



ROTARY:  
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DIFFERENCE

# Happy Thanksgiving

**November  
20th, 2017**



Our Monday meeting was very busy with a lot being reported. It shows a Club that is vital with

activity! It was so busy in fact that **Sergeant Dick McDowell** very graciously agreed at the last minute to forego his Sergeant-at-Arms duties. Many of you might be grateful because he had quite a list!! **Cam Cruickshank** was out in the hallway greeting everyone before they even made it into the room. **Bob Moore** ably served as cashier and rewarded everyone for being a great Rotarian with a blue Rotary pen. **Dave Cash** kept **Bob** company at the table organizing the 50/50. Our room was set up by **Mike Vokal and Bob** – Thank you!! **Conrad Schwartz** led us in the pledge, followed by a very thoughtful Thanksgiving prayer by **Barb Lewis**. **Dave Stechholz** continued the Thanksgiving theme with the singing of "America the Beautiful." Our guests included our speaker, Lisa Senac, Bob Selwa, President of the Warren Rotary Club and his daughter Ann Nakic, a Livonia resident who is considering to get involved in our Club.

## News and Announcements:



**Ted Davis** updated us on the Rotary Park playscape. The project is moving ahead quickly and includes a community build component. This would involve up to 120 volunteers, many from our Club – approximately 30 a day for 3 days. The drinking fountain will also be completely restored.

**Gary DesChenes** began giving us all our Reverse Raffle tickets. Each Rotarian should plan on selling a minimum of two tickets. The Reverse Raffle is on April 23rd, 2018.



Please put this date on your calendar now to ensure your availability to help on that day. \*\* A great idea is to purchase a ticket as a Christmas gift for family and friends. The ticket is \$130 per couple, includes dinner, 2 drinks, and lots of prizes!! ... Not to mention just a lot of fun. .



**Bob Moore** reported that **Ian Smart and Gary (THANK YOU!!!)** were the first to turn in Christmas gifts for the Methodist Children’s Home. Please bring a gift – boys or girls, infant – 18 years old by December 11th, or \$20.



**Deanna** announced the Christmas Luncheon will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon is \$18 per Rotarian and \$18 per one guest. \$25 for additional guests.

**Bob Moore** thanked the RYLA host families including **Ian & Jackie Smart, Dick & Ann McDowell, Ron & Deanna Gaffney, Barb & Arthur Lewis, Bob & Betty Moore, Bob & Terri Carris** (Livonia AM Club), **Penny & Lynn Oglesby** (Dearborn Heights Club), and **Dan & Veronica Maciver** (Livonia RYLA parents).



**December Fellowship Event:** Enjoy the Livonia Civic Chorus’ **“SING We Now of Christmas”** Concert on December 17th @ 3:00 pm with other Rotarians. Tickets are \$15 at the door or pre-sale prices from **Dave S.** of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students.



Dinner and/or drinks afterwards. \*\*\* Laura had discounted the ticket price, but Dave suggests using the discount towards dinner afterwards to make the ticket purchases a little easier. That’s why this is a higher price.



**Vote on By-laws amendment next week.** The proposed amendment reads: member of the Board of Trustees may participate in a meeting by conference telephone or other remote communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with one another. Participation in a meeting in this manner constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

**The Speaker for the Day was Lisa Senac,** Executive Director of the Healthy Living and Life Skills, YMCA. Lisa gave a very engaging and sincere talk about the **Fuel Up Livonia summer lunch program.** 30% of school-age children in Livonia qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. This past summer we had 37 volunteers and 158 different children during the 6-week program, averaging 22 per day, rain or shine! A sobering statistic is that 21 million U.S. children receive free lunches at school, but only 2.3 million get it during the summer.



Our meeting was closed with a second song "*This Land is Your Land*", just because President Laura wanted to! Thanks **Dave S.** for leading us. A big thanks to **Austin Keathley** for take down duties.

*Next Week*



Requests from the beginning-of-the-year survey asked for help with the different programs used by the Club: Club Runner, DacDb, the website, MyRotary, and more. Next Monday **Dave C. and Ron Gafney** will help us better understand Club Runner and our Livonia Rotary website. We will also vote on the by-laws amendment, noted above. Please bring your money for the Christmas luncheon and your gift for a child if possible.

## Invitations from other clubs & community:

12-3 Holocaust Memorial Center, Ann Arbor & W. Bloomfield clubs

## Meetings, Special Events, Fellowship, Service, and More!!

11-27 Club Assembly & By Laws Amendment Vote  
12-3 Christmas Parade (3 pm) and Light Up (6 pm)  
12-4 Christmas Luncheon  
12-11 **Meeting at Franklin Patriot Inn**  
**Children's Home Gifts Due**  
12-18  
12-25 No Meeting - Merry Christmas  
1-1 No Meeting - Happy New Year  
3/15-17 PETS  
4-14 District Assembly  
5-3/6 District Conference Grand Hotel, Mackinac Is.  
6/23-27 International Convention, Toronto

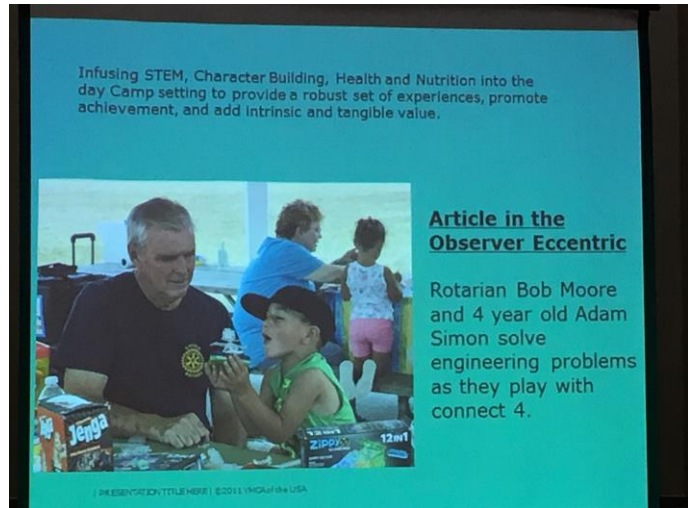
### Volunteers

### November

### December

Set Up	Mike Vokal	Bob Moore
Cashier	Bob Moore	Holli Kerkhof
Greeter	Cam Cruickshank	Marty Talty
Pledge	Conrad Schwartz	Art Cole
Song	Dave Stechholz	4-way test
Invocation	Barb Lewis	Barb Lewis
Visitors/Guests	Dale Coller	Dale Coller
50/50	Dave Cash	<b>Can you help????</b>
Take Down	Dave Stechholz	<b>Can you help????</b>

Additional pic from Monday's luncheon meeting, Speaker's power-point presentation:



***When my ❤️ is not stable, my mind is.  
When my mind is not stable, the ground is.  
When the ground is not stable, my spirit is.***