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February 26th



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February 26th



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February 26th



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March 3rd



Shaun Yu
March 3rd

Speakers

February 19, 2024
NO MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 26, 2024
Restaurant Panel Discussion

March 04, 2024

No Meeting on Monday February 19th



As a reminder, there is no meeting on Monday, February 19th in celebration of Presidents Day

President's Message



Thank you to the Rotarians who have completed the membership survey that I sent out via my work email (kim.bramlage@frhc.org) earlier this week! I appreciate your quick response and your thoughtful comments and ideas.

To those of you who aren't sure if you got it or have not yet responded to the survey;

The Board and I would love to get your input! Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts. We want to hear from YOU!

Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8CJ3879>

Thank you, again!
Kim

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This Week at Rotary

MONDAY, February 26, 2024

"Restaurant Reality"



The owners of The Blue Berry Cafe, Sueno and Wheat Penny join us for a state of the restaurant industry discussion. Hear their challenges, how they are fighting rising costs and what it takes to be a great supporter of our local eateries.

Chair of the Day: Lisa Grigsby

This Happened Last Monday...

Kim Bramlage called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm. Bill Nance provided the invocation and message about "Never Evers" Nancy Farkas announced guests:

Kim Bramlage hosted April Womack, former Rotarian
Lonnie Franks hosted Gabriel Bohler, from Austria

[Jonathan McNeal,](#)
[Manager, The NEON](#)
[Oscars Preview](#)

March 11, 2024
[Ed Tomme, BETA](#)
[Technologies](#)

March 18, 2024
[Michael Vanderburgh,](#)
[Executive Director](#)
St. Vincent de Paul
Society

March 25, 2024
[TBD](#)

April 01, 2024
[Rotary on the Road](#)

April 08, 2024
[Chief Justice Sharon](#)
[Kennedy](#)
Supreme Court of
Ohio

April 15, 2024
[Jeff Hoagland,](#)
[Dayton Development](#)
[Coalition](#)

April 22, 2024
[Red Ribbon Takeover](#)
[Meeting](#)

April 29, 2024
[Dean Alexander](#)
Antarctica Travels

May 06, 2024
[Nick Bowman](#)
Warped Wing
Brewery

May 13, 2024
[TBD](#)

May 20, 2024
[TBD](#)

May 27, 2024
[NO MEETING -](#)
[MEMORIAL DAY](#)
[HOLIDAY](#)

Joanna McCord hosted Gary McCord
Scott Kayser hosted Alex Keller, APG Office Furnishings
Jean Maychack hosted Andy Clements, Minister Bank in Vandalia
Howard Duckercker hosted Steve Harlan, former member
Dave Williamson hosted our Speaker for today Karen Bradley, Bradley & Associates and her husband Mark Henry
Zoom Guests: Tom Carlisle; Kappy Kilburn hosted her mom Sandra Kilburn who was visiting her

Secretary Announcements by Sarah Hippensteel Hall
Fun Water Fact: Yesterday the U.S. ate 88 million pounds of cheese, it takes 382 gallons of water to make 1 pound of cheese!
Rotarian Birthdays: The only one in attendance was Ed Gray whose birthday was on 2/13
Sarah reminded us about Movie and a Dinner on 2/15/24 and Wine Day on 3/14/24 at Joui Bar at 5:30 pm
Rotary Rewards â€™ For bringing guests: Joanna McCord, Jean Maychack and David Williamson

Day-Tens :

Chuck Vella \$100 for Paul Harris in celebration of downsizing
Jessica Barry \$20 for her 20th anniversary at Modern College of Design
Ed Gray \$10 for his birthday
April Womack \$100 for Special Wish Foundation Gala happening on March 2nd
Karen Hesser \$25 for upcoming Red Ribbon Project which is TBA
Kappy Kilburn \$80 for her momâ€™s 80th birthday

President Kim called on Nicole Sturk to introduce our newest Rotarian, Jack Omer, a native Daytonian and graduate of Alter High School who is the new President/CEO of SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center

Chair of the Day, Dave Williamson was called on to introduce our speaker, Karen Bradley, Immigration Lawyer with Bradley & Assoc.

Program: A Snapshot of the Immigration Crisis

Ms. Bradley who deals more with the day-to-day boot-on-ground actions of immigration rather than from the view of a lawmaker, provided perspective on how dire the situation is at the southern borders of the United States due to a lack of resources, planning, and low employment rates.

