



Weekly eWheel for the

# Rotary Club of St. Joseph- Benton Harbor



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Chair of the Day: Brandi Gordon-Smith  
Guest Speaker: Ric Pawloski, Mosaic CCDA

*“We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”*

*Jimmy Carter, 39<sup>th</sup> US President*



Executive Director Ric Pawloski of the Mosaic ChristianCommunity Development Association (CCDA) in Benton Harbor was our guest speaker at our meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016. Mosaic CCDA has

four businesses which support the mission and their most important program, Jobs for Life, was the subject of Monday’s meeting.

Jobs for Life (<http://www.jobsforlife.org/>) is a nationally recognized Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) partner program that has worked well at many community development organizations. Even in its first session, this program has shown to be a key factor in the development of participants’ employability skills, as well as mentoring by staff, volunteers, and organizational partners each week. It covers in-depth career themes such as planning, developmental assets, communication skills, and employer perspectives.

Jobs for life was lauched at the CCDA two years ago, on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Their first session of Jobs for Life ended with a graduation party to celebrate the eight graduates of the total 11 participants, which is a 73% graduation rate. The celebration was held at Overflow Church where Princella Stringer, JFL Director, hosted the graduates and their mentors. The Keynote speaker Rev. Brian Bennett shared the importance of pushing on through the challenges to make way for long-term growth. Since that time, they now have three classes and are working on three more for this year. A phenomenal growth for a wonderful group.

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**TIM SMITH & JACK SUKUP**

had a ribbonectomy this week. Both are recovering at home and are seeming to do well. The ribbonectomy was painful, but only because they had worn the ribbon for so long. Congratulations to both of them for becoming a member in full standing with the Rotary Club of Saint Joseph – Benton Harbor. Remember the 4-Way test forever.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/30 Memorial Day. **NO MEETING.**
- 6/6/ Meeting: Louie Csokasy, Director, Berrien County Road Commission
- 6/20 Sasha Ianushko, Exchange Student Exit Presentation
- 6/27: Installation Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn at 5:30 p.m. **NO NOON MEETING.**  
**Register at [www.sjbhrotary.org](http://www.sjbhrotary.org) OR [www.district6360.com](http://www.district6360.com)**

While the MOSAIC program is all about teaching and training people to have jobs, they have four different businesses through which they actually teach their students:



Mosaic Resale is a social enterprise of Mosaic CCDA providing secondhand merchandise to the community. Mosaic Resale exists to be a connection for job creation, transitional training and leadership development, assisting many Berrien County residents in reaching their greatest potential.

Mosaic Resale works daily with partners in the community to reach the goal and vision of Mosaic CCDA: to see every Benton Harbor resident prepared for further education, life and work while experiencing Christ's love. Mosaic focuses on two key needs in our community: jobs and education. They believe that when relationships combine with developmental opportunities, they will see circles of influence expanded and cycles of poverty broken. They have four values that inform and guide everything they do:

- Empowerment: Bringing action to hope
- Reconciliation: Bringing all people together
- Sustainability: Bringing long-term solutions
- Listening: Bringing an ear to hear needs and desires



Cafe Mosaic is a new model of social business in the community, serving a great line of coffee products with distinct flavor, along with specialty drinks and fresh, affordable sandwiches.

Partnerships are important to the life of the café because they reflect the heart of what the Mosaic CCDA, as the umbrella organization, strives to accomplish— connecting people to each other and to resources that foster community development. By connecting local vendors like Infusco and local bakers to the resource of a larger customer base, the café supports local businesses and helps the economy. In turn, those businesses support the organization by connecting them to quality products for their customers...and the customers connect to CCDA, Mosaic, to each other, and to the vendors when they come in to buy it! Cafe Mosaic is a new model of social business in the community, partnering with the Mosaic CCDA to provide maximum impact in our community. The CCDA commits

to working together with those in our community of similar are faith, those still finding their faith, and even at times with those outside their faith where the work of community development (job creation, education, housing, & health care) may find a common path moving forward.



“Transforming Lawns and Transforming Lives” in Southwest Michigan

Harbor Shine Lawn Care is a lawn care, landscape maintenance, and snow plow business in Southwest Michigan that is “Transforming Lawns and Transforming Lives.” Harbor Shine uses lawn care and landscaping services to employ, mentor, and invest in Benton Harbor men and youth.

