



Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of **October 5, 2020**

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ShelterBox is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing people affected by natural or human disasters with tools that enable them to rebuild homes and transform their lives. Started by a Rotary Club in Cornwell, England in 2000 it quickly grew within the Rotary Organization and finally established itself as a separate nonprofit in 2012.

Since 2000 it has sheltered 1,600,000 people around the world. During the past twenty years ShelterBox has learned that disasters occurring in different environments require different tools for sheltering. Supplies and personnel are spread around the world in strategic places so specialized ShelterBoxes are put together to meet specific needs and then can quickly be distributed. It relies heavily on Rotary Clubs around the world to assist with local distributions and networking to find transporters and collaborators.



Some of the more well-known places ShelterBox has provided assistance are Indonesian Boxing Day Tsunami (2004), Haiti Earthquake (2010), and Texas, USA Hurricane Harvey (2017). It continues to provide assistance in several hotspots in the world including Syria (since 2012) and Burkina Faso and to many other communities in response to earthquakes, floods, and

hurricanes. Donations are always welcome. Go to www.shelterboxusa.org for more information.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invoices for dues and meals have gone out. If for whatever reason you do not want or cannot pay for meals contact Donna. We appreciate it if you can continue to pay for the meals we are not eating, and we are grateful. If you cannot, we understand.

Time to think about the 2021-22 Slate for Rotary Officers. If you are interested in any leadership roles contact Ron or Tom.

Eric reminded us that Nigeria has attained the status of no polio cases in 3 years. It is the last country on the African continent to reach this goal so now the whole continent is polio free. Rotary International continues its work in Afghanistan, Sudan, and Pakistan by recently funding vehicles and health workers in these countries.

DO join us on Monday, October 12th 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,
October 5th:**

We will welcome

Kelly Dillman

**Community Outreach and Engagement Liaison with the Battle Creek
Police Department, Claude Evans Splash Pad Committee, Co-Chair**

Other Programs Coming Soon

VOCES

Summit Pointe Housing

BCPD

Child Abuse Prevention Endowment Fund