



Rotary Club of Battle Creek RotoScoop

February 12, 2024

Michael Armitage, Calhoun County
Consolidated Dispatch



Left to right: Jill Anderson and Michael Armitage

Michael Armitage MPA, ENP and Director of the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch (CCCD) was the feature presenter at the February 12th Rotary Club of Battle Creek meeting. The CCCDA provides 911 service throughout Calhoun County and dispatches for nineteen fire departments, eight law enforcement agencies and one advanced life support ambulance service.

They have 24 full-time and two part-time tele-communicator/call takers, six supervisors, an executive assistant, a systems administrator and deputy-director and an executive director. In 2023, the center took over 193,000 calls for service, which resulted in nearly 131,000 police responses, 18,000 fire responses and 24,000 emergency medical responses.

With the recent passing of a 911 millage, upgrades are in progress for the Dispatch Center and radio service. These upgrades include the installation of six new transmitter towers and the purchase of new radios for police, fire and EMS personnel. *Contributed by Chuck Asher*

Other News

Paul Harris Awards

Jill Anderson for Service Above Self

Paul Harris Awards are typically bestowed on members who have donated significant dollars to Rotary International, but also as recognition of Service Above Self. On Monday, our Club recognized President Jill Anderson's Service Above Self for donating a kidney to a Kalamazoo man this past fall, and most certainly saving his life. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Battle Creek, she was awarded the Paul Harris Award. Congratulations Jill!

Ed Guzzo Fifth Time Paul Harris Award

Ed Guzzo also received recognition at Monday's meeting when he received his fifth Paul Harris Award.



Ed Guzzo, Erik Smith, Jill Anderson, and Kathy Gallagher

Service Opportunities

Rotary Members Invited to Participate In CNOY by Food Bank on Feb 24

The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Our local Food Bank is looking for people to volunteer for the event, both indoors and out. The Food Bank has a team collecting donations and walking that night as well. You can sign in online at cnoy.com or call Dennis at the Food Bank.



Bailey Park Pavilion Clean Up in Lieu of Meeting on the 19th of February

We will not hold a regular club meeting next Monday, February 19th, but interested members can meet at Bailey Park for a quick cleanup of the pavilion/gazebo built by Rotary at Bailey Park. The pavilion/gazebo is behind or past the Anybodies playground. Noon to 1:00 pm. Contact [Kathy Gallagher](mailto:Kathy.Gallagher) with questions.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The District is looking for some help with RYLA this year. The camp is scheduled for July 12- 14, 2024. A register is needed to coordinate applications and a nurse is needed to attend camp sessions. For more information, please contact Don Deibler, RYLA Camp Director, at 269/599-1341 or donalddreiber@yahoo.com



District 6360 is looking for help with its First Ever District-Wide "Dream Career" Event! THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT. High school sophomores and juniors are the target audience. We are looking for Rotarians to be 'Mentors' and 'Hosts.' Contact Margie Haas, Coordinator at 269-838-3392 if you are interested. Click [HERE](#) to get a downloadable PDF of the flyer on the right to share.

Upcoming Speakers and Events

02 19 2024	Presidents' Day - No Meeting
02 26 2024	Quincy Jones, BC Fire Dept. Student of the Month
03 04 2024	Will Haenni - WWMT AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist
03 11 2024	Clare Tanner, The Arc

Contact [Chuck Asher](#), [Talia Champlin](#), or [Chad Kyger](#) if you have any ideas for programming.

Rotary Vision Statement

Together we see a world where **people** unite and take action to **create** lasting **change** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Board of Directors July 2023- 2024

Jill Anderson, *President*

Rod Auton, *President-Elect,*
Community Grants Chair

Service Clubs to Collaborate on New Signs

Several members have expressed interest in refreshing the Service Club signs that greet people as they enter the city. There are signs placed on each of the three main roads into the city. They are weathered and damaged and don't reflect the pride we have in our city. Talks with other service clubs have started and some have expressed interest in participating in a joint effort. Contact President [Jill Anderson](#) if you would like to contribute to this effort in some way.

Ron Monte, *President-Nominee*

Rita McPhail, *Secretary*

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Teresa Allen, *Community Service Chair*

Kara Beer, *Director*

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Ed Guzzo, *Immediate-Past President*

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