



Weekly eWheel for the

# Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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## AUGUST 21, 2017

From Sergeant-at-Arms to our guest speaker--everyone shared their excitement about the historic eclipse that would happen later in the day. Hopefully you got the chance to experience the event or at least enjoy some of the pictures.

## WHAT'S IT ALL WORTH?



He uses his knowledge of modern technology to become a "magician" in earnest, stunning the English of the Early Middle Ages with such feats as demolitions, fireworks, and predicting the arrival of a solar eclipse. The quote he shared was: *"The mere knowledge of a fact is pale; but when you come to realize your fact, it takes on color."*

We enjoyed a unique guest speaker this week, Tom Burnison, who has an impressive educational background with degrees in fine & decorative art from multiple prominent institutions, works throughout the state of Michigan as an appraiser.

Tom kicked off his presentation by quoting Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* in honor of the solar event happening later in the day. In the book, a Yankee engineer from Connecticut is accidentally transported back in time to the court of King Arthur, where he fools the inhabitants of that time into thinking that he is a magician.

Tom shared that when he is in a client's home to assess the values of their possessions, there's an intangible essence that has been left behind. He can tell if the occupant was ill or if they were someone who enjoyed their life or if their life was depressed and difficult. The possessions left behind help tell that story.

He says he went into this field of work because he has a sixth sense about whether or not something has value. But in Tom's area of work, you can't just "sense" it, you have to back it up with facts.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 8/28 Meeting: Steve Smith, Jack Dempsey and the Battle of Benton Harbor
- ❖ 8/31: Free Webinar from RI
- ❖ 9/4: NO MEETING // LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- ❖ 9/14: Rotary After Hours, Boulevard Hotel Library, 5-7 PM
- ❖ 9/15: St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Foundation Grant Applications due
- ❖ 10/24: World Polio Day

**SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 16, 2018  
100 YEAR CELEBRATION**

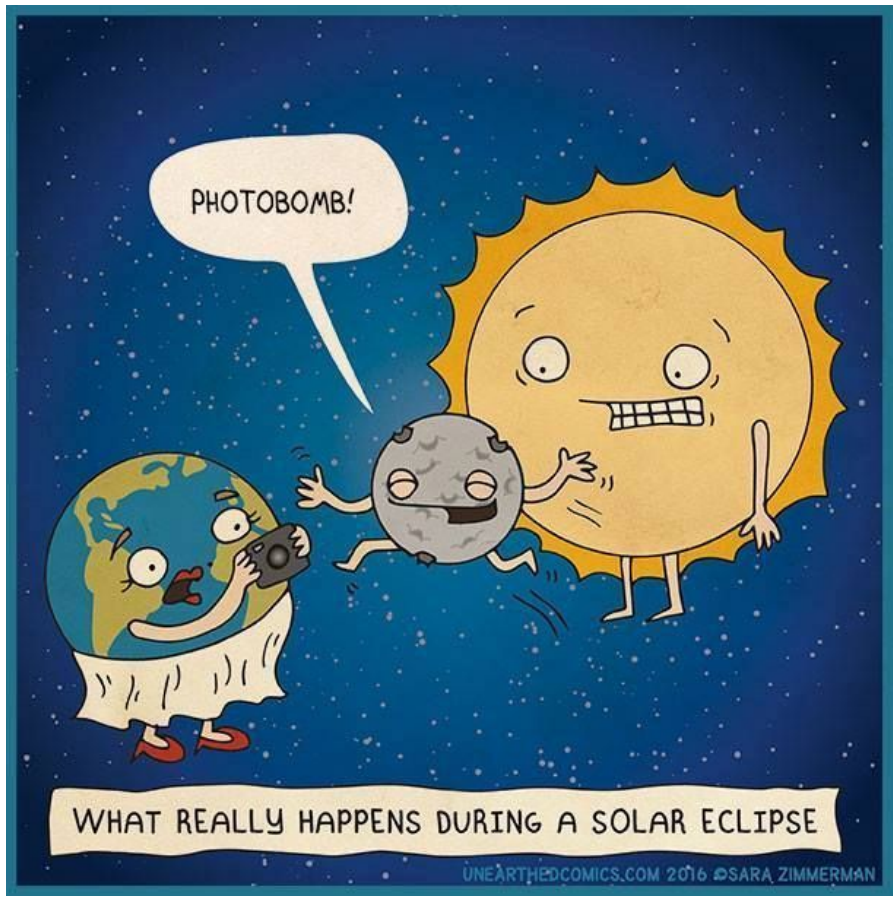


## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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?

## JOKE OF THE WEEK



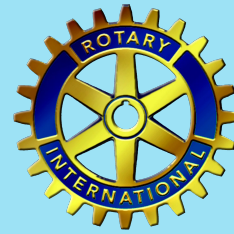
### ROTARY AFTER HOURS

Please join us on Thursday, September 14, from 5-7 PM at the Boulevard Hotel Library for an After Hours event. Enjoy some social time and take the opportunity to bring a prospective member. It will be \$5.00 per person and you and your spouse/significant other are more than welcome. Prospective members can attend free of charge. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. More details regarding this fun event will be shared at upcoming Monday meetings. RSVP to Charles Jespersen at [czj1270@sbcglobal.net](mailto:czj1270@sbcglobal.net).



### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ECLIPSE

- There are 2-5 solar eclipses each year
- An eclipse that can be experienced worldwide happens about every 18 months
- The speed of the moon is 1,400 mph
- 1918 was the last eclipse that swept across the entire U.S.
- The longest total eclipse could be experienced at 2:44 PM in Carbondale, IL
- The next major U.S. eclipse will happen on April 8, 2024 and the direct path will go over Indianapolis and Cleveland



### ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Cindy Igoe brought Tiffany Griffin

### 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.*





## DOMINICAN TRIP PRESENTATION AT NEIGHBORING CLUBS

On August 16, Will McCoy, International Director of the Interact Club of Lake Michigan Catholic, presented the Dominican Trip to the Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary. Will was given a certificate of appreciation by Club President and past trip chaperone Brian Saxton.

On August 17, Darwin Bowman, Past President of the Interact Club of Lakeshore, presented the Dominican Republic Trip to the Rotary Club of Lakeshore. Darwin was given a certificate and gift by past DR chaperone Bill Scaletta. In attendance were Darwin's proud parents, Rotarian Dwight Bowman and his wife Caroline.

Thank you to Will and Darwin on jobs well done, to Rotarian Robyn Johnson for coordinating the presentations and to Rotarian Maria Kibler, for attending both meetings.



## FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: EIGHT ROTARY DONORS WHO ARE CHANGING THE WORLD

People donate money to good causes for all sorts of reasons; it could be a personal connection to a community in need, a debt of gratitude for a past kindness, or a desire to leave a legacy. We asked eight people around the world what motivates them to give to The Rotary Foundation — and to keep giving — and the answers were as diverse as our membership. Here are their stories.



[CLICK HERE](#) to open full article

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

It's that time of year again! We're updating information for the 2017-2018 Membership Directory. In order to ensure accuracy, over the next few weeks, we'll be placing the current directory, along with 'Update of Information' forms, on your table.

### ERRORS

If there are any errors, please notate with the red pen directly in the book and fill out one of the 'Update of Information' forms.

### CORRECT INFO

If the information in the past Directory is correct, please write "No change" across your listing and DO NOT fill out a form.

### NEW MEMBER

If you are a new member--please fill out the 'Update of Information' form and mark the 'New Member' box.

### PHOTOS

If you are a new member or you currently do not have a photo with your profile, please send a high-res headshot to RotarySJBH@gmail.com.



## DEADLINE APPROACHING SOON FOR 2017 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation will be awarding up to \$58,000 in grant monies to local non-profit organizations. Please contact Bob Judd at [juddrj@gmail.com](mailto:juddrj@gmail.com) with any questions. Completed grant applications are due by September 15, 2017 and funds will be awarded later this year.

