



## Battle Creek Rotary Club RotoScoop

### November 7, 2022



### Vince Pavone, Owner, Lakeview Ford

The auto industry has experienced a great deal of turmoil during the last couple of years due to Covid, environmental concerns, supply chain issues, and high energy prices. Pavone shared information about the main changes and what the future might hold.

One major pressure is legislation requiring a decrease in car emissions. In addition to global and national goals, about 13 states require that one electric vehicle (EV) is sold for every internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle sold. In order to satisfy these state mandates, Ford Co. funnels most of the EVs it is able to make to these 13 states. This means dealerships located in the rest of the US are not allocated very many EVs, which sell at a premium. Ford Co. is not able to produce as many EVs as it would like, due to shortages of computer chips and batteries in the US.

Another issue that makes meeting environmental goals difficult is that the infrastructure for a charging network across the US will take nearly five years to develop. Ford Co. is encouraging its Dealers to invest in this infrastructure as a way of making up for income lost from ICE care maintenance revenues.

The "pride" in individual car ownership is also waning as people become more concerned about the environment and their own carbon footprints. Shared (like very short-term rentals) and subscription (like time-shares) car ownership models are emerging as less expensive and more convenient for many people.

The transition to less polluting cars is a slow process. The industry as a whole is rethinking how cars are sold. A few years ago most people purchased cars that were already sitting in dealers' lots. Now 60-70% of cars sold are preordered. Be prepared for more changes ahead.

### District Doings at the Air Zoo

Rotarians from across District 6360 gathered at the Air Zoo on November 5 for an event organized by District Governor Kathy Gallagher. Gallagher brought together members for ***Imagination to Action***, an opportunity for members from different clubs to share ideas and brainstorm new ones, all toward using membership, public image, and grants from the Rotary Foundation to grow club membership. The event was well attended and participants had the opportunity to sample the rides at the Air Zoo. Look for new events and ideas coming to our club soon.



President-Elect Jill Anderson, Jacquie Carter, and Cathy LaValley joined District Governor Kathy Gallagher at the Air Zoo this past Saturday.

The November 28th meeting will be held at 5:01 pm at Torti Taco instead of noon. See below for details.

## TORTI TACO

WHAT: Getting together for fun, fellowship, and food\*

WHO: Rotary Club of Battle Creek, Friends and Guests

WHEN: Monday, November 28\*\* at 5:01 PM  
(Instead of our noon meeting)

WHERE: Torti Taco at 80 W Michigan in downtown BC  
Please RSVP to [Ed Guzzo](#)

## Children's Christmas Party December 5

Julie Brown passed around sign up sheets for the Children's Party scheduled for Monday, Dec 5. Volunteers are needed to pack and transport gifts in the morning before the party at Full Blast over lunch. No meeting at the Kool Center that day.

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing Dec 2 and Dec 16

The competition is ramping up this year for the group that raises the most money ringing bells. To increase our chances of winning and keeping our crown we are teaming up with the Sunrise Rotary Club and covering two Fridays at Sam's Club this year. Mark your calendars for Friday Dec 2 and Dec 16th. Lisa Walker will have sign up sheets at the next couple meetings.

## Interested in Serving on the Rotary Board or a Committee?

The BC Rotary Club is starting to develop its ballot for the election of 2022-2023 Officers and Board Members. Contact Club President [edward.guzzo@gmail.com](mailto:edward.guzzo@gmail.com) or Club Secretary [rita@ritamcphail.com](mailto:rita@ritamcphail.com) if you are interested. Deadline November 18, 2022.

Zoom Link: We will continue to TRY to provide a Zoom link to members who choose not to meet in-person. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84093628842> Meeting ID: 840 9362 884  
Passcode: 987127

## Upcoming Programs and Events

- 11 14 2022 Captains Mike and Grace Roinila  
Salvation Army
- 11 21 2022 Student of the Month  
Sara Dunn, Business Owner  
Returning to BC After College
- 11 28 2022 Torti Taco Happy Hour 5:01 pm  
NO NOON MEETING

Contact Jill Anderson if you have any ideas: [jillandersongrants@gmail.com](mailto:jillandersongrants@gmail.com)

### Board of Directors July 2022- 2023

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