



Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of October 4, 2021

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Rotary's own Teresa Allen speaks on The Charitable Union

Teresa wowed us with some Charitable Union trivia – can you believe this organization is 134 years old? It began when the Ladies of Social Responsibility discovered that children lacking adequate clothing was the main barrier to attending school. They began collecting clothing, and established the first hospital in Battle Creek, which cared for elderly parents that could no longer be supported by their families. They also created the first post-secondary school in Battle Creek, which focused on nursing. These do-gooders went on to pay mortgages for Great Depression era farmers so they wouldn't lose their land. Now they serve as an information clearing house and still provide free clothing to our most marginalized community members.



Coats for Kids



Appointment Required

Call (269) 964-7234 to schedule

Again this year, Coats for Kids event will be by appointment only. Call for an appointment Mon—Wed 8-5*phones are answered during these times* Serving kids 0-18 in Calhoun County with a Medicaid, WIC, or Bridge Card

85 Calhoun Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017
www.CharitableUnion.org
Charitable Union
Want to volunteer?



We have many opportunities, email Volunteer@CharitableUnion.org.

Coats for Kids

The annual coat drive typically relies on volunteer help from Rotarians, but this year like last will be different. You'll volunteer alone or in a small group calling 269-964-7234 Mon-Wed 8-5 or emailing volunteer@CharitableUnion.org. Families receiving coats will also be shopping by appointment only. Volunteers will carry coats, county families and guide people through the system.



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Announcements

Welcome! New Rotarian Adam Castle joined us for today's meeting.

Raffle Tickets: Jim Blocker won the \$\$\$ raffle AND the Rotary schwag raffle. Someone ought to investigate.

Congratulations: Ed Guzzo was presented with the prestigious Paul Harris award for his contribution of over \$1000 to Rotary. Good on ya, Ed!

Travelogue: Kathy Gallagher is freshly back from a 10,000 mile great American tour. She reports homelessness and smoke in the West are both alarming.

Winning!: Happy Bucks give you bragging rights. Ron Monte celebrated all of the Michigan sports-ball wins from the weekend. Bring cash if you want to share a story, celebrate a win, and raise club funds!



Upcoming Programs and Events

- Oct 7: Jean Krohn Event at BCCF 4pm
- Oct 7: Love Thy Neighbor backpack stuffing volunteer opportunity
7am at LTN food pantry w/ Sunrise Rotarians
- Oct 10: "Faith & Blue" event at Tabernacle parking lot 1-4pm.
- Oct. 11: BCPS Bond Vote - Nov 2 – presentation to Rotary
- Oct 18: New Vision presentation to Rotary
- Oct 23: Rotary Volunteer Day at the SHARE Center from 10-Noon.

Contact Karla Fales if you have any ideas: KFales@carewellservices.org

Needed Donations for Charitable Union:

Mens pants, Boys pants, Coats, Boots (all sizes, types), Small furniture and all types of other clothing. Old, stained, unusable clothing will be sold as recycled cotton and used as fabric for acoustical tiles for car interiors.