The mission of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Foundation is to improve lives in the greater St. Joseph/Benton Harbor community, by supporting projects that focus on

- (1) improvement of health;
- (2) support of education;
- (3) economic and community development; and
- (4) other Rotary International initiatives that have local impact.

Particular emphasis is given for efforts that seek to better opportunities for youth and special needs populations.

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2017 Grant Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2017 Grant Application

[CLICK HERE](#) for Grants Awarded through 2016

## GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the District 6360 Foundation Golden Trowel Award. The Rotary District 6360 Foundation annually awards up to four (4) Golden Trowel Awards to non-Rotarian individuals or groups who have made a major contribution to a Rotary project.

The award will be presented at the Annual RD6360F Recognition Banquet on October 17, 2017 at the Walldroff Brewpub & Bistro.

### REMEMBER:

- The nominee must be a Non-Rotarian
- The nominee may be a person, non-profit organization, business, church, group of individuals, or government agency
- The nominee must have made a significant contribution to a specific Rotary sponsored project/event

If you'd like to propose a nominee from our club, please contact Rick Villa at [rvilla@villaenv.com](mailto:rvilla@villaenv.com).

## 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 need 24 additional Marshall Volunteers, which can be members of our club, friends or family. We also need 2 more Captains and our Hole Captains must be identified by September 30, 2017.

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. If you wish to be a Hole Captain, call or email Danae Donatello at the Senior PGA: 269-487-3200 or [ddonatello@pgahq.com](mailto:ddonatello@pgahq.com).



## WHAT'S IT ALL WORTH? (CONTINUED)

Tom has been working in appraisals for 18 years but has worked with antiques and auctioning for 22 years. During this time, he's seen how the field has evolved over the generations. Young people are not buying things and the possessions they do acquire are more disposable.

Tom often finds himself mediating between family members during equitable distribution of an estate. Often, this work is creating documentation about the lack of value.

Twenty years ago, "things" had more value. Tom shared the example of a fine set of china passed down over generations. The younger generation more likely wants something new that's dishwasher/microwave safe. Something that was worth tens of thousands of dollars a few decades ago may not be worth anything today because it all comes down to what someone else is willing to pay for it. If no one wants it, it's not worth anything.

Most of Tom's work revolves around appraisals to assess value for insurance purposes and equitable distribution. For items that do have a high value such as fine art and collectibles--these can actually be borrowed against which was not available in the past. This type of documentation is also needed for legal issues such as divorce and determining who owns what.

The community of appraisers is self-regulating and utilizes the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) which is the generally recognized ethical and performance standards for the appraisal profession in the United States. USPAP is updated every two years so that appraisers have the information they need to deliver unbiased and thoughtful opinions of value.

An interesting tidbit that Tom brought to our attention is that the show Antiques Roadshow is in violation of USPAP because they are not doing the appropriate paperwork, documentation and research. They are giving unauthorized opinions but they get around this wording their assessments as "insurance value."

If you are looking to have something appraised, Tom recommends that you first do as much research on your own as possible. There are a lot of online resources available and you should be able to submit a photo to an auction house for a free estimate of auction value. If you do have an appraiser do a personal assessment, their fee should be an hourly rate with a minimum requirement and not be based on a percentage of the assessed value.

## First impressions matter

Signup for our free webinar, **First Impressions Matter: The Membership Experience**, and learn valuable best practices and resources to help you improve your first impressions with prospective and new members. The webinar takes place Thursday, 31 August, at 12:30 Chicago time (UTC-5).

