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Henry Dotson
District Governor
2015-2016

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Feb. 5-6
Assistant Governor
Training

Feb. 9
PETS Orientation
Brighton MI

Feb. 11
PETS Orientation
Troy MI

Feb. 16
PETS Orientation
Chatham Ont.

Feb. 20
One Rotary Summit
Troy MI

March 10-12
Kalamazoo MI
PETS 2016

March 10-12
Great Lakes Rotary
PETS

April 14-17 RYLA
Camp Copneconic

April 16
District Assembly

May 13-15
District Conference
Chatham, Ont.
Update your passport or
your enhanced driver
license.

June 29
Meet the Governor

Art Expert speaks at Rotary clubs

■ submitted by Charles Wickins

Renee Hintz, the executive director of Michigan Legacy Art Park located at Crystal Mountain, is coming "down state" to talk to five different Rotary clubs in February. Since opening in 1995, Michigan Legacy Art Park has gone from one man's vision to share Michigan's unique history through the lens of art and sculpture, to being the cultural and community asset it is today.

Founded by the late internationally acclaimed artist David Barr (b. 1939 – 2015), the Art Park is a natural extension and reflection of his work and global influence. Barr envisioned creating a place in nature for artists to install art inspired by the stories of the people, events and natural resources that continue to shape the legacy of Michigan. Committed to artistic excellence, the objective remains the same today: curate a collection of permanent and ephemeral works of art for the purpose of engaging visitors with a visual, intellectual and emotional experience to deepen their understanding of Michigan's history, culture and environment.

Renee will be talking at the Birmingham Club on Monday February 22, Rochester Hills on the 23rd, Detroit at the DAC on the 24th, Mount Clemens the 25th and Livingston Sunrise on her final morning. She is an accomplished speaker with a couple of great videos and if you think it's time to visit another club (which is a good idea from time to time), why not stop by one of these luncheons. For more information, please contact Charles Wickins at Charles@englishauctioneer.com, or call 248-730-2400.

One of the many pieces in the Art Park: The Wheels of Progress by Dewey Blocksma



Michigan's windswept peninsulas are abundant with the energy to turn wheels, wheels that men and women have long used to live and progress. The windmill brings forth nourishment and manufacturing. The weather vane provides knowledge for navigation. These are but two of the many images and concepts Dewey Blocksma playfully presents in his archway Wheels of Progress Wind Machine.

"The wheel is one of the most human of geometric forms," says Blocksma. "We are creatures dependent on cycles and circles, creatures dependent on wrist watches, calendars, snow tires, hula hoops... merry-go-rounds, saw blades and windmills." In his archway, Blocksma addresses cycles in our culture. He uses two steel cables to

bridge the 12-foot gap between man and woman wind machines, each sitting atop 12-foot poles. There are several whirligigs between the cables, all are positioned to favor prevailing westerly winds.

2016 District Conference registration opens January 11!

Save the date: May 13-15.

Update your passport or your enhanced driver's license, if necessary.

Livingston Sunrise Helps Salvation Army

From James Watters: The following Livingston Sunrise Rotary members participated in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday December 12. Great day with great weather to be at the Kroger store in Brighton. Lance Lewis, Roger Haslick, Dave Neufer, Tim Williams, Janet Burns, Terri Fratarcangeli, Kate Lawrence, Brenda Ochonicky, Mary St. Pierre, Peggy Hall-Davenport, Luanne Bibbee, Rennia Dombrowski, Lee Halsted, Mark Newton, Jim Watters, Julie Beamer, George Watts.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015

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SERVICE CIRCUIT

Local bell ringers give back to help those in need

The next time you see a bell ringer for The Salvation Army, take a closer look. You might find your neighbor, classmate, teacher, doctor, lawyer or local business person behind the kettle.

Many members of service clubs, aided by their youth organizations, volunteer to ring bells to raise money for the charitable works of the Salvation Army.

