew Armstrong. Andrew is the son of

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 5/22 Meeting: Isabel Sexius, Rotary Youth Exchange
- ❖ 5/29: NO MEETING // MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- ❖ 6/5 Meeting: Kevin Guzzo, SJHS, Negative Parental Involvement in Afterschool Programs
- ❖ 6/12 Meeting: Bob McFeeter & Kerry Wright, Harbor Shore Village
- ❖ 6/19: Installation Dinner at Stonegate Manor--no afternoon meeting

# 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?

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## JOKE OF THE WEEK

A-A-R-P! I wanna join the A-A-R-P!



The Retirement Village People



### ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Les Miller brought Ron Goos

### OUR ROTARY HERO!

Congrats to Patti Kutz who was honored over the weekend at the Rotary District Conference! The event program was shared at our meeting this week. If you were not in attendance, here's what we had to say about our Hero:

### ROTARIANS (AND INTERACTORS) IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Taylor Huie, daughter of Mike & Jackie Huie, on being named a 2017 Academic All-Star by the Herald Palladium. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article.



Also featured in the Herald-Palladium recently. Rotarian Dennis Bowen is being inducted into the Performing Arts Hall of Fame at SJHS. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article.



### St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Patti Kutz - "Can-Do!"

It is with great pleasure that the Rotary Club of Saint-Joseph-Benton Harbor announces the 2017 Rotary Hero of our club: Mrs. Patti "I CAN-DO" Kutz. Patti is a dynamic, multi-talented professional who is known for her outcome-oriented leadership with strong communication, organizational and analytical skills. She is even better known as "I CAN-DO" because she never says "NO" - sometimes without even knowing what the task is. She has served as the Chairman of the Club Essay Contest and served on our board of directors for many years. She takes it all in stride and simply buckles down and takes care of it, never leaving it for someone else to complete. Her zest for life, her melodic laughter and her love of all things Rotary make her our ideal candidate. Patti was unanimously selected because of her Rotarian Attitude and her Spirit of Hope, Giving and Love for Everyone.

### STONEGATE MANOR

### INSTALLATION DINNER

We sincerely hope that each of you will save the date of **June 19** to honor Steve Smith as our outgoing President and to welcome Rick Villa as our incoming President. Dress attire is casual (picnic style) clothes and we hope you will join in and enjoy lawn games, fellowship, good food and music. The location will be at Stonegate Manor, 2251 Riverside Road in Benton Harbor. There will NOT be a noon meeting on June 19. The cost is a reasonable \$30 per person. Sign up now by emailing Debra Trapikas at [tawana53@aol.com](mailto:tawana53@aol.com) and giving her the money in person at a meeting, OR by mailing to her at 3080 S. Lakeshore Drive, Saint Joseph, MI 49085.

## ON THE RIGHT TRACK (CONTINUED)



Our next recipient of a \$2000 scholarship is Vahnya Ruppert. Vahnya is the daughter of David and Wendy

Ruppert and will graduate from Niles High School on June 1 with a GPA of 4.2. Vahnya plans to attend Case Western University and major in mechanical engineering. Vahnya has participated in a multitude of extracurricular and community service activities including:

- Varsity Swim Team
- National Honor Society
- Track & Field
- Art Club
- YMCA
- Athletic Study Table Tutor

Madeline Stanton is the next recipient of a \$2000 scholarship. Madeline is the daughter of Michael and Tammy Stanton and will graduate from Niles High School on June 1 with a GPA of 4.1. Madeline plans to attend Hope College and major in pre-med. Some of Madeline's activities include:



- Track and Cross Country
- Science Olympiad
- Young Americans
- Dual enrollment with Andrews University
- National Honor Society
- Archaeology research project at Horn Museum



Our final \$2,000 scholarship winner is Rebecca Walsh. Rebecca is the daughter of Craig and Cynthia Dixon and will graduate from Lakeshore High School on June 4 with a GPA of 3.9. She will be attending Grand Valley, majoring in nursing leading to pre-med. Rebecca's extracurricular activities include:

- Competitive and Sideline Cheering
- Track & Field
- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- Young Life
- Special Olympics

Dennis concluded by thanking each and every member of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor for providing this scholarship opportunity to both the four students honored this year as well as the 118 young men and women who have received this support in the past.

## MEET THE NEW SJHS INTERACT PRESIDENT

Rotarians had the opportunity this week to hear from Andrew Morre, President-Elect for SJHS Interact Club. Andrew attended the District Conference last weekend was astonished that he enjoyed it so much. He was very inspired by the various speakers and leaders as well as by the overall fellowship of the event. In Andrew's time as Interact Club President at SJHS, he is hoping to foster greater connection between the Rotary and Interact Clubs as well as increasing membership to 200 at the high school and 50 at the middle school.



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