REGISTER



## 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](mailto:RotarySJBH@gmail.com).

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# 2017-2018 CLUB LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

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

**President-Elect: Debra Trapikas**  
**Immediate Past President: Stephen Smith**  
**Secretary: Bob Peirce**

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION Rick Villa	CLUB & COMMUNITY SERVICE Patti Kutz	MEMBERSHIP Dwight Bowman
<p><b>Sergeant-At-Arms - Matt Hanley</b>, Randy Bettich, Dwight Bowman, Bill Downey, Sean Ebbert, Wendy Edwards, Kurt Marzke, Mike Peirce, Mary Spiegel, Tom Watson</p> <p><b>Invocation - Dave Kirshenbaum</b>, 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</p> <p><b>Programs - Wendy Edwards</b></p> <p><b>Music - Allan Westmaas &amp; Dennis Bowen</b>, Dwight Bowman</p> <p><b>50/50 Raffle - Jim Roberts (interim)</b>, 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><b>St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation - Maria Kibler (President)</b>, Bob Judd (Secretary), Steve Ross (Treasurer), Lisa Cripps-Downey, Mike Cook, Mike Hanley, Mike Huie, Mike Kinney, Dale Park, Steve Smith, Tom Starks</p> <p><b>Foundation Investments - Mike Cook</b>, Randy Bettich, Rick Dyer, Bob Judd, Mike Kinney, Steve Ross, Allan Westmaas</p> <p><b>Bell Ringing - Sean Ebbert</b></p> <p><b>Highway Cleanup - Steve Smith</b></p> <p><b>Rural Ag Day - Art Cotter</b></p> <p><b>Law Day - Steve Smith</b></p> <p><b>Celebrate Rotary (will resume in 2019) - Kristi Aubrey</b>, Matt Hanley, Nicole Heugel, Emily Hosinski, Charles Jespersen, Maria Kibler, Bob Peirce, Debra Trapikas</p>	<p><b>Membership - Dwight Bowman</b>, Rich Burling, Rachel Damaske, Julie Duensing, Wendy Edwards, Matt Hanley, Charles Jespersen, Lynn Kellogg, Debra Trapikas, Christine Vanlandingham</p> <p><b>Diversity - Dwight Bowman</b></p> <p><b>Events - Debra Trapikas</b></p> <p><b>Orientation - Lynn Kellogg &amp; Christine Vanlandingham</b></p>
		YOUTH SERVICE Jackie Huie & Maria Kibler
		<p><b>Interact - Maria Kibler</b>, Steve Borre, Mary Frey, Jackie Huie, Cindy Igoe</p> <p><b>Track Meet - Randy Bettich</b>, J.C. Anderson, Dennis Bowen, Jim O'Malley</p> <p><b>RYLA - Lori Marciniak</b></p>
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES Mike Kinney	PUBLIC IMAGE Emily Hosinski	<p><b>Youth Exchange - Kristi Aubrey</b>, Debra Trapikas</p>
<p><b>International Initiatives - Mike Kinney</b>, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Charles Jespersen, Prudy Nelson, Mary Spiegel</p> <p><b>Bio-Sand Water Filter Project - OPEN</b></p> <p><b>International Foundation &amp; Polio Plus - Tom Chapman</b></p>	<p><b>Club Photographer - Jen Cole</b></p> <p><b>Website &amp; Social Media - Emily Hosinski</b></p> <p><b>eWheel Newsletter - Emily Hosinski</b>, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Brandi Smith-Gordon</p> <p><b>Public Relations - Emily Hosinski</b></p> <p><b>Membership Directory - Chris Newland</b>, Robyn Johnson</p>	<p><b>Rotary Student Program - Jackie Huie</b>, Kristi Aubrey, Mary Frey, Mike Huie, Robyn Johnson, Marie Kibler, Dave Peterson, Steve Smith, Debra Trapikas, Rick Villa</p> <p><b>Essay Contest - Patti Kutz</b>, Bill Benner, Dave Kirshenbaum, Jacqui Winship (Judges: Joen Brambilla, Ann Cardon, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Nicole Heugel, Donna Metz, Jim O'Malley, Jack Sukup, Janet Zielke)</p>

To inquire about joining a committee or to report an error on this list, please email [RotarySJBH@gmail.com](mailto:RotarySJBH@gmail.com)