



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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SPECIAL EDITION

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THE 100TH YEAR BEGINS!

One of the largest gatherings of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotarians took place this week at the 2017-2018 Installation Dinner! 71 Rotarians and guest were in attendance to welcome in the new slate of officers and board members.

Perhaps it was the casual attire and the picnic theme that brought out the curiosity of the Rotarians, or the rousing speech given by Bob Starks at a recent meeting regarding the low attendance at these types of events and the benefits of engaged membership. Whatever it was, we were glad to see so many happy Rotarians walk through the doors of the Stonegate Manor, the venue for this years event.

As soon as the long arm of the clock hit 5:30 PM, it was as if something triggered the winds to rear up and try to blow anything around that was not battened down. The outdoors games were not to be, as everyone clamored through the open doors to escape the oncoming rain.

As soon as the Rotarians were inside they were handed a "Rotary Bingo" card with fun facts written about members they would have to identify.

At the end of the night, Steve read the bingo fun facts and the person the fact was about stood up so everyone could see who it was.

Added this year was a photo booth in which all members were given the opportunity to select photo booth props and then have their picture taken.

After the invocation by Char Wenham, there was a wonderful dinner of grilled marinated chicken breasts, bratwursts and hamburgers with all the fixings, and apple and cherry pie for dessert and then it was time to settle into the program.

First up was the Pledge of Allegiance, but there was no flag until Debra Trapikas remembered a photo booth prop of an American flag. Although it was only 3" long and wide, it was held in the air for all to say the pledge too.

Debra Trapikas and Wendy Edwards presented an Eagle award to Charles Jespersen for his devotion, commitment and exemplary behavior as a Rotarian.




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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HELP NEEDED!

Two committees are in search of additional members. If you are not currently serving on any committees or are new to the club and looking to get more involved, please consider participation on one of the following committees.



Sergeant at Arms

Responsibilities include:

- Room set-up (arriving at 11:15 AM)
 - Two people bring the cabinet and computer case
 - Bell and gavel go on table near piano
 - Display Club pop-up banners in the front of the room
 - Turn on the laptop & projector for speaker presentations
 - Distribute song books on all tables
 - Greet people at the front with 50/50 table as time allows
- Podium (5 minutes max)
 - Introduce visiting Rotarians
 - Fines - \$1-\$5 - Good clean fun and keeping in mind the four-way test.
- Clean-up
 - Return Banners, Bell, Gavel and Song Books
 - Lock cabinet and return to storage room

If you have any questions or are interested, contact Matt Hanley at 724-249-4540 or matt.hanley@vailrubber.com.

Communications

The communications committee is looking for backup or ongoing help in the following areas. No regular meeting requirements (outside of regular Rotary meetings) and training can be provided in all areas.

- eWheel - Consists of two work streams: content and layout. Content providers are always welcome but **layout help is critically needed, even if it's just on a back-up basis. Your eWheel editor will be on her honeymoon for the first 2 weeks in October and there is currently no back-up help for eWheel layout.**
 - **CONTENT:** Write eWheel content including a summary of the feature presentation, Student Program presentations, Induction Ceremony details, monthly Birthdays and Rotary Anniversaries (info from DacDb), Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with Guests (sign-in sheets from meetings) other announcements by special request
 - **LAYOUT:** Prepare layout of eWheel based on provided content. The eWheel is produced using Google Slides for layout. Training is provided but it's very easy--drag and drop, insert images and text boxes. No graphic design experience needed but familiarity with the Google suite is preferred.
- Digital Presence - Website and Facebook are currently underutilized. There's a great opportunity to amplify our messages through our digital presence if we can add a committee member to be dedicated to these areas.

If you have questions or are interested, please contact Emily Hosinski at emilyhosinski@gmail.com.



THE 100TH YEAR BEGINS (CONTINUED)

Steve Smith recapped his year as President and then introduced his board. He gave Rick Villa the oath of office. Rick then presented Steve with a past president pen and a gift for his service. Rick introduced his board and said that he hopes to bring our club together through engagement, meetings, and activities. He shared that his door will always be open to anyone. He does not want to be a hindrance or stand in anyone's way to greatness. He will help anyone he can with their goals for Rotary.



CORRECTION

CORRECTION // HARBOR VILLAGE

The top photo was shared in last week's eWheel but please make note that the image below is a more accurate rendition of the plans for Harbor Village. Apologies for any confusion.



WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE eWHEEL?

Your weekly email is brought to you by Emily Hosinski, Brandi Smith-Gordon and Lisa Cripps-Downey with photography by Jen Cole. If you have an announcement, a bit of news you wish to share, or a story you wish to see featured, please write to RotarySJBH@gmail.com.

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