"The thing about bell ringing is that you have a massive number of locations and a long, long number of hours to fill," Major Kevin Van Zee of The Salvation Army Warren Worship and Service Center said. "The service clubs are able to take a day or so at a time and cover the entire day. We don't normally have that available to us and it's really helpful."

"In general, the service clubs have enough people to do a couple of shifts at a time. They seem to have a very good time doing it. It's easy to be a happy bell ringer when you have help and the company of others versus some of our people who take a 10-hour day all

would sing to whomever was on the phone. One guy had just hung up so we said that we would sing to anyone he called on his way out. He had them on the line the minute he walked out of the store. I am not sure who we sang to. A couple of steps away, he turned back and yelled, 'Merry Christmas to you,' " Middleton said.

"A woman said to us that she always donates when she sees The Salvation Army," Bishop Foley Key Club member Samantha Ulieny said. "One of her relatives was in the Salvation Army Band, back when, and her father said he would disown her if she ever didn't donate. Of course her father said this jokingly. So, she donated."

"Ring the bells for The Salvation Army as part of Kiwanis Club of Warren is a volunteer opportunity we look forward to every year," Wendie Previdi said. "This year my son, Nick, and I brought along our friends, the Gottschlings. We dressed like Christmas dorks in our silly hats, sang lots of songs and



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY NANCY DEDENBACH

Nancy Dedenbach and her granddaughter Luca Dedenbach collected money at the red kettle for The Salvation Army representing the Mount Clemens Rotary Club in one of its charitable holiday projects.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARILYN GOTTSCHLING

Travis Gottschling, 8, rings bells at The Salvation Army kettles as a volunteer for the Warren Kiwanis Club. Other volunteers included Tyler Gottschling, 13, Nick Previdi, 12, Kiwanis member Wendie Previdi and Marilyn Gottschling.

tary Club collected mittens, hats, gloves, and coats for the Macomb

cessities. They also donated Christmas baskets of food to families in

Rotary Club of Warren

■ Submitted by Jan Loch

The Warren Rotary Club has as its literacy project the gifting of student dictionaries to each third grader in the schools of the Warren and Center Line school districts. This marks the eleventh year the club has purchased these books and delivered them to the various buildings.



Entitled "A Student's Dictionary and Gazeteer," the paperback books do not just contain words and definitions, but also a wealth of other information. The boys and girls will find parts of speech, punctuation, weights and measurements, a Table of Elements, Roman numerals, the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, the U.S. Presidents, the 50 United States, the planets, and many other facts and figures.

