

October 20, 2011

# The Dearborn Rotary X-Ray

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## Thursday's Meeting Summary

President John Artis commenced the meeting with the singing of the National Anthem to a packed room of Rotarians and respected guests. Rotarian Brian Whiston led the invocation.

The following guests were introduced: Barb Grzebik and Pat Storey from Garden City Rotary, Jean Allen guest of Neil Allen, Liz Smith Detroit Rotary, JoAnn Cutler Dearborn Heights Rotary, Leslie Herrick guest of Emma Jean Woodyard, Paul Good and Ron Kagan, Detroit Zoo, Haovra Rizk guest of Israa Safeddine.

Rotarian Dan Hogan led the 50/50 Raffle. Rotarian Wally Smith was announced the winner.

A check for \$7,000 was presented by Roger Miller and Dan Hogan to the club as these were the proceeds from the Hugh Archer Golf Outing.

Our guest speaker for the day was Ron Kagan, who is the director of the Detroit Zoo. Kagan began by briefly provided a snapshot of the history of the Detroit Zoo. Here are a few quick facts:

It is the largest tourist attraction in the state, with around 1.1 million visitors annually  
Approximately a third of its operating budget comes from public support  
The number of membership households exceeds 10,000 in Wayne County

Makes up 42% of school field trips in Wayne County  
36% of its employees reside in Wayne County

The Meet Your Best Friend event was the largest companion animal adoption event in the country  
Sponsors a Salvation Army Drive onsite eight times a year

Provides 16,000 free tickets to more than 1,500 non-profit organizations

Kagan also highlighted the many achievements of the Detroit Zoo in 2011 alone. Among its accomplishments are the robotic dinosaurs exhibition, the launching of Science on a Sphere, the renovation of the lion habitat exhibit, and the opening of the wildlife carousel, which has unique animals, is hand-carved, and custom built. Kagan explained that the Detroit Zoo operates like a healthcare system, except the healthcare system has the advantage of dealing with only one species.

Kagan listed a number of ways Rotarians can get involved, including paying a visit and encouraging others to visit the zoo, purchasing a membership, having a company picnic or other specific event at the zoo, becoming a corporate member, making a donation, and joining the Renaissance Circle.

The meeting concluded in our traditional manner of singing God Bless America.  
Your Editor for the day  
Issraa Safeddine



Hugh Archer Golf  
Outing proceeds



Our speaker Ron Kagan



A full house today

## Future Meeting Duty Roster 10-27-11

**Attendance**  
**Jane Mueller**

**Greeter**  
**Majed Rizk**

**Guests and Visitors**  
**Majed Rizk**

**Invocation**  
**Rick Enright**

**X-Ray Editor**  
**Gretchen  
Ackerman-Moss**

## Future Meetings

10-27-11  
*The Right Way to Invest &  
Why We Never Do*  
Jonathan Citrin

11-3-11  
*Dearborn Public Library*  
Marianne Bartles, Director

11-09-11  
*Inter-service Club Council  
Lunch*  
Dearborn Hills Golf Course

11-10-11  
*So You think You Can Sync*  
7PM  
No Noon Meeting

11-17-11  
*The Rotary Foundation*

## Foundation Giving—Every Rotarian Every Year

The Rotary Foundation asks all Rotarians to consider giving at least \$100 per year to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. This is the equivalent of \$1.92 per week. Please send your contributions to Jack Mueller, and we will post all those who have reached the \$100 per year below.

**Win Arneson, John and Mary Fish, Joe Hallissey, Omar and Maureen Guevara, Diane & Jim Ives, Don Karcher, Marjorie McCann in memory of PP Jim McCann, Aldo Martin, Jack and Jane Mueller, Bob Putnam, Colette Richards, Merritt Robertson, Dave Sample, Darlene Schoolmaster, John Snyder**

Our Club has pledged \$7700.00 for the new Rotary year, and any contributions will be greatly



## Announcements

- Amy Bazy, This year the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LipSync** will be Nov 10, 7PM. Amy asked for help selling tickets, as the event this year will be held at performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Amy needs help with recruiting performers, ticket sales, and distribution of posters to businesses
- Hassan Hammoud, **Santa Snaps sign-up board** was on display, a sign-up sheet was around the meeting for members to sign.
- Rick Enright asked members to bring **candy bags** for the Halloween event.
- Discounted or early reservation fee for "Wild On Rotary", District Conference May 31 – June 3, 2012 at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio is due October 15, 2011, President John also reminded us.
- Peter Johnson from Fairlane Sunrise will be at the Oct. 27th meeting with order forms for their fruit sale. Come prepared for making your order for this delicious fruit for yourself, or donate it to Loaves and Fishes through Peter.
- Rotarian Kerrie Peterson reminded members to complete a potential Rotarian card

and return it as soon as possible to win a Howe Peterson Funeral Home Calendar

## Recognitions

### ATTENDANCE:

**Please help out your Secretary and Treasurer. When checking in for attendance, please inform the person taking attendance if you don't plan on eating, this will help us to keep track of what we owe for meals each week.**

**Thank you. Jack**

## Egyptian club discovers the power of Microlending

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas Rotary International News – 5 October 2011

Rotarians Adel el Nokali, Heba Kabel, and Magdy Samaha visit with a beneficiary of a microcredit program run by the Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt. The woman used her small loan to build a kiosk where she sells biscuits and cakes. *Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting*

[Rotary International](#) on Facebook

If your Rotary club is stuck in a rut when it comes to vocational service, it's not alone. Sometimes dubbed the "forgotten Avenue of Service," vocational service can be difficult for clubs to understand and implement.

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Georgia) felt strongly enough about vocational service to make it a districtwide priority.

"Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics," says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop to meet the needs of low-income community members, helping women in particular to start businesses and learn useful work skills.

### Microcredit loans

"We gave loans to deprived women supporting large families," says past club president Heba Kabel. Club members made loans of about US\$85 to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again -- turning the club's initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program.

The club also financed literacy classes, helping 75 women learn to read and write, and a sewing lab, which drew 45 women to sewing lessons every month.

Kabel notes that the club put a priority on efforts that would help community members increase their chances of finding a job.

"We made a big bazaar at the end of the year and sold their products," Kabel says, explaining that the proceeds went to the women.

Kabel, a Barclays Bank employee, also tapped into her own vocational skills by offering free lessons in financial literacy to several women whom club members had met through the vocational service initiatives. The financial advice helped the women make informed decisions about their new incomes, teaching them to allocate some for savings and giving them a better chance of sustaining their small businesses.

### Model projects

Each October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on the [Avenue of Vocational Service](#). For this year's celebration, Rotary International collected model vocational service project submissions from 2010-11 district governors. In addition to the Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting's microcredit program, other model projects include:

- The Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, USA, conducted a job skills workshop for unemployed residents, giving participants tools for interviews and job searches. Each participant left with a résumé and a list of employment opportunities.
- Members of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Bangladesh, India, provided artificial limbs to 20 people with disabilities through a local rehabilitation center and worked with community businesses to help the recipients find work.

The Rotary Club of Cheltenham Sunrise, Gloucestershire, England, invited more than 280 secondary school students and teachers to attend a two-day educational forum on environmentally conscious careers. Leaders of government, nongovernmental organizations, and industries shared tips on how they've implemented green innovations to improve business.





Tickets \$12 each  
Available at Box Office

**7 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2011**  
**At the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center**

**Hilarious Acts**

Including high school football players, teachers,  
City officials, community leaders & Rotarians

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