



Ann Arbor Rotary West

"Have A Beer, Change the World"



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The ROTARIAN'S 4-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
5. IS IT FUN?

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Agenda: August 20, 2018

Call to Order and Pledge

4 Way Test

Rotary Reflection

Guest Speaker: Tiffany Fitzpatrick "Love Runs"

Tiffany is a fellow Rotarian and the President of the Rotary Club in Saline. She recently joined "Love Runs" and is here to share the mission of this program.

Club Business + Announcements:

Community Reports:

Presidents Closing Remarks/Adjournment:

Happy \$

Did you Know? September is Education and Literacy month: The number of books in a child's home has been shown to be the best predictor of his or her scores on reading exams, yet 61% of low income families do not own any children's books. One study asserts that "growing up in a home with 500 books would propel a child 3.2 years further in education, on average, than would growing up in an otherwise similar home with few or no books." Simple access to books is one of the biggest opportunities to have a significant effect in improving the literacy skills of a child.

Notes:

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Object of Rotary:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service:
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society:
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Upcoming International Project:

Providing school bathroom facilities for children in India.

Recent Club Donations:

Shelter Box and Our House
24 backpacks and personal care items to "Eduproject" serving children in need in Washtenaw County.

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

Friday, September 7th, 6pm Painting reading libraries & book drive at Dunbar home.

September 17th 5:30pm Update on Grace girls home

Rotary International project highlight:

Since 1998 more than 400 Rotary clubs in Guatemala and North America partnered with a nonprofit organization, the Cooperative for Education, to provide textbooks for children. Over the years, the program has been scaled up to provide textbook training for teachers, computer labs with training for a computer teacher, and additional training for primary and middle school teachers on engaging teaching methods

Tiffany Fitzpatrick

Over the past 3 months, and for the next 3 months, I'll be training with Love Runs to complete the Detroit Free Press International Half Marathon. I'm doing this because Human Trafficking is taking way too much from young girls and women and having far too large of a negative impact on our local communities. (That's right, this is happening in our own backyards.) The money raised by Love Runs stays locally and this organization takes a very comprehensive approach to tackling this issue.

Some of the organizations Love Runs work with are Salvation Army, Vista Maria, SOAP, AWOL, EPIK Project and Open Door Ministry. What these organizations do ranges from providing basic needs such hygiene kits and housing to survivors as well providing for emotional and mental needs such as counseling. We also work with organizations to do outreach in neighborhoods for those at greatest risk to becoming human trafficking victims. Another aspect we work with these organizations on is hotel outreach. This provides hotels with bars of soap with the national human trafficking hotline and it includes training hotel staff in recognizing human trafficking. These are just a few things Love Runs supports.

I invite you to "Team up" with me by making donation to my fundraising page. My goal is to raise \$1,440. That represents the number of minutes in each day that I am free and the number of minutes in each day that a human trafficking victim is enslaved.

Here's the link to my page where you can learn more and make a donation to this cause: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/loverunsdet2018/tiffanyfitzpatrick?modified=1>

You can also give via check or cash if you'd like. Just let me know if that is your preference. Let me know if you have any questions.