



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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Our first meeting back after the unofficial start of summer! We enjoyed a more youthful audience this week with recognition for our Track Meet scholarship winners and Youth Exchange program guest speakers.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Lee Scherwitz, from the neighboring Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary Club, says that being active in the Youth Exchange Program has kept him young. He introduced two students that are current exchange students being hosted by local clubs.

Benedikt (Ben) Prisetete is from Germany and has spent the last school year at Lakeshore High School. Ben's father is a teacher and his mother is a nurse.

His hometown is Paderborn which is a city with around 150,000 population. At his German school, there are around 1,500 students but this includes both middle and high school students. His school has a smaller exchange program which gave him the opportunity to visit Finland for two weeks. He's also taking Spanish classes and through that, organized his own exchange with a student in Spain.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 6/11 Meeting: Kevin Roney, Green Technology
- ❖ 6/16: Celebrating a Century of Service at LMC Grand Upton Hall
- ❖ 6/18: NO MEETING PER 100-YEAR CELEBRATION
- ❖ 6/25 Meeting: Tony Mandarino
- ❖ 6/27: June Board Meeting at 7:30 AM at Area Agency on Aging
- ❖ 7/2: NO MEETING PER 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
- ❖ 7/9 Meeting: Installation of 2018-2019 Board Officers
- ❖ 7/14: July Adopt-A-Roadway Clean-up
- ❖ 7/16 Meeting: Quinn Kibbler, A Visit to Cuba
- ❖ 7/23 Meeting: Al Pscholka, Kinexus

The Rotary Club of Saint Joseph - Benton Harbor

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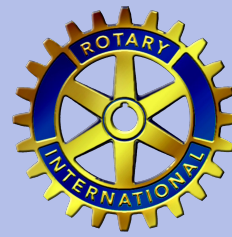
Rotary's Centennial Celebration

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK



With over 800 students in the senior class, Ferdstein High installed a zip line to speed up the graduation process.



VISITING ROTARIANS

Terry Allen and Bob Montrose from Lakeshore Rotary
Lee Scherwitz from Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Julie Duensing brought Amber Peters
Cindy Igoe brought Amanda Hirsh
Gayle Olson brought Doug Cunningham



ROTARIANS WITH JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/5 - Jack Keller	6/20 - Steve Ross
6/6 - Rick Villa	6/21 - Jerry Alberts
6/9 - Chris Newland	6/22 - Brian Sauer
6/10 - Art Fenrick	6/23 - Bill Downey
6/13 - Jack Kinney	



10+ YEAR ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Years - J.C. Anderson	34 Years - Bill Johnson
13 Years - Millicent Huminsky	38 Years - David Peterson
20 Years - Dixon Bieri	44 Years - Charles Duncan
24 Years - Jackie Huie	45 Years - Mike Cook
26 Years - Bill Benner & Kurt Marzke	50 Years - Steve Upton
29 Years - Bob Dolsen	55 Years - Jack Kinney
	56 Years - Bob Starks

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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?

ARE YOU A GOLFER? IF NOT, KEEP READING

Fellow Rotarian Steve Banyon is offering to buy you lunch Monday if you turn in your 2018 Senior PGA lanyard. Just hand your lanyard to the money takers and walk in and save your money for fines and Happy Bucks. Any questions, please contact Steve at 429-4616 or email at banyonsteve@yahoo.com.



CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY TRACK MEET SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Since 1977 our Rotary Club is proud to have presented over 118 scholarships to deserving young men and women from Berrien County high schools as part of our annual Rotary Track Meet.

This year, 10 students were interviewed for this scholarship. They represented the following high schools: Bridgman, Eau Claire, Lakeshore, New Buffalo, Niles, St. Joseph and Watervliet.

Rotarians who assisted in the selection of this year's winners are Joen Brambilla, Mary Kynast, Bill Marohn and Christine VanLandingham (who also did the presentation at the track meet).



Our first recipient receiving a check in the amount of \$2000, is Anna Fischer. Anna is the daughter of Thomas and Maureen Fischer and she graduated from St. Joseph High School over the weekend with a GPA of 4.42 which is 2nd out of 254 graduates. Some of the extra curricular activities in which Anna participated include:

- Cross Country (Captain – 3 time All State, All Region and All Conference)
- Basketball (Captain – All Conference, All State)
- Track & Field (All Conference, All Region, twice All State)
- National Honor Society
- Math Club

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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.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY TRACK MEET SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS! (CONTINUED)

Anna also has been active in community service, participating in Rotary Interact, Bidly Bears, tutoring and reading to children at Countryside Academy. Anna plans to attend University of Notre Dame and will major in Engineering.

