

Rotary

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY . . . Monday, January 11, 2021

FilmDayