



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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FEBRUARY 25, 2019

It was a cold and windy Monday this week. Spring is right around the corner, right?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LECO?



Schultz, George Krasl and Joseph Sauer. In 1977, the Warren family became the sole owners and the company is still privately held today with a world headquarters is located in St. Joseph, Michigan.

The name LECO is synonymous with quality but they take equal pride in their focus on their people. They employ 1,400 globally and 720 in the United States—600 of those are in Southwest Michigan, making them one of the largest employers in Berrien County. They have excellent employee retention rates with several employees staying with the company over 20 years.

If you're from Southwest Michigan or have lived here a while, it's likely you've heard of a company called LECO. Though the name is well known, knowledge about their products and services is pretty rare. Our guest speaker this week, Scott Chrispell, Manager, Electronics Research & Engineering sought to change that.

LECO stands for Laboratory Equipment Corporation. They were founded in 1936 by Carl E. Schultz, Charles

A focus on vertical integration means that almost all their products are engineered and built here in St. Joseph. They also manage many of their subprocesses and parts in-house for greater oversight.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 3/4 Meeting: Jim Roberts, Minority Owned Enterprises
- ❖ 3/11 Meeting: Agriculture Day!
- ❖ 3/11: Deadline to nominate a Rotary Hero
- ❖ 3/13 Drinks with Mary at 5:30 PM at the Whitcomb

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary District Conference on Mackinac Island, May 16-18, 2019
Interact Trip to Dominican Republic, July 13-20, 2019



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECOMMEND A ROTARY HERO?

Would you like to recommend someone to be recognized as our Club's 2019 Rotary Hero? Send their name and the reason why to RotarySJBH@gmail.com. Heroes will be recognized at dinner on Saturday, May 18 at the 2019 District Conference. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS 3/11/19.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

We're looking for computer engineers who like to solve difficult problems.
Call us on this number now:

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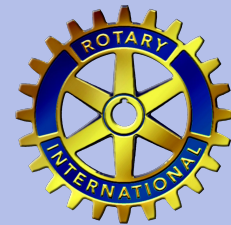
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ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

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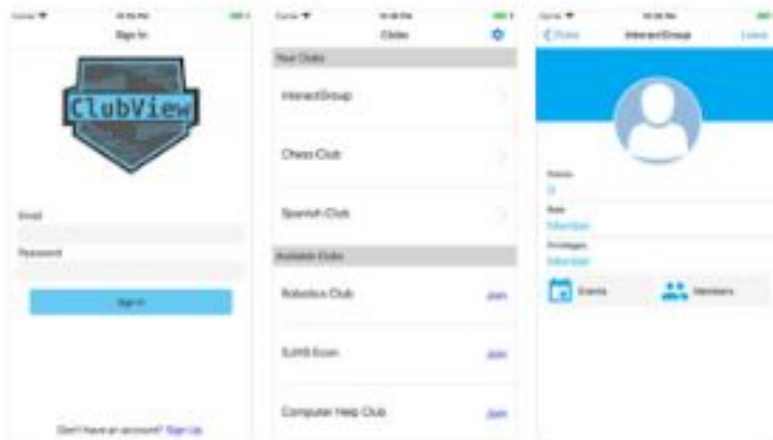
Charles Jespersen brought Bill Healy

Kevin Roney brought Dag Brummet



ClubView
Education

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NEW APP FOR INTERACT

Congratulations to Grant Huie on programming the ClubView app which allows clubs like Interact to keep track of members and activities. The app is available for download on the Apple Store!

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?



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

Quick Start Guide

[CLICK HERE](#) for the instruction guide for navigating the new user interface in DACdb!

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 at 12:00 PM at ****NEW LOCATION** Professional Hearing Services at 511 Renaissance Dr., #100, St. Joseph.** Bring your lunch and share your thoughts and ideas with the team.



Save the Date! 2019 District Conference

The **2019 District Conference** will be held at beautiful **Mission Point Resort & Conference Center** on Mackinac Island!

May 16-18, 2019

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LECO (CONTINUED)

The first LECO product, back in 1936, was the first rapid determinator of Carbon in Steel. This revolutionized the laboratory practices of the steel industry. What was previously a traditional wet chemistry method that took around 20 minutes, this determination could be accomplished in 10. Today, this product can provide an accurate result within two minutes.

From the relationships developed through the steel industry, LECO gradually expanded up and downstream to offer solutions for various types of processing. They earned trust and loyalty by providing value through relevant, high-quality products with results-oriented, user-friendly designs, and strong service and support after the sale.

They now work in mined materials, metal, environmental, energy, and food markets to provide laboratory equipment that meets customers' needs in ways that impact our lives every day.



[CLICK HERE](#) for a short video about LECO

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS!



[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story on Moody on the Market!

VAIL RUBBER WORKS WILL BUILD NEW 58,000 SQ FT FACILITY IN ROYALTON TOWNSHIP

By Pat Moody | Posted February 21, 2019 | What's Happening

The team at Vail Rubber Works in St. Joseph is a prime example that you are never too old to reinvent yourself and grow. The 127 year old family-owned manufacturer based in St. Joe has revealed this morning plans to build a new 58,000 square foot production facility in Royalton Township on 30-acres that they have owned for a number of years.

