



Weekly eWheel for the

# Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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## NOVEMBER 27, 2017

It was an unseasonably warm and sunny Monday. Not a bad way to say goodbye to November. If you believe the long-range weather reports, there's rumors of a polar vortex heading our way in December.

## WHY WE RING THE BELL



Within this area, they provide Early Elementary Tutoring for 1st-3rd graders, Mon-Thurs from 4:00-5:30 PM. Additionally, they offer Character Building Classes for children and teens from 3rd to 12th grade on Tuesdays at 4:30 PM. These classes include Girl Guards, Sunbeams, Adventure Crops, First Aid, Cooking, Music & Entertainment/Recording Industry and I'm Saving Myself Academy.

We've been talking quite a lot about The Salvation Army lately between recruiting bell ringers and reminding Rotarians to bring their SA donations to the 12/11 & 12/18 meetings for match. But this week, we brought in Major David Womack to hear more about what happens when those donation dollars are put to work.

Major Womack was particularly proud to share the revitalization of their youth outreach work.

Of the social services provided, SA offers financial assistance for utilities, mortgage foreclosures, rent evictions and food. They also have a Men's Shelter for homeless men 18 years and older. With the shelter, they have 38 beds available and provide up to a 90-day stay with evening and breakfast meals provided and access to showers and laundry facilities.

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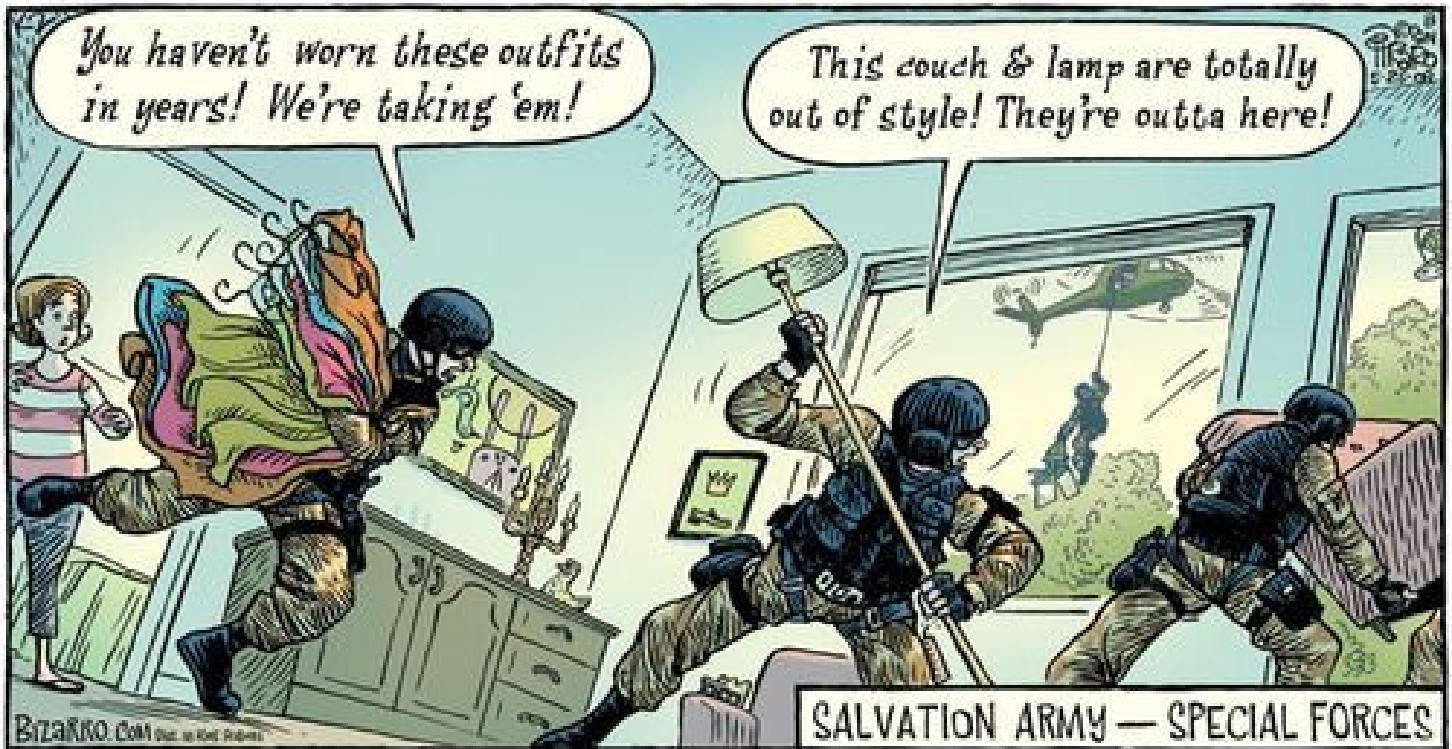
## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 12/2: Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army
- ❖ 12/4 Meeting: Grant Presentation
- ❖ 12/11 Meeting: Ron Voglewede, Whirlpool & Sustainability
- ❖ 12/11 & 12/18 Meetings: Collecting donations for The Salvation Army for Upton Match
- ❖ 12/20: December Board Meeting, 7:30 AM at Area Agency on Aging
- ❖ 12/25: NO MEETING per Christmas Holiday
- ❖ 1/1: NO MEETING per New Year's Holiday
- ❖ 1/15: NO MEETING per MLK Day

**SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 16, 2018  
CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE**



# JOKE OF THE WEEK



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?

## DID YOU SIGN UP TO RING THE BELL?

Here's the schedule! If anyone is interested in that last shift at the Benton Harbor Walmart, please let Sean Ebbert ([sebbert@pearsonconstruction.com](mailto:sebbert@pearsonconstruction.com)) know, otherwise, he will cover it.



### Downtown St. Joseph

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Allan Westmaas & Charles Jespersen  
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Russ Zick & Bob Judd  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Chris Newland & Marian Rosko  
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Mike Garey & Trevor Kubatzke  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Debra Trapikas & Mary Frey

### Benton Harbor Walmart

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Dick Ward & Horace Ward  
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - John Carter & Paul Bailey  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Bob Peirce & Mike Peirce  
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Therese Saggau & Dave Kirshenbaum  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - OPEN

## COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Please consider bringing a few extra bucks to our 12/11 and 12/18 meeting. Bill Marohn will be collecting donations for The Salvation Army. All donations received during this time will be matched by Linda Upton.

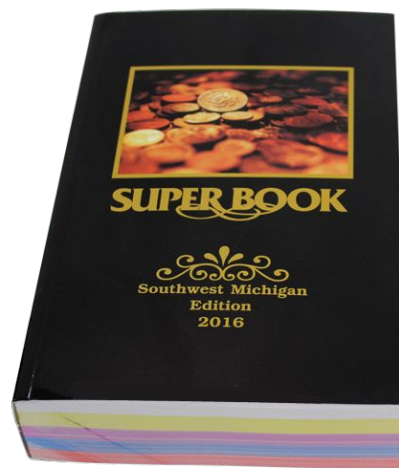
## LOCAL CLUB MEETING DAYS, LOCATIONS & TIMES

- ❖ Benton Harbor-Sunrise, Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m., Elks Lodge, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor
- ❖ Lakeshore, Thursdays, 12:12 p.m., First Church of God, 5767 Red Arrow Highway, Stevensville
- ❖ Paw Paw Lake, Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m., Lakeland Medical-Watervliet, 400 Medical Park, Watervliet
- ❖ Harbor Country, Fridays, 7:30 a.m., Lakeside United Methodist Church Community Room, 14970 Lakeside Road, Lakeside, MI

*If you want to visit other district 6360 club meetings, log into DacDb, at the top left, click on Clubs, then a full listing of clubs will appear and now look left again under Where Clubs Meet and you will see all days, times, google map, list of club officers and more.*

## HELP WANTED!

The “Adopt-a-Highway” sign for our sponsorship of Lakeshore Drive is ready to be relocated but we need a little help to make it happen. A few strong hands/arms, a shovel, a truck, ladder, and tools for “replanting” are needed. If you can help, please contact Steve Smith at [ssmith@fosterswift.com](mailto:ssmith@fosterswift.com).