It was shared that there are approximately 33 million undocumented and unemployed immigrants living in the United States without any health benefits. Ms. Bradley shared a personal story of her own that she too has family members from Belize who have been seeking asylum in the U.S. since 2007.

She later fielded questions on back practices at the Canadian borders and some other countries, of which she noted that the United States has a good process, but it is not being managed properly.

Queen of Hearts

The number today was drawn by Mark Henry; who is the husband of our speaker and the winner's number ends in 410 and the winner is Bob Ruzinsky who drew from the deck a 3 of diamonds.

No Rotary meeting next week due to President's Day Holiday. Our next meeting is on February 26th.

President Kim led us in the Four Way Test and adjourned the meeting.

Link for [Meeting Recording](#)

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

We had a winner on January 22nd so we started a new deck of cards and new pot this week. Thanks to the Foundation for seeding the pot with \$500 rather than starting at \$0.

Weekly at Monday Meetings to benefit the Dayton Rotary Foundation

\$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Weekly winner draws a card from the deck if they draw the Queen of Hearts the winner takes 1/2 the pot. If the card is not the Queen of Hearts card then the card is destroyed & we try again next week. Meanwhile the pot continues to grow.

CURRENT POT: \$767

See Secretary Sarah or Laura for more information.

ATTENTION ZOOM PARTICIPANTS

****For those members who would like to participate via zoom - please let Laura know ahead of time or place your request in the chat prior to the start of the meeting and we will assign you ticket numbers and bill your foundation account.

RULES FOR THIS ROUND

- You must be present to win and/or purchase tickets (either in person or on zoom)
- The drawing is for members of the Dayton Rotary only.
- The winner will need to complete a W-9 form and will be issued a W-2-G form.
- The drawing will go to the very last card.



Rotary Book Club Meets to Discuss Jon Meachamâ€™s book And There Was Light

On Tuesday, February 13, folks gathered at the home of Kelly and Joe Lehman for â€œBooks & Bordeauxâ€ to discuss Jon Meachamâ€™s book And There Was Light, about the life of Abraham Lincoln and our countryâ€™s growing struggles in the mid 1800â€™s. Great fellowship, stimulating conversation and fine wine paired with a quick lesson in preparing Raclette, Swiss cheese melted on artisan bread with an array of tasty toppings. (Thanks to St. Anneâ€™s Cheese Co). The discussion was facilitated by Penny Wolff, who did a fantastic job; our fearless leader, Susan Hayes, was missed while at home nursing a cold.

The next book club selection for spring will be The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.





Social Committee Presents...Wine Tasting at Joui

Rotary Wine Tasting

@ **Joui Wine Bar**

117 East Third Street

Hosted by Laura Cox, Co-Chair

JOUJ

Hosted by: Lauren Gay, Owner and
Level 2 Sommelier

Thursday, March 14th

5:30 P.M.

\$45 per person

**includes wine (4 pours),
discussion and charcuterie*

Rotarians and Guests/Spouses Welcome



Limited to 20 people so Reserve Now
RSVP to Laura laura@daytonrotary.com

On Our Sleeves - Kindness Kits

The following is regarding a District 6670 Wide Project that all clubs have been asked to participate in.



Help us fill classrooms with kindness! Would you consider giving \$25 or more to help send a kindness kit to a classroom in the U.S.?

Our friends at [On Our Sleeves](#), The Movement for Children's Mental Health know the importance of teaching kindness to kids. Children's mental health benefits from positive social connections and the opposite is also true; children who experience bullying, exclusion and isolation are at risk for mental health concerns.

That's why they designed a custom kindness kit for teachers to use in their classrooms. Thanks to generous donors, these kits are free to teachers who request them.

On Our Sleeves has received over 3,600 requests from schools in 47 states and we would love to

help fill them!

Each Kindness Kit includes:

- Kindness Curriculum " to help teachers build a more inclusive and welcoming classroom community
- Classroom poster
- 30 On Our Sleeves pencils
- 30 Kindness Cards " to help children write kind notes to others because we know that expressing gratitude is good for mental health
- A teacher gift to show appreciation for the work that they do

For a gift of just \$25, you can provide these resources for one elementary classroom.

Together, we can help spread kindness and make a positive impact on children's mental health.

[Donate a Kindness Kit today!](#)

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