



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph- Benton Harbor



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APRIL 30, 2018

Another warm and sunny day to finish off the month of April! And a full house too as we celebrate Law Day in collaboration with the Berrien County Bar Association.

2018 LAW DAY



Law Day, held annually, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share and also provides an opportunity to recognize the role of courts in a constitutional democracy.

Locally, the Berrien County Bar Association and the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor celebrate Law Day annually with a joint luncheon at the Heritage Museum. The presentation of the Liberty Bell Award has also been a tradition during this meeting.

Our Law Day festivities were kicked off by Rotarian Mary LaSata Spiegel who is also the President-Elect for the Berrien County Bar Association.

In 1957, American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington D.C. attorney, envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day. In 1961, Congress, by joint resolution, designated May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 5/4: Rotary Track Meet at SJHS Dickenson Stadium
- ❖ 5/7 Meeting: Connie Didonato, PACE of Southwest Michigan
- ❖ 5/14 Meeting: Rural Ag Day - Eric Anderson, MSU Extension, Use of Drones in Agriculture
- ❖ 5/21 Meeting: Whitney Shuneman, Controlling Inflammation through Diet
- ❖ 5/23: May Board Meeting at Area Agency on Aging at 7:30 AM
- ❖ 5/28: NO MEETING PER MEMORIAL DAY
- ❖ 6/16: Celebrating a Century of Service at LMC Grand Upton Hall
- ❖ 6/18: NO MEETING PER 100-YEAR CELEBRATION
- ❖ 7/14: July Adopt-A-Roadway Clean-up

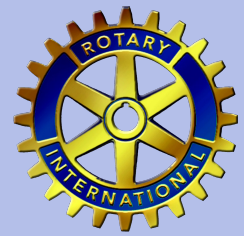
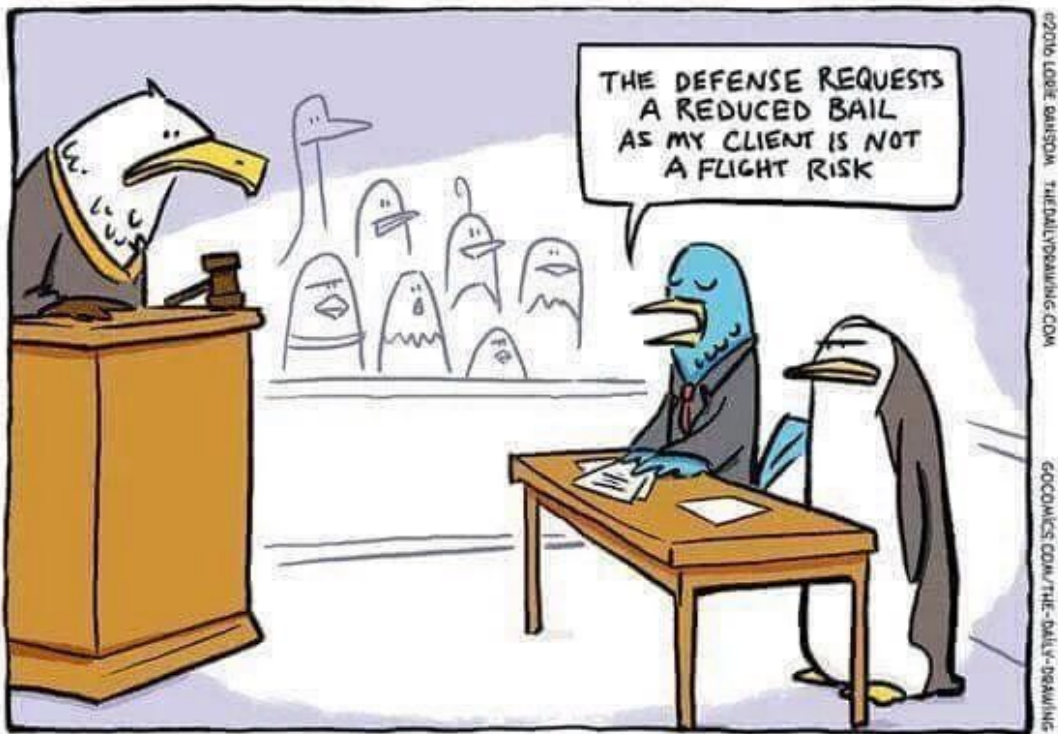
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Rotary's Centennial Celebration

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for our 6/16 centennial event on DacDb - go to CALENDAR

JOKE OF THE WEEK



VISITING ROTARIANS

Jane Mitchell, Delta
Waverly Rotary Club

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Charles Jespersen
brought Kevin Roney

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?

ROTARY TRACK MEET - IT'S FINALLY HERE!

The Rotary Track Meet is scheduled for **May 4** and will be held at Dickenson Stadium at St. Joseph High School. Thank you to the volunteers who make this event possible!



100-YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATE

Meetings of the 100-Year Celebration committee will be taking place on the following dates. All meetings will be at 1:15 PM at the Heritage Museum, after our regular meeting.

Please mark the following meeting dates on your calendar:

May 7, 14, 21

June 4 and 11

With so few meetings left to pull everything together, the committee would greatly appreciate any additional collaborators. Please feel free to join any meeting or to connect with Dave Peterson (dpeterson@lawssa.com) directly for more info.