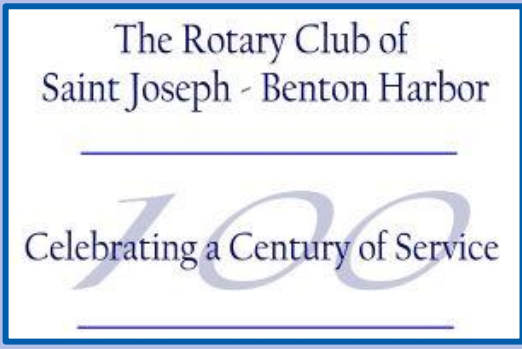


## LOOKING FOR A SUPERBOOK?

Two of our neighboring clubs, Paw Paw Lake and Benton Harbor-Sunrise are selling Superbooks as a fundraiser. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please talk to Melissa Hahn at one of our meetings or send her an email at [mhahn@lakelandhealth.org](mailto:mhahn@lakelandhealth.org). Books are \$39.95 each and are expected to be out in early December. Melissa will deliver the books to our club for pick-up. For any books sold in our club, the profit will be split between our two neighbors.

## CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Mary Frey, Charles Jespersen, Matt Hanley, Nicole Huegel, Dave Peterson, Debra Trapikas and Tom Watson, the Centennial Committee is moving quickly along with the planning of the biggest and most important date in our history – the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Saint Joseph – Benton Harbor on June 16, 2018 at the Grand Upton Hall at Lake Michigan College.



The theme of the event is “Celebrating a Century of Service” and we are pleased to announce an impressive array of politicians, Rotarians and Rotarian Royalty who will be attending the event. If you are interested in being on this committee, just know that we are always looking for fresh ideas and better ways to do things. Our sponsorship packages are ready to send out and Dave Peterson will be handling the sales. Dave says he could “sure use some help” so if you have the time, give Dave a call at 269-325-1123.

We decided at the last meeting that because we are on time with the goals we had set much earlier this year, that we will take a two month break before our next meeting and enjoy the holidays. Beginning at our next meeting on January 22, 2018, we will be concentrating on the program, the entertainment, the script and many other important details. Our meetings are held at the Heritage Center and Museum at 11:00 a.m., just prior to our weekly Monday meetings. Our new schedule starting in 2018 will be: January 22, February 12, March 12 and 26, April 9 and 23, May 7, 14 and 21 and our last two meetings will be held June 4 and 11. We hope you will join us.



## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Open Membership Committee Meetings will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 PM at Villa Environmental Consultants at 215 Colfax in Benton Harbor. Bring your lunch and share your thoughts and ideas with the team.



## HOLE MARSHALLS STILL NEEDED FOR KITCHENAID SENIOR PGA

Our club volunteered to be Marshalls for Hole 15 at the 2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA. We currently still need additional Marshall Volunteers, which can be members of our club, friends or family. If anyone is interested in joining our hole 15 Rotary Marshall team, please visit [www.srpga.com](http://www.srpga.com) and use access code spga2018hole15 when registering.

# DID YOU KNOW?

Our weekly meeting fee of \$11 covers more than just the food. It also covers facility rental and other logistical expenses. Even if you don't eat lunch, the \$11 fee still applies. Please make sure you are contributing every week you attend.

Another little known fact--if you bring (and pay for) a guest and they become a club member, you can be reimbursed for the money you paid for their lunches.



## ARE YOU BOARD MATERIAL?

We are in the process of locking down the Board of Directors for our 2018-2019 Rotary year. If you would like to express interest or get more information on the requirements for board membership, please contact Debra Trapikas at [tawana53@aol.com](mailto:tawana53@aol.com).

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Make sure to pick up the new 2017-2018 Rotary Club Membership Directory. Chris Newland will be distributed before and after our upcoming meetings for a \$2 suggested donation.

## ST. JOSEPH-BENTON HARBOR ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATES

When an organization receives a grant from the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation, we have them submit an evaluation to provide an update on how those funds were used and the impact made. We're sharing the last two updates today to get you ready for the new grant announcements at our 12/4 meeting.



### Senior Nutrition Services No Senior Hungry \$7,000

Grant funding supported meals for seniors in the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor areas. The seniors served by this program are homebound and not able to shop or cook for themselves.

This funding supported meals for 18 individuals which totaled 4,500 meals. This represents 10% of the 185 adults who received meals between 11/15/16 through 7/31/17. The need was more than anticipated but SNS was able to initiate additional fundraising efforts and leverage the SJBHRC Foundation funding to meet that need.

When seniors receive a meal from SNS, they are also receiving a social visit and wellness check which is very important for allowing them to continue to live in their own homes safely. A growing number of seniors are living into their 90s and outliving friends and family so it is anticipated that the need will only be increasing in our community.