Services Offered

Harbor Shine provides lawn care, landscape maintenance, and snow plowing. It offers the following services:

- Seasonal Cleanup
- Snow Plowing
- Salting
- Sidewalks
- Weekly Mowing
- Fertilization
- Trimming Landscape Maintenance
- Mulch Installation



The mission of Harbor Market is to support, promote and grow farms and micro-businesses in the Benton Harbor area. Harbor Market is an outdoor market open every Friday during the summer. Harbor Market opened in 2012 and in the first three years, over 200 farmers, individuals, organizations, and small businesses took this opportunity to:

- Earn income
- Try new products and ideas
- Develop marketing strategies

Harbor Market believes that “Local is Better” and their goal is to help each vendor become successful and take their business to the next level. For some it is lending them a tent and a table; for others it is a business contact or tips on how to sell on-line; for all it is encouragement. Fresh produce, specialty foods, antiques, art, crafts and merchandise are all sold at Harbor Market at a modest \$15/day vendor fee!

These four programs form the nucleus of MOSAIC and allows this organization to hire, train, guide and lead teenagers and adults into responsible jobs while believing in themselves and their dreams. Their graduating students prove this to be a reality every single day.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK



If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.

## ALMANAC FACTS

Matt Hanley, our Sgt-at-Arms brought some interesting facts to the meeting with him this week.

### ON THIS DAY IN:

1964 we had a high of 94 degrees

2006 we had a low of 37 degrees

ON MONDAY, it was a high of 77 degrees and SUNNY!

## Committees Need Help

Membership Committee, Communications Committee, 50/50 Committee all need active members to help them do the work they are tasked with. Volunteer! Help another volunteer and the work goes faster, and usually smarter.

To get on a committee, call:

Membership, Dwight Bowman @ 269-277-6193

Communications, Debra Trapikas@269-861-0718

50/50, Rick Villa @ 269-325-2632

## STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

Ruoming Li, from China, is an exchange student at Michigan Lutheran. He reached out to be a participant in the student mentoring program because he hopes to someday be a chef in a Chinese Restaurant. Why? Because he likes to eat. Mary Frey, Ruoming's advisor, had to work hard to find a place willing to mentor him, but she found a wonderful business, Chinese Garden, to take him in and show him what it takes to be a cook. It certainly made an impression on Ruoming.



This is exactly what the program is about. Matching a student who thinks they know what career they want to have with someone who is actually in that business and then setting the two of them down together to talk. It is a great experience for not only for the student, but for the mentor as well.

## ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Ricky Plangger brought Carol Stokeman & Rev. Hester

Jackie Huie brought her dad, Don Johnson

Debra Trapikas brought her husband, Bruno



It is now official. Our new Youth Exchange Officer, Jennifer Kirsch has finally reached the desperation level. She needs help! Your help! Call Jennifer at 269.985.8517 to find out what it is like to host a family. We have a beautiful 17 year old girl named Isabela coming next month. She needs a place to come home to. She loves school, studying, music, friends, taking care of her 10 year old brother. She likes to babysit. She has no allergies and no medical issues. She is excited to be coming to America. HELP!

*You, your spouse and guests are invited  
to a "Pass the Gavel"  
Installation Celebration  
on Monday, June 27, 2016!*

*The Rotary Club of Saint Joseph - Benton Harbor invites you to join us  
in celebration of the 2016-17 Installation tradition of "Passing the Gavel"  
from outgoing President Mike Kinney to incoming President Steve Smith,  
along with the introduction of Officers and Board Members.*

Social Hour 5:30 p.m. \*\*\* Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m

*Hilton Garden Inn*

1300 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Cash Bar and Live Entertainment  
\$35.00/ Person

Choose one meal: Trotter Steak, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon on Bok Choy  
or Quinoa Stuffed Portabella Mushroom with Ratatouille

Payment Options:

Cash or Check, see Debra Trapikas before June 22, 2016

If paying by credit card (Mastercard and Visa only), register at

[www.sjbhrotary.org](http://www.sjbhrotary.org) or [www.district6360.com](http://www.district6360.com) and click on the DACdb icon.

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