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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY . . . Monday, July 20, 2020

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Wright State University: Present and Future

**Speaker: Dr. Susan Edwards,
President, Wright State
University**

Wright State University has been faced with significant challenges during the last few years. Recent events have only served to heighten those challenges. Dr. Edwards will provide an optimistic view of the future and her plan to move the institution forward.



Chair of the Day: Karla Garrett Harshaw

Rotary Calendar



July 22 Foundation Trustees Meeting 4 PM
July 23 Board of Directors Meeting 12 Noon
July 27 Mike Parks, The Dayton Foundation
August 3 District Governor, Greg Birkemeyer
August 10 Chris Dimmick, The Idea Collective
August 17 Ryan Hawk, Local Author
August 24 General Arnold W. Bunch Jr., Commander
Materiel Command
August 27 Board of Directors Meeting 12 Noon
August 31 JP Nauseef, JOBS Ohio
September 7 NO MEETING—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
September 14 Veleta Jenkins & Darius Ricks, co-founders
of Library for Africa
September 24 Board of Directors Meeting 12 Noon
September 28 Mayor Nan Whaley

**PLEASE NOTE WE WILL
CONTINUE TO HOLD ZOOM
VIRTUAL MEETINGS EACH
MONDAY AT 12 NOON.**

This Happened Last Monday

Our meeting was called to Order by President Brian Martin at noon. Brian opened with a heart-felt thank-you to all members and the library for their support of his panel discussion of "Me and White Supremacy". If you missed it, the panel discussion is available on-line with the Dayton Library. Bill Nance lead the club in the invocation, 4-Way Test, and Pledge to the Flag. Bill encouraged us to remember to "give goodness" and service. Life is indeed an echo, a quote from Zig Ziglar. In Bill's "News of the Day" he reported some good news from NYC. First time they had not posted an increase in COVID cases, but Florida is posting more cases. Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East and West joined together to raise an additional \$2000 to purchase box lunches for service workers in their communities.

Secretary Kim Bramlage asked attendees if there were any guests or visiting Rotarians on the call today. Georgie introduced and welcomed Mary Bane as a guest and potential member. In her announcements, Secretary Kim shared that there will be a Dayton Rotary Club Dines Out....In Person! on Thursday, July 16th @ 6 pm at the Carillon Brewing Company - On the Patio. Order from the menu and pay on your own way. Limited to 10 People. Spouses and Guests are Invited. RSVP quickly to Laura as there are only **2 Spots Left!** We need SMILE reporters for the weeks of July 20 and 27. Please message Laura in the chat or send her an email if you can volunteer for one of those dates. It's an easy assignment – if I can do it, you can do it!!

Birthdays for the week included Dan McBride, Ty Sutton, Steve Naas (on screen) on July 16, Diane Farrell on July 17 (she is on holiday this week) and Linda Groover (on screen). Kim then opened the floor for Day-Tens and other Foundation Donations. Jean Maychack pledged a Day-50 in honor of Greg Birkemeyer's induction as District 6670 Governor at last night's virtual Changeover meeting. During the meeting Frank Scott was also recognized as the DGN. Congratulations to Sigrid Solomon for her service. Linda Groover did a Day 100 for her birthday. Day 10 from Jessica Berry at The Modern in celebration of the 7 separate graduation ceremonies hosted at the Masonic Temple. Greg Birkemeyer did a Day 47 – one dollar for each of our district clubs. Lisa Wagner pledged a Day 100 to her Lasley to announce Levitt Pavilion's pivot to a virtual platform and fundraiser, which will feature Kashana Armstrong. She will add the link for anybody who would like to join (\$25) on July 23. Jim Gallagher shouted out to Bill Nance on his reflection on Zig Ziglar during the invocation. Jim is NOT a morning person – he did a Day 25. Kim Bramlage did a Day 10 recognizing that her X husband said she is not a morning person or a late night person, but has a few hours in between that are pretty decent!! (We certainly know better than that!) Steve Naas did a Day 100 toward his Anderson fellowship for his birthday.

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Rotary International Theme 2020-2021



Greg Birkemeyer
District Governor 6670
Rotary Club of Dayton

The Mission of Rotary International

To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and providing a system of international administration.

The Mission of Dayton Rotary

The Rotary Club of Dayton is a fellowship of diverse business and professional leaders who commit their time and talent to staying informed and serving the club, the community and the world.

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Lisa Wagner	Director (2022)
Diane Farrell	Director (2021)
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Birthday Wishes



Mark Ruetschle
937-461-5390
July 20



Tom Lasley
937-825-2200
July 23



Kelly Lehman
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July 23



Lisa Grigsby
937-572-1378
July 25



Alan Baker
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July 26



Lori Poelking-Igel
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July 26

Dayton Rotary Virtual Breakfast

Friday July 24th @ 8AM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934025243?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934025243?pwd=WU9FWWtRbzM1TnVpNzNpSEdQS1dNZz09)

[pwd=WU9FWWtRbzM1TnVpNzNpSEdQS1dNZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934025243?pwd=WU9FWWtRbzM1TnVpNzNpSEdQS1dNZz09)

Meeting ID: 869 3402 5243

Password: 684168

Breakfast is BYOB -

Bring Your Own Breakfast/Coffee

**It's a Great
Time to
catch up
with fellow
Rotarians**



This Happened Last Monday Continued

At this point, unfortunately, Kim “froze” in the meeting – ain’t technology grand - and President Brian took over introducing Frank Scott who made/announced the following Paul Harris Fellowship Presentations: Matt Scarr – 3rd Fellowship; Greg Robinson – 3rd Fellowship; Bob Daley – 1st Fellowship. The presentations were interrupted by Frank’s cell phone. That’s a fine!! Frank shared that RI granted global grants just over \$100 mil last year, yet RI found an additional \$20 mil for COVID support disaster release grants. Thanks for your support of RI.