### United Way of Southwest Michigan Dolly Parton's Imagination Library \$5,000

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a national program that is locally sponsored by United Way of Southwest Michigan. The program aims to increase early childhood literacy by providing books to young children.

A child's exposure to books and reading, as early as the first month of life, are key components in a child's development. Research indicates that early literacy skills are crucial for school success. Several recent studies have found that those children enrolled in this program since birth achieve higher scores in readiness testing than those who were not enrolled and continue to be successful in meeting reading proficiency by the third grade.

This grant funding enabled UWSM to fulfill a challenge grant match awarded by the Frederick S. Upton Foundation. Because of this support, 250 newborn children in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area were enrolled in the program and will receive books every month until they turn five.

**DON'T MISS THE 12/4 ROTARY CLUB MEETING TO FIND OUT WHO WILL BE RECEIVING ST. JOSEPH-BENTON HARBOR ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDING IN 2018!**

**WHY WE RING THE BELL (CONTINUED)**

The need for social support in the Benton Harbor community is great. The ALICE threshold is the average income that a household needs to afford the basic necessities defined by the Household Survival Budget for each county in each state. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. For Benton Harbor, 78% of the population lives below the ALICE Threshold.

The Salvation Army also provides food assistance through United Way 211 referrals and a special distribution over the holidays. This year, 600 families will receive a Meijer Gift Card (programmed for food purchases only) that will allow them to buy food for the holidays.

Families with children are also able to get presents from a “toy shop” they put together from donations received. That distribution will take place on December 19 and 20 and those interested in volunteering can call 269-927-1353 to sign up.

Major Womack also shared the organization’s annual report and was excited to share the news of a \$26,299 surplus for this year. This money was applied to past deficits. The annual report also features some impressive numbers about those served by the organization:

**Denominational Activities**

Total Worship Attendance - 2,638  
Group Activity Attendance - 530

**Comprehensive Assistance**

Meals Provided - 18,809  
Grocery Orders - 1,525  
Nights Shelter Provided - 9,377  
Energy Assistance - 805  
Housing Assistance - 95  
Unduplicated Persons Served - 5,454

**Community Outreach**

Nursing Home Visits - 25  
Residents Visited - 754  
Youth Character Building - 1,687

The Salvation Army is also a church. They host Sunday School on Sundays at 10:00 AM, Worship Services on Sundays at 11:00 AM, and Women’s Ministries on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

Major Womack shared a few unique organizational needs they currently have. They have an Advisory Board but only have 4-5 active members and they would like to grow those ranks and add more business professionals and more diversity to that group. They are also currently having an issue with a leaky roof. They don’t have the capital funding to fully address the problem at the moment but would be greatly appreciative for any guidance or suggestions anyone with expertise in this area might be able to provide.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

**WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE eWHEEL?**

Your weekly email is brought to you by Emily Kirchner, 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](mailto:RotarySJBH@gmail.com).

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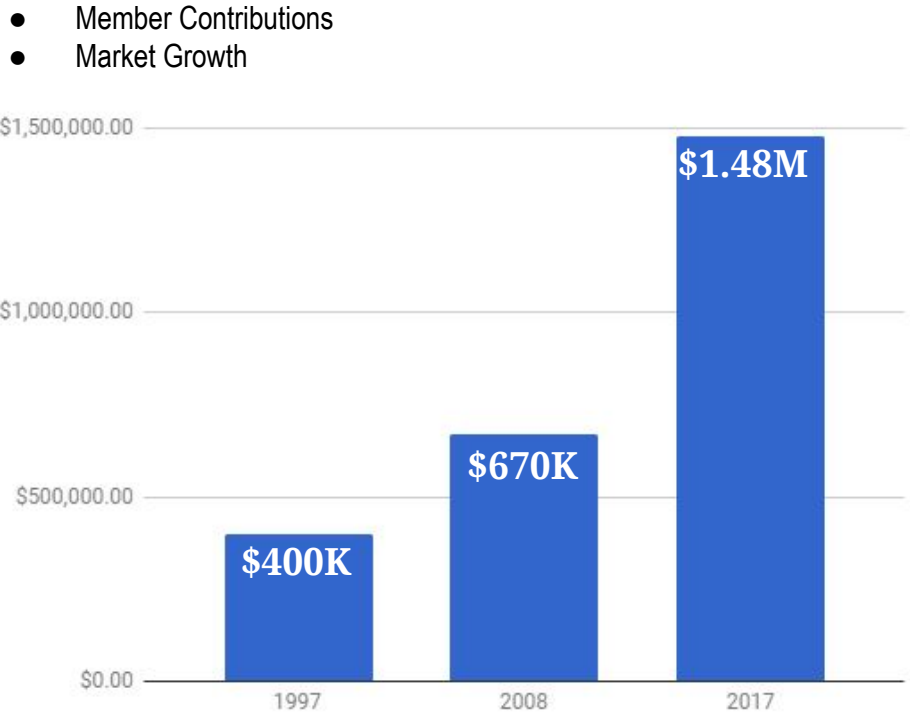


