



Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of April 26, 2021

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Reina Cook from WMU's College of Aviation filled Rotarians in on the new facilities taking shape at the Battle Creek Executive Airport at Kellogg Field. The Aviation Education Center has risen during the past year which greatly expands the space and technology available to aviation students. Currently, aviation students are split with management and technical operations students at the Kalamazoo campus and aspiring pilots attending classes in Battle Creek.

Established in 1939, WMU's College of Aviation is one of the oldest and largest programs in the country. It set up operations in Battle Creek in 1997. Current enrollment is at 1200 plus students, three-fourth of which are studying flight science to become pilots. The new construction takes the facility from 1600 square feet to 60,000 square feet. Included in the new design are flight simulators, faculty offices, classrooms, a paint lab, and on-site food services. More visuals at <https://wmich.edu/aviation/about/expansion>





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Announcements

Welcome: Chris Allkins, Recruiting Manager for On Staff USA. Chris is joining our club with Kathy Gallagher as his sponsor.

Leadership Opportunities: A chair for the Student of the Month Committee is still needed to coordinate this monthly event with area schools.

Earth Day Volunteers: BC Rotary Members made a good showing at the City of Battle Creek's Linear Path Clean-up day at Irving Park. Thanks to all those that came out.

Membership Minute: Just by showing up for the Club's Community Service Projects members can help recruit new members. The visibility of active Rotarians attracts attention from other community members. At last weekend's Irving Park Clean-up, a Rotarian Alum from a country in Africa saw club's members working in the Rotary Vests and talked to several members. We hope he will be joining us soon! Also, for those who attended, all vests need to be returned to Jill. Call 928-830-2723 to make arrangements.

District 6360 Board of Directors approved the formation of the **PolioPlus Society (PPS)** to increase member knowledge and giving to the Polio Eradication program. Those donating at least \$100 this Rotary year, which ends on June 30, 2021, would be recognized as charter members of the society. District 6360 Rotarians have been very supportive of the Polio Eradication effort over the last 30 years, donating over \$1.9 million dollars but the Board wants to reach \$2 million in donations. Districts worldwide are adopting this program. More information to come.

Newly named BC Rotary Hero is Kathy Gallagher! Gallagher will be recognized as a Rotary Hero at the District Conference on May 20-21, 2021.

Mark Your Calendars: No meeting on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Programs and Events

5/3/2021 Oh me, oh my, the Roads!
John Midgley, Managing Director, Calhoun County Road Dept

5/10/2021 Engaging Youth in Leadership
Katherine Blocker, BCCF, Youth Alliance Committee

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