Brian resumed control of the meeting to share that some of the smaller clubs, as well as Cincinnati, have started in-person meetings. The Dayton Rotary Board continues to study our options, using results from our member survey, to determine the best and safest time to resume in-person meetings again. Member Dues Statements have been mailed - \$120/qtr. Let Laura or Brian know if you have any issues with payments. President Brian pledged transparency with regard to our finances. Thank you to all members for their patience and honesty. President Brian then turned the program over to Sarah Hippensteel-Hall, our Chair of the Day to introduce a man who needs no introduction in Montgomery County, today’s speaker Dan Foley, Director of the Great Miami Riverway and former Montgomery Co. Commissioner. Before Dan started his presentation, “The Economic Impact of the Great Miami Riverway,” he expressed thanks to Sarah and Becky Benna’ for their support. The program started with a shared map of the Riverway. The river region is one way to do economic development of our region. In 2014, several local groups in the region were able to get \$\$\$ to conduct a study of the riverway and it’s opportunities. The study showed that communities are investing in public spaces, including extensive trail networks, arts and cultural facilities. The Army Corp came back and agreed that there was opportunity, so approved the grant. Several unique towns in the Greater Dayton area are now connected by 99 miles of riverways. Dan reported that this kind of investment will build a strong, vibrant network of communities and grow the work force.

In 2017, several local entities agreed to pledge funds to invest in the riverwalks. Dan shared examples of the riverwalk extensions:

- See tremendous investments around Premier and UD – ideal progression for economic growth in our city. \$700 million investment in housing, etc with plans to get connected to the riverwalks.
- In West Carrollton, \$4.7 million investment in public volleyball court. City is looking for an investor to take a vacant building next door and convert to brew pub or restaurant. Great connection to the river.
- Piqua is doing a \$10 million renovation to the Lock 9 Park to leverage public investment and encourage private investment.
- \$1.8 billion investment in downtown Dayton, including SCC and the Levitt Pavilion. Very encouraging.
- Dan shared master plan of Troy to connect to the river.
- And in Sidney, there is a 23 year old investor who owns 2 new restaurants in downtown Sidney. Sidney has more manufacturing jobs than any county in Ohio. Encourages leverage of the river to strengthen the workforce.
- Downtown Miamisburg has invested \$17 mil to the Riverfront Park – housing and retail..
- In Hamilton, Rivers Edge Apartments.

These are just a few examples of how the rivers are being leveraged in our region.

More than \$100 mil up and down the Miami River have been invested in parks. When Conway West was in town, he was so impressed that he wanted to know how we built the Riverscape. People need the respite of the outdoor space now more than ever! Moving forward: All communities are looking for ways to offer more affordable, diverse housing to their residents. There are gaps in the current bike trail that need filled. Hopefully, one day soon, our bike trails will connect all the way down to the Ohio River!

Another initiative is to find better ways to connect folks to the Miami River, including fishing for Small Mouth Bass. MANY trophy fish have been caught in the Great Miami River. Also are focusing on water quality improvements (water and sewer systems). Advocate for removal of low dams to improve the quality of water. There is discussion of possibly hosting another Great Miami River Canoe Float similar to one in 1973 that went from Sidney to Island Park. If interested, let Dan know.

In closing, Dan shared his email dfoley@mcdwater.org and phone number (937-212-3013 if anyone had questions or comments, and he also offered to take a few questions before the end of our hour.

Jim Gallagher asked if they received Federal or State grants in support of the river projects. Dan said they have not received much federal or state funds, but they keep trying. Local groups have committed funding for 5 years – 3 years into that now. Mary Bane asked about the low dams and if removal could increase risk of flooding. Doesn’t appear to increase the risk, but it does improve quality of water. Sarah Hippensteel Hall shared that removal of the low dams will not increase risk of flooding. In closing, Dan shared that they are starting an initiative in Aileron to get ideas of how to develop a more focused way to drive investments along the riverways.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Back to School Supply Drive



Think about being asked to complete a writing assignment without having a pen or pencil. Many children in our community face this situation every day when they go to school!

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Tools For Teachers, Success For Students

TO HOST A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

You may bring your donations of basic school supplies to the **Dayton Rotary Office**. Or you may **purchase your items from the Crayons to Classrooms Wish List on Amazon that contains the most needed items.** https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/3K80887FCS6TN/ref=smi_cl_lol_lls1_ls1

Please consider helping students in need as they head back to school this fall! Most requested items include:

• Crayons (24-count)	• Pens
• Colored Pencils	• Pencils
• Filler Paper	• Glue Sticks
• Notebooks	• Rulers
• Pocket Folders	• Washable Markers
• Construction Paper	• Scissors

*Items collected through this supply drive will be placed on the shelves of Crayons to Classrooms, Dayton's only teacher resource center—a “free store” for Dayton-area teachers to supply local classrooms in need. Teachers that qualify can visit Crayons to Classrooms, “shop” for supplies, and return them to their classrooms and students at no cost. **Your generosity will make it possible for our area children to go back to school with self-confidence and the supplies necessary to put their best foot forward!** Thanks for your participation!*