The long-running and highly successful manufacturing firm has contracted Pearson Construction Company of Benton Harbor to build the new facility with engineering, architectural and development assistance from Abonmarche of Benton Harbor.

The sizable new facility will anchor the property just off of the southwest corner of Hollywood and Glenlord, kitty-corner from Edgewater Bank and Roger's Foodland.

Bill Hanley is President & CEO of Vail Rubber Works. He says, "This investment underscores the company's commitment to the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor community and our determination to maintain our position as an industry leader."

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE eWHEEL?

Your weekly email is brought to you by Emily Kirchner, Renee Borah, Lisa Cripps-Downey, and Brandi Smith-Gordon 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: Wendy Edwards
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Treasurer: Tom Watson

President-Elect: Brandi Smith-Gordon
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Secretary: Janice Ferguson

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Charles Jespersen, Emily Kirchner, Kevin Roney, Therese Saggau

CLUB ADMINISTRATION Wendy Edwards	CLUB & COMMUNITY SERVICE Patti Kutz	MEMBERSHIP Julie Duensing
<p>50/50 Raffle - Rick Villa, Renee Borah, Wendy Edwards, Tiffany Griffin, Melissa Hahn, Donna Howard, Cindy Igoe, Patti Kutz, John Olson, Tamara Paulun, Amber Peters, Jim Roberts, Kevin Roney, 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, Noah Brent (Interact student member)</p> <p>Programs - Matt Hanley, Kristi Aubrey, Bill Dillingham, Wendy Edwards, Mary Frey, Melissa Hahn, Brandi Smith-Gordon, Lisa Wolf</p> <p>Invocation - Dave Kirshenbaum, Randy Bettich, Dennis Bowen, Ann Cardon, Wendy Edwards, Melissa Hahn, Lynn Kellogg, Patti Kutz, Lori Marciniak, Jim O'Malley, Christine Vanlandingham, Char Wenham, Allan Westmaas</p>	<p>St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation - Mike Kinney (President), Bob Judd (Secretary), Tom Watson (Treasurer), Lisa Cripps-Downey, Mike Huie, Prudy Nelson, Bob Peirce, Steve Smith, Tom Starks, Rick Villa, Char Wenham</p> <p>St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation Investments - Mike Cook, Randy Bettich, Rick Dyer, Bob Judd, Mike Kinney, Tom Watson, Allan Westmaas</p> <p>Adopt-A-Highway - Steve Smith</p> <p>Law Day - Steve Smith</p> <p>Bell Ringing - Sean Ebbert</p> <p>2018 Volunteers - Paul Bailey, Renee Borah, Charles Jespersen, Bob Judd, Dave Kirshenbaum, Therese Saggau, Dick Ward, Horace Ward</p> <p>Rural Ag Day - Art Cotter</p>	<p>Membership - Julie Duensing, Dwight Bowman, Rich Burling, Jennifer Cole, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Tiffany Griffin, Matt Hanley, Jackie Huie, Charles Jespersen, Lynn Kellogg, Bruce Piekarski, Christine Vanlandingham</p> <p>Orientation - Lynn Kellogg & Christine Vanlandingham</p>
		YOUTH SERVICE Jackie Huie
		<p>Rotary Essay Contest - Jacqui Winship, Bill Benner, Dave Kirshenbaum, Patti Kutz, (Judges: Ann Cardon, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Nicole Heugel, Trevor Kubatzke, Jim O'Malley, Jack Sukup, Janet Zielke)</p> <p>Interact Clubs of Lake Michigan Catholic Schools - Maria Kibler</p> <p>Interact Clubs of St. Joseph Public Schools - Jackie Huie, Steve Borre, Mary Frey, Cindy Igoe, Marian Rosko Titus, Lisa Wolf</p> <p>Rotary Student Program - Trevor Kubatzke, Kevin Roney (District Presenter), Jackie Huie (Liaison to RI), Mary Frey, Mike Huie, Maria Kibler, David Peterson, Marian Rosko Titus, Steve Smith and Rick Villa</p> <p>RYLA - Lori Marciniak</p> <p>Rotary Track Meet - Randy Bettich, J.C. Anderson, Renee Borah, Dennis Bowen, Jim O'Malley</p> <p>Rotary Track Meet Scholarship - Dennis Bowen, Brian Berger, Mary Frey, Bill Marohn, Jim Marohn, Mary Kynast</p>
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES Prudy Barrett Nelson & Mary Frey	PUBLIC IMAGE Emily Kirchner	
<p>Bio-Sand Water Filter Project - OPEN</p> <p>International Foundation & Polio Plus - Lisa Cripps-Downey</p> <p>International Initiatives - Prudy Barrett Nelson, Mary Frey, Wendy Edwards, Jan Ferguson, Mary Frey, Charles Jespersen, Mary Spiegel</p>	<p>eWheel Newsletter - Emily Kirchner, Renee Borah, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Brandi Smith-Gordon</p> <p>Membership Directory - Chris Newland, Robyn Johnson, Rick Villa</p> <p>Photographer - Jen Cole</p> <p>Public Relations - Emily Kirchner, Jackie Huie</p> <p>Website & Social Media - Emily Kirchner</p>	