



Rotary Club of Battle Creek RotoScoop

February 26, 2024

Quincy Jones, BC Fire Marshall

Quincy Jones didn't always want to be a firefighter. He thought he would do something in the field of electronics. However, the opportunity to apply for a firefighter position for the City of Battle Creek came up and, since he didn't have a career in electronics yet, he applied. When it turned out he was the top applicant and was offered a job, he figured it was a sign he should be a firefighter. He is happy with his choice, and he is proud to add to the diversity of the department, so it reflects the community it serves. In the 28 years he has worked for the department, he has worked his way up the ranks from rookie to fire marshal. He spends much of his time working with youth in schools or churches, educating them about fire safety and fire fighting as an occupation.

He enjoys this part of his job and feels it is very important to support young people and help them find a positive path forward. When talking with young people, he lays out some of the realities of fire fighting, such as the salary and the skills needed. Firefighters must know every street in the city, gain extensive medical knowledge, and firefighting skills for all types of fires. He wants people to know that real firefighting is not like TV. He has been exposed to many traumatic situations and images, and he stresses the need for taking care of one's mental health.

He explained to the students at Monday's meeting that every occupation has a set of elements and requirements and those are things students should explore. They need to know what they need to be doing now in order to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Develop good study habits and wise social habits. His last words were "Success is not final, failure is not fatal, and courage to continue is what counts."



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Other News

Bailey Park Pavilion Clean Up

February 19th was a national holiday, and we did not hold a regular club meeting. A few club members got together anyway at the Rotary-sponsored pavilion in Bailey Park and spent some time sprucing up the place. A photo of the worker bees includes (left to right) John Godfrey, Tom

Ebeling, Kathy Gallagher, Ken Matsumoto, Diane Thompson, Rod Auton, and Jill Anderson.



February 2024 Students of the Month



Left to right: Joshua Lyon (Lakeview), Thomas Kurtz (Pennfield), Amelia Lutzke (Harper Creek), Deven Vanderbilt (Calhoun Co Christian), Micah Reed-Jan SOM, (Calhoun Co Christian), and Abigail Patterson (ST. Phil).

Mental Health First Aid Training

Corewell Health is offering in-person, Mental Health First Aid Training to D6360 Rotarians on Friday, April 19 in Benton Harbor - FREE! Lunch included. These trainings are typically \$25 per person. Corewell Health is generously offering this certification to Rotarians at no charge – lunch included!



Mental Health First Aid is like CPR for those experiencing emotional pain or crisis. The training teaches us how to recognize behavior that may suggest emotional distress, how to approach /talk to the person, and how to refer them to available resources.

Satisfactory completion of the program affords you a three-year certification.

D6360 Mental Health Committee's goal is to ideally have all Rotarians certified as a Mental Health First Aider following RI President Gordon McInally's Mental Health platform. President Gordon's vision for quality Mental Health services around the world is equally shared by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. You might be interested in viewing this video, The Importance of Mental Health First Aid Training, which touches on Gordon's exact same points to: *raise awareness; erase stigma; and improve access:*

[Mental Health Webinar | February 2024 - YouTube](#)

Please RSVP your commitment to attend to: D6360 Mental Health Committee Chair Jacquie Blackwell: jacquie@pdispirit.com. As you RSVP, further instructions will be emailed on completing a two-hour, self-paced pre-study program.



Upcoming Speakers and Events

- 03 04 2024 Will Haenni - WWMT AMS
Certified Broadcast Meteorologist
- 03 11 2024 Clare Tanner, The Arc
- 03 18 2024 Jeremy Andrews, Chief Excitement Officer, Penetrator Events
Student of the Month
- 03 25 2024 At the Food Bank, Community Service
- 05 03 & 04, 2024 2024 Rotary District 6360 Conference, Kalamazoo

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.

Rotarian Al Shifflett III Inducted into the Battle Creek High School District Hall of Fame

Fellow Rotarian Shifflett is among the 16 people inducted into the BCCHS Hall of Fame on April 27, 2024. He graduated from BCCHS in 1995. Congratulations Al!

Stephanie Lemmer, Pennfield Schools Superintendent, was Inducted Monday.



Left to right: Kara Beer, Sponsor; Stephanie Lemmer, and Jill Anderson

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 donalddeibler@yahoo.com

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