*St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation ~ Making a local difference...forever!*

## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 1918 - founded with 16 members
  - \$5.20 Annual Dues
  - 75¢ Dinner
- ❖ 1958 - initiated Track Meet
- ❖ 1981 - initiated St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation
- ❖ 1985 - initiated focus on worldwide polio prevention (Polio Plus)
- ❖ 1987 - women initiated into club
- ❖ 2003 - BioSand water filter project initiated for the Dominican Republic
- ❖ 2007 - initiated Rotary Student Program to mentor high school students
- ❖ 2012 - initiated Interact Club program
- ❖ 2018 - 100th Anniversary with 140 members
  - \$235 Annual Dues
  - \$11.00 Lunch

## SJBHRC FOUNDATION BALANCE



## 53 AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Youth Soccer Org</li> <li>Andrews University</li> <li>Area Agency on Aging</li> <li>Berrien County Association of Churches</li> <li>Berrien County Council for Children</li> <li>Berrien County Health Department</li> <li>Berrien County Historical Society</li> <li>Berrien County Parks Department</li> <li>Berrien Families Plus</li> <li>Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> <li>Benton Harbor Area Schools</li> <li>Calling All Colors</li> <li>Child &amp; Family Services</li> <li>City of St. Joseph</li> <li>Community Partnership for Lifelong Learning</li> <li>Cornerstone Alliance</li> <li>Council for World Class Community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curious Kids Museum</li> <li>Disability Network of SWMI</li> <li>Feeding America West Michigan</li> <li>Gateway</li> <li>Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>Healing Paws</li> <li>Heritage Museum &amp; Cultural Center</li> <li>Hospice at Home</li> <li>Junior Achievement</li> <li>Lakeland Health Foundation</li> <li>Lest We Forget</li> <li>Little Squirt</li> <li>Literacy Council</li> <li>LOGAN Autism Learning Center</li> <li>Overflow Christian Community</li> <li>Ready Tae Kwon Do</li> <li>Sarett Nature Center</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Nutrition Services</li> <li>Sex Can Wait, Inc.</li> <li>Sheriff's Department</li> <li>Silver Beach Carousel</li> <li>St. Augustine of Canterbury Church</li> <li>St. Joseph Charter Township</li> <li>St. Joseph Public Schools</li> <li>St. Joseph School Planetarium</li> <li>Soup Kitchen</li> <li>Southwest Michigan Symphony</li> <li>The Salvation Army</li> <li>United Way of Southwest Michigan</li> <li>Water Street Glassworks</li> <li>Western Michigan University</li> <li>Winning, Inc.</li> <li>YMCA</li> <li>YWCA</li> </ul> |
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## SJBHRC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 1981 - SJBHRC Foundation founded to help make an impact in our community
- ❖ 1985 - \$400,000 challenge to membership
- ❖ 1997 - \$400,000 balance achieved and two grants awarded
- ❖ 2008 - \$835,000 pledged to grow SJBHRC Foundation in celebration of Club's 90th Anniversary
- ❖ 2016 - \$772,650 granted to 53 agencies since 1997
- ❖ 2017 - \$1,480,000 balance
- ❖ 2018 - \$XXX,XXX pledged to grow SJBHRC Foundation in celebration of Club's 100th Anniversary!

# ROTARY CLUB OF ST. JOSEPH-BENTON HARBOR 2017-2018 CLUB COMMITTEES

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

**President:** Rick Villa  
**President-Nominee:** Wendy Edwards  
**Treasurer:** Steve Ross

**President-Elect:** Debra Trapikas  
**Immediate Past President:** Stephen Smith  
**Secretary:** Janice Ferguson

**Board of Directors:** Dwight Bowman, Matt Hanley, Nicole Heugel, Jackie Huie, Charles Jespersen, Maria Kibler, Emily Kirchner, Lori Marciniak and Mary Spiegel

### CLUB ADMINISTRATION Rick Villa

**50/50 Raffle - Jim Roberts (interim),** Joen Brambilla, Rachel Damaske, Julie Duensing, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Jennifer Gardner, Ron Goos, Melissa Hahn, Donna Howard, Cindy Igoe, Patti Kutz, Adam Lieberman, John Olson, Jim Roberts, Therese Saggau, Chuck Wells, Autumn Zick, Mark Zielke

**Invocation - Dave Kirshenbaum,** Randy Bettich, Dennis Bowen, Chad Deja, Jennifer Gardner, Wendy Edwards, Lynn Kellogg, Patti Kutz, Lori Marciniak, Jim O'Malley, Christine Vanlandingham, Char Wenham, Allan Westmaas

**Music - Allan Westmaas & Dennis Bowen,** Dwight Bowman, Kurt Marzke, Christine Vanlandingham, Janet Zielke

**Programs - Wendy Edwards**

**Sergeant-At-Arms - Matt Hanley,** Randy Bettich, Bill Downey, Sean Ebbert, Kurt Marzke, Mike Peirce, Mary Spiegel, Tom Watson, Russ Zick

### CLUB & COMMUNITY SERVICE Patti Kutz

**St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation - Maria Kibler (President),** Bob Judd (Secretary), Steve Ross (Treasurer), Lisa Cripps-Downey, Mike Hanley, Mike Huie, Mike Kinney, Dale Park, Steve Smith, Tom Starks, Char Wenham

**St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation Investments - Mike Cook,** Randy Bettich, Rick Dyer, Bob Judd, Mike Kinney, Steve Ross, Allan Westmaas

**Adopt-A-Highway - Steve Smith**

**Bell Ringing - Sean Ebbert**

**Celebrate Rotary - Will resume in 2019**

**Law Day - Steve Smith**

**Rural Ag Day - Art Cotter**

### MEMBERSHIP Dwight Bowman

**Diversity - Dwight Bowman**

**Events - Debra Trapikas**

**Membership - Dwight Bowman,** Rich Burling, Rachel Damaske, Julie Duensing, Wendy Edwards, Matt Hanley, Jackie Huie, Charles Jespersen, Lynn Kellogg, Debra Trapikas, Christine Vanlandingham

**Orientation - Lynn Kellogg & Christine Vanlandingham**

### YOUTH SERVICE Jackie Huie & Maria Kibler

**Essay Contest - Jacqui Winship,** Bill Benner, Dave Kirshenbaum, Patti Kutz, (Judges: Joen Brambilla, Ann Cardon, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Nicole Heugel, Donna Metz, Jim O'Malley, Jack Sukup, Janet Zielke)

**Interact - Maria Kibler,** Steve Borre, Mary Frey, Jackie Huie, Cindy Igoe, Marian Rosko Titus

**Rotary Student Program - Jackie Huie,** Kristi Aubrey, Mary Frey, Mike Huie, Robyn Johnson, Maria Kibler, Trevor Kubatzke, Dave Peterson, Steve Smith, Rick Villa

**RYLA - Lori Marciniak**

**Track Meet - Randy Bettich,** J.C. Anderson, Dennis Bowen, Jim O'Malley

**Youth Exchange - Kristi Aubrey,** Debra Trapikas

### INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES Mike Kinney

**Bio-Sand Water Filter Project - OPEN**

**International Foundation & Polio Plus - Tom Chapman**

**International Initiatives - Mike Kinney,** Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Charles Jespersen, Prudy Nelson, Mary Spiegel

### PUBLIC IMAGE Emily Kirchner

**eWheel Newsletter - Emily Kirchner,** Lisa Cripps-Downey, Brandi Smith-Gordon

**Membership Directory - Chris Newland,** Robyn Johnson

**Photographer - Jen Cole**

**Public Relations - Emily Kirchner**

**Website & Social Media - Emily Kirchner**

### AD HOC COMMITTEES

**Celebrating a Century of Service - Dave Peterson,** Debra Trapikas, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Mary Frey, Charles Jespersen, Matt Hanley, Nicole Huegel, Tom Watson