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EVENT SPONSORSHIPS ALSO STILL AVAILABLE

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

If you're interested in sharing a volunteer opportunity with the Interact Club, please use the [online form](#) on our website.

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.

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Interact Club Volunteer Request Form

Community Member,
Interact Club Members are excited to serve the needs of our community. If you have a request, please fill out this form and someone will get back with you shortly.
Thank you.

Contact Information

First Name * Last Name *

Email Address * Phone Number *

Volunteer Request Information

Address (Where the Volunteers are Needed) *
Address Line 1

Address Line 2



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.

LAW DAY 2018 (CONTINUED)

The Liberty Bell Award is given each year by local bar associations in conjunction with Law Day to honor outstanding citizens within the local community. The award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who has given of his or her time and energy to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law, in keeping with the spirit of our Constitution. Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of our form of government, especially the Bill of Rights; encourage greater respect for the law in the courts; educate people in the contrast between totalitarianism and freedom under law; or stimulate the deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights.

Those in attendance also had the opportunity to hear Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth T. Clement speak on the 2018 Law Day theme. The American Bar Association designated the 2018 Law Day theme as “Separation of Powers - Framework for Freedom.”



The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches—the Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme

Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others.

“Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,” James Madison explained in *The Federalist 51*. Madison believed that the Constitution’s principles of separation of powers and check and balances preserve political liberty. They provide a framework for freedom.

The Liberty Bell Award winner, Dee Kuelbs, was nominated by Heidi Duncan, attorney, for her work with the Berrien County Self-Help Legal Resource Center. Dee embraced the opportunity to help people navigate the legal system and serves an average of 9,000 people every year. The award was presented by the Honorable Mabel Johnson Mayfield of the Berrien County Trial Court.

Yet this framework is not self-executing. We the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights.. The Law Day 2018 theme encourages us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system works for ourselves and our posterity.

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION Rick Villa	CLUB & COMMUNITY SERVICE Patti Kutz	MEMBERSHIP Charles Jespersen (Interim)
<p>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</p> <p>Music - Allan Westmaas & Dennis Bowen, Dwight Bowman, Kurt Marzke, Christine Vanlandingham, Janet Zielke</p> <p>Sergeant-At-Arms - Matt Hanley, Randy Bettich, Bill Downey, Sean Ebbert, Kurt Marzke, Mike Peirce, Mary Spiegel, Tom Watson, Russ Zick</p> <p>Programs - Wendy Edwards</p> <p>Invocation - Dave Kirshenbaum, Randy Bettich, Dennis Bowen, Chad Deja, Wendy Edwards, Lynn Kellogg, Patti Kutz, Lori Marciniak, Jim O'Malley, Christine Vanlandingham, Char Wenham, Allan Westmaas</p>	<p>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</p> <p>St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation Investments - Mike Cook, Randy Bettich, Rick Dyer, Bob Judd, Mike Kinney, Steve Ross, Allan Westmaas</p> <p>Adopt-A-Highway - Steve Smith</p> <p>Bell Ringing - Sean Ebbert</p> <p>Celebrate Rotary - Will resume in 2019</p> <p>Law Day - Steve Smith</p> <p>Rural Ag Day - Art Cotter</p>	<p>Diversity - Dwight Bowman</p> <p>Membership - Dwight Bowman, Rich Burling, Rachel Damaske, Julie Duensing, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Matt Hanley, Jackie Huie, Charles Jespersen, Lynn Kellogg, Debra Trapikas, Christine Vanlandingham</p> <p>Orientation - Lynn Kellogg & Christine Vanlandingham</p>
		YOUTH SERVICE Jackie Huie & Maria Kibler
		<p>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)</p> <p>Interact - Maria Kibler, Steve Borre, Mary Frey, Jackie Huie, Cindy Igoe, Marian Rosko Titus</p> <p>Rotary Student Program - Jackie Huie, Kristi Aubrey, Mary Frey, Mike Huie, Maria Kibler, Trevor Kubatzke, Dave Peterson, Steve Smith, Rick Villa</p>
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES Mike Kinney	PUBLIC IMAGE Emily Kirchner	
<p>Bio-Sand Water Filter Project - OPEN</p> <p>International Foundation & Polio Plus - Tom Chapman</p> <p>International Initiatives - Mike Kinney, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Mary Frey, Charles Jespersen, Prudy Nelson, Mary Spiegel</p>	<p>eWheel Newsletter - Emily Kirchner, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Brandi Smith-Gordon</p> <p>Membership Directory - Chris Newland, Robyn Johnson</p> <p>Photographer - Jen Cole</p> <p>Public Relations - Emily Kirchner, Jackie Huie</p> <p>Website & Social Media - Emily Kirchner</p>	<p>RYLA - Lori Marciniak</p> <p>Track Meet - Randy Bettich, J.C. Anderson, Dennis Bowen, Jim O'Malley</p> <p>Track Meet Scholarship - Dennis Bowen, Brian Berger, Joen Brambilla, Bill Marohn, Jim Marohn, Mary Kynast, Christine VanLandingham</p> <p>Youth Exchange - Kristi Aubrey, Debra Trapikas</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEES	<p>Celebrating a Century of Service - Dave Peterson, Debra Trapikas, Renee Borah, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Mary Frey, Charles Jespersen, Matt Hanley, Nicole Huegel, Tom Watson</p>	