Next, also receiving a check for \$2000, is Erin Lafrenz. Erin is the daughter of Michael and Kristi and graduated from Lakeshore High School over the weekend with a GPA of 4.44 which is 1st out of her class of 203.



Erin has participated in a multitude of extra curricular and community service activities including:

- Track & Field (Captain)
- Cross Country (Captain)
- Robotics (Programmer)
- Marching Bands (Drill Instructor of trombone section)
- National Honor Society
- Math League

Erin also has been active in community service, participating in Whirlpool Innovation Challenge, Triathlon Team, Great Lakes Scientific Microbiology Lab Asst. and Rotary Interact Club. She plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in Biomedical Engineering.



Next, we presented a check for \$2000 to Will Lage. Will is the son of Stephen and Karen Lage and graduated from St. Joseph High School over the weekend with a GPA of 4.27 which is 30th out of a class of 254.

Will's school activities include:

- Cross Country (All Conference, All Region)
- Swimming
- Track (Captain)
- National Honor Society
- St. Joseph Junior Foundation

Community activities include being a team member at Celebration Cinema and Rotary Interact. He plans to attend University of Alabama and major in Aerospace Engineering.

And finally, our last recipient of a check for \$2000 is Renee Veldman. Renee is the daughter of Randy and Laura Veldman and graduated from Lakeshore High School over the weekend with a GPA of 4.45 which is 2nd out of a class of 203.

Renee has participated in the following school activities:

- Varsity Track (Captain)
- Varsity Swimming (Captain)
- National Honor Society
- Young Life
- Student Council
- Math League

Her community activities include Whirlpool Innovation Challenge, Hola Amigos Elementary Spanish program, Kiwanis Family Fall Festival, Senior Citizen Secret Santa and after-school tutoring. She will be attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida and she will be majoring in Marine Biology.



Congratulations to all our Rotary Track Meet Scholarship winners!

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Ben played tennis back in Germany but, unlike in the U.S., sports are organized outside of the school system. His other hobbies include Robotics and sailing and he's played the cello since 2nd grade.

These smaller exchange experiences motivated Ben to do a longer trip here to the U.S. He's been here since August and has lived with two host families.

Some of the experiences he's enjoyed while here include going to a baseball game, celebrating Halloween, going to Chicago, and unexpectedly having the opportunity to travel to Hawaii on the Lakeshore band trip. He's been very active in school activities here and has found this to be a great way to meet people. He participated in cross-country, track and swimming.

Momono Sakura is from Japan. She says her #1 priority is her friends--both in Japan and those she's met while here. Her #2 is Kidzania which is her job. Kidzania provides exposure to different career paths to younger children--her particular role taught children how to make sunscreen.



In Japan, Momono attends an online high school which she can do from her computer or any mobile device. She says that online schooling is a very new thing in Japan but she likes it because she wants to spend her time working and doesn't want to spend so much time in class.

Her father is a welder and Momono says that he loves American songs but doesn't speak any English. Her mother is a City Council member and loves to travel. Momono says she speaks many languages and is very smart. Her sister is a farmer and Momono describes her as being "wild and crazy." These wild and crazy ways led to Momono also having a 2 year old nephew.

Her Rotary Club in Japan is the Higashioumi Rotary Club and they have a focus on youth programs. Her city of Higashioumi has a population of over 113,000 but Momono describes it as not being a big city--the population is very spread out. One claim to fame of the city is that it's the home of the biggest kite in Japan.

In the U.S., Momono is attending St. Joseph High School. She founded the Japanese Culture Club which she's used to share Japanese cuisine and dances and has also provided language lessons.

While here, she's also been a volunteer at the Curious Kids Museum, she's done a lot of babysitting, participated in track and cross-country, joined the choir and has enjoyed hanging out with friends and spending time on the beach.



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.

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President: Rick Villa
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Treasurer: Steve Ross

President-Elect: Wendy Edwards
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	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>	