



NOVEMBER 2, 2016

This week's speaker was **Rotarian Jennifer Jacobson**, speaking about the Rotary Foundation.

This was a timely choice because November is Foundation Month. Jennifer reminded us that the Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary.

On the website Charity Navigator, our Rotary Foundation is rated at 97.87% with accountability and transparency rated at 100%. Over 90% of the funds are spent on programs while only 3% is administrative. It is impressive to see our foundation rated so highly considering that the total contributions to this foundation were \$268,955,964 as reported in June, 2015.

Much of the money raised comes from the promotion Every Rotarian, Every Year which suggests that each Rotarian donate \$100 US every year to the foundation. In many cases, such as the polio plus campaign, the donation of members are matched by other organizations.

About 56% of the members of our local club meet this goal. However, Blenheim has a success rate of 96% and Ridgetown is at 100%. Our club has some work to do in meeting this goal.

Most Rotarians are aware of the many projects supported by the foundation. One in particular is the Group Study Exchange (now called the Vocational Training Team) and Jennifer, Barry and others participated in this program before joining Rotary.

The Student Exchange Program is also supported by the foundation

We thank Jennifer for updating us on the foundation. Our thanks were more formally expressed by **Rotarian Moira Kerr**.

ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Spadotto
14 years on Nov. 6

Dave Pudwell
36 years on Nov. 12

Karen Kirkwood-Whyte
25 years Nov. 13

Peter Jamieson
5 years on Nov. 23

Kevin Mills
5 years on Nov. 23

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

None

