



## Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of August 31, 2020



**Thanks to Jeremy Andrews,  
Chief Excitement Officer  
SPROUT**

**Mission:** Sprout connects YOU to local food.

**Our Promise:**

Provide access to high quality, locally produced food goods for all community residents, and help provide local farmers and producers a market for their goods.

Founded in 2009, SPROUT has evolved from a community gardening organization to a distributor and marketer of locally grown food and value-added food related products. It both advocates for and supports local farmers who want to grow their business. It also continues to help community members access locally produced food goods in several ways. Sprout maintains a grocery store and a commercial grade incubator kitchen at its location in the Springfield Farmers' Market.



You can participate in "The Sprout Box" to easily access Sprout's 1500 product offerings. Each week you can look through the menu listing and order what you want. Orders are available for pick up at many places within a 25-mile radius of downtown Battle Creek.

More detailed information is available at [sproutbc.org](http://sproutbc.org)

Andrews has also organized a ***Downtown Placemaking Challenge***. If you have an idea for improving downtown by creating your own event or public art project, or if you own a downtown business and need a facelift this is your chance to win \$1500 or more for your project. See <http://www.penetraevents.com/>



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### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The Rotary Board has approved an application for membership from **Rod C. Auton**. Sponsor: Karla Fales, Classification: Healthcare. Rod is a past member and Past President of our Rotary Club. Welcome back Rod!

Recognition went out to John Godfrey and Tom T Ebeling for their continued volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity. They have worked on houses, fences, and ramps with Habitat. More opportunities for volunteers are always available. (Please take a picture while you are volunteering so the club can use it for press releases. Forward it to Kathy Gallagher. Thanks!)

Donna Gray will send an invoice to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket last week. Jacque Jennings-Carter will keep track of everyone's numbers in case one of us wins.

Both the Charitable Union and Binder Park Zoo report a big drop in volunteers due to the Covid threat. If anyone is interested in helping at these two unique Battle Creek institutions, please contact Teresa Allen at the Charitable Union or Diane Thompson at the Zoo.

Donna Gray will send the necessary contact information to the handful of members who agreed to make outreach calls to members we haven't seen in a while. Members on the Zoom calls feel it is better to meet via Zoom than to not meet at all.

Please DON'T join us next week!! There will be no Rotary Meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom or in-person due to the Labor Day holiday.

DO join us on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for our next Zoom meeting. An easy to use link will be sent to you a day or two before the meeting.

**Please be sure to join us for the next Monday's meeting,  
September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will welcome  
Jerry Ball, local author of  
*They Left Too Soon: Stories of Sudden Loss***