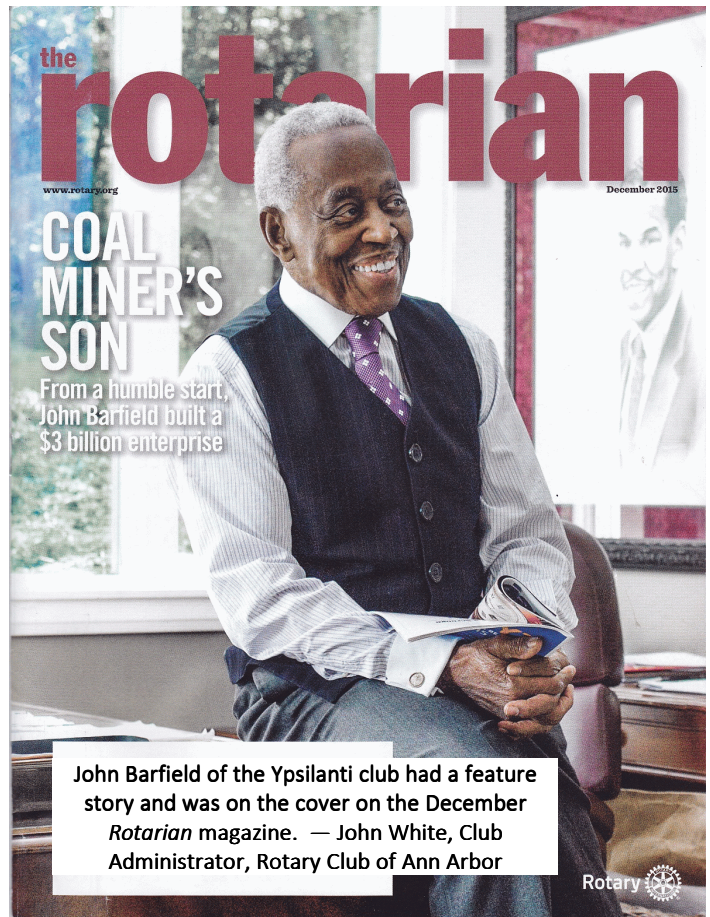


Some of the group at work. Mike Krause sticking the last label in the 2,800th dictionary. Jan holding the parent letter for that book.

The club adds a sticker of presentation from the club and a letter to the parents explaining who has given and why their child has received the book for his very own to keep forever.

On September 29, 26 members and invited guests met at DeCarlo's Banquet Center to paste in the labels and add the letters to parents. It was a great hands-on event with food, fun and fellowship.

We set a record; 2,800 prepped books in 95 minutes! Then we delivered to all the schools.



John Barfield of the Ypsilanti club had a feature story and was on the cover on the December Rotarian magazine. — John White, Club Administrator, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

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Kyle Middleton is a Warren Kiwanian.

"We definitely put a smile on many people's faces," Middleton said. "Joe Des-camps and I had three Key Club girls with us and we had a great time drinking hot cocoa and singing, thanks to Wally's morning tradition delivering the goods and ensuring everyone is in place and ready to sing."

"To spread the holiday cheer we get customers to sing along with us, and even the employee from the store that gathers the carts from the parking lot. His favorite song is 'Rudolph.' Joe asks what their favorite song is as they walk into the store and when they come out we sing their song."

"One man shared a couple of jokes with us about why he can't sing. Some paid us not to sing, others paid us to not sing with us. The rest were just gracious people with big hearts willing to offer support to a good cause. We had a couple of young women sing and line dance. Even Joe did that," Middleton said.

Video evidence exists. "We sang to young children as they tried not to make eye contact but the mother standing next to them was beaming with joy that their child was getting special attention. What a great lesson to learn to have a young child put money in the red pot and ask why. Giving to others is a great lesson at such a young age. We got the Warren Fire Department to sing a short line. You know those macho men, but even they had a touch of the holiday spirit," he said.

"Our next plan was: phone a friend. If they were talking to someone as they entered the store we got

projects for us."

The Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club rings bells for The Salvation Army Mount Clemens Citadel as does the Mount Clemens Rotary, Mount Clemens Lions Club, Macomb Lioness Club, Sel-fridge Lions Club, Shelby Daybreakers Kiwanis, Clinton Valley Kiwanis, Soropti-mist Club, Shelby Township Optimists and Richmond Rotary. They help in other ways also.

"I was ringing at the Chesterfield Walmart when three people — a married couple and a male friend — walked up," Mount Clemens Kiwanian Theresa Randolph said. "After making a donation, they asked if I had heard the Cheech and Chong skit about bell-ringing and 'not having any times.' I said I wasn't familiar and one said 'Oh, you'll love it. I know you, you'll love it.' I'd known these people for maybe 30 seconds. So they insisted on pulling it up on their phone and crowded around me so I could hear it. The husband knew it word-for-word and recited the entire routine along with the phone. You meet the friendliest people at Walmart."

"I have rung the bell on a number of occasions and it's always nice to see the smiles you get as people drop money in the kettle," Mount Clemens Rotarian Ken Kish said. "A few years ago, I was at the Mount Clemens Post Office when it was cold and windy. Donations were a little slow because no one wanted to stop in the bad weather. Then a man stopped, pulled out a \$100 bill and put it in the kettle. 'My dad was a Rotarian and always volunteered for the Salvation Army,' he said. Hope this helps.' That made my day."

"Standing in the cold