Rotary Club of Dayton SMILE



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This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

"What a Year.....Moving Past COVID-19"



SPEAKER: Mark Murdock

Fellow Rotarian Mark Murdock, Director, Dayton VA Medical Center will give us a quick review of COVID 19 at the Dayton VAMC, what we ve learned, and how it will shape our future.

Chair of the Day: John Lyman

This Happened Last Monday...

There were several active chat rooms before the start of the meeting this past Monday. President Martin called the meeting to order with over 70 participants. Bill Nance then gave the invocation which focused on the meaning of new beginnings and resurrecting good feelings in the Easter season. He then led us in the Four Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance and provided headlines of the day.

Kim Bramlage announced the visitors and guests, announced birthdays for the week and then accepted Day 10s from the group. Bill Nance gave a Day 25 in honor of Mark Donaghy s retirement from the GRTA.; Surendra Singhi a Day 10 and 18; David Williamson a Day 25 in honor of Mark s retirement and Bob becoming new CEO of GRTA; Mary Donaghy a Day 100 in honor of all transportation workers and his son starting a new position; and Patty Caruso a Day 18 in honor of Passover and getting the vaccine.

President Brian Martin thanked the entire club for its continued membership and announced Nora Vondrell so departure from Rotary but introduced Nicole Sturk, also a SICSA employee, to Rotary. He encouraged the group to use the website and the pay function in it to pay dues with a demo from Laura where to go. She also showed the membership where to find previous meeting recordings as well. He introduced Mark Donaghy, the Chair of the Day, who then introduced the guest speaker, Tom Morrow. Tom is a Detroit native and MSU and UD grad. He is retired from WPAFB where he served for 36 years as an electrical engineer. He currently is employed as a part-time support contractor with WPAFB. Tom is a true historian and cares deeply about the preservation of the history of public transportation in the Dayton area.

Tom took us on a very informative and interesting journey through time with slides and commentary on the 150 years of public transportation in Dayton. The origin of public transportation was largely due to jobs, industry, shopping in downtown Dayton and the need for folks living outside of downtown to be able to get downtown. Another driving factor was the desire to sell houses outside of the immediate downtown area. Over the years, Dayton has seen horsecars, streetcars, gas buses and trolley buses. Many slides depicted a bustling downtown Dayton over the years.

Incredibly, Oakwood was once considered a failed community! In order to secure the community and others around it, forces came together to develop public transit systems. As Dayton has long been known for its innovation, it became the test site for an electric railway and led to the introduction of the White Line, Red Line and Oakwood Railways. By 1899, Dayton was finally and fully electrified in its public transit. As we approached the 1910 s, the driving force for the different railway companies was to sell houses and to offer folks a way to get downtown.

Tom outlined how the different railways merged and how their owners decided to \$\infty\$get along to go along \$\infty\$. Merging was necessary because many of the smaller companies did not have the enough money to operate. The public transit system then moved to gas run buses or \$\infty\$jitneys\$ (Ubers on a route) but by 1947 all trolley buses were electric and only some of the companies made use of gas powered buses.



April 9th



Jane Keiffer April 10th



Jean L. Maychack April 10th

Speakers

April 05, 2021

Mark Murdock

Dayton VA Medical

Center

April 12, 2021 Exchange Student Roundtable

April 19, 2021 Jonathan McNeal Oscars Preview

April 26, 2021 Bing Davis, Local Artist

May 03, 2021 Laura Estandia, Executive Director Bike Miami Valley May 24, 2021 Red Ribbon

Takeover Meeting

The public transit system has expanded and contracted over the years due to population; in 1870 there were in 30,000 people in the Dayton area and by 1960, the population ballooned to 262,000. However, there was a demise to public transit due to availability of Federal funds and the need of improved infrastructure. By 1972, the availability of public transit was almost down to nothing and the necessity for a better system gave birth to RTA. Dayton again was the place for innovation and developed an electric infrastructure to support the electric trolleys. It started Project Mobility in the 1970s. Over the years RTA has bought the trolley fleet, continued to evolve the system and created Wright Stop Plaza to centralize routes and to make public transportation viable in Dayton.

The floor was opened to questions at the conclusion of the presentation and the meeting was then adjourned.

Welcome to Dayton Rotary!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Nicole Sturk is a third generation Daytonian, and Wright State University Alum, who has a heart and passion for non-profit organizations and supporting causes that work to eliminate marginalized populations in our community. Nicole embodies the definition of a �people person� and is most happy when she is passionately pursuing innovative solutions that will help those around her.

Nicole has 15 years of marketing, nonprofit program & business development experience. Currently, she is proud to serve as the Resource Innovation Director at SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center. Nicole also serves as a founding Board Member of the Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative and is an active member of the Dayton Chapter of AFP and was most recently named a WIBN Top 25 Women of Impact.

The lights of her life are her two sons Declan and Daxton, and her supportive husband Dusty. Those of you who know Nicole and Dusty know their love of coffee, being creative, and being hope to those around them.

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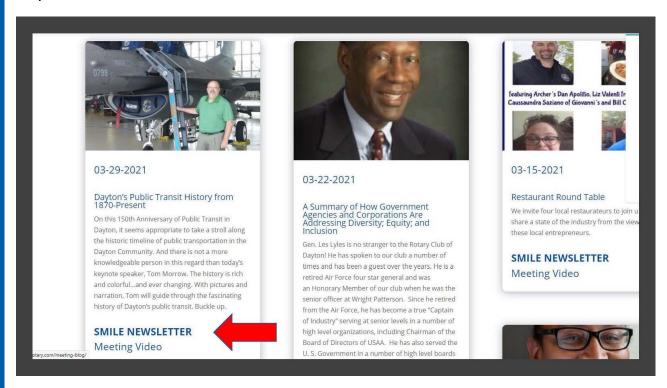
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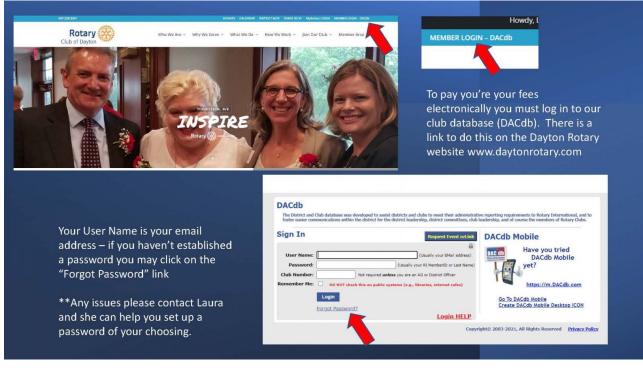
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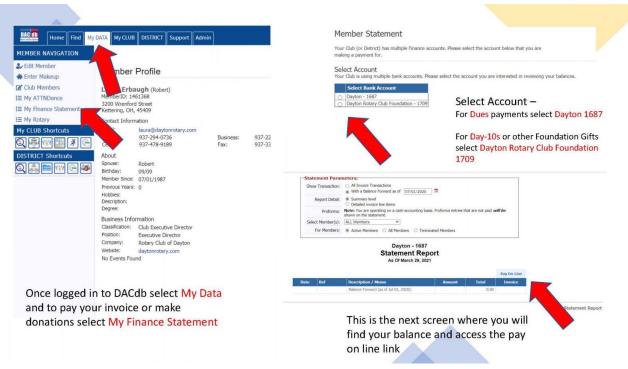


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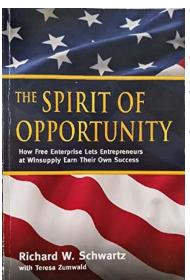
Save the Date for the RI Virtual Convention

Virtual Convention Registration

The Virtual Convention will be open to all Rotary members and participants. Event registration will open in mid-April and will include a promotional fee of \$49 for 21 days, with an increase afterward to \$65. The cost of each preconvention event is \$20. Both the convention and preconvention events include access to the House of Friendship. Please continue to check back for more details and updates.



Rotary Book Club



Our next is book, written by a fellow Rotarian, Rick Schwartz, with Teresa Zumwald, *The Spirit of Opportunity: How Free Enterprise Lets Entrepreneurs at Winsupply Earn Their Own Success*.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.

6/8/21-Our book is In Search of Happiness, Peace, & Success by Surendra Singhvi, who wrote this book, and another, after a stroke in 2002. We will communicate how to get his book at a later date.

Additional meetings in 2021 are 8/10/21, 10/12/21, 12/14/21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM via Zoom

Please contact Susan Hayes for any questions. sm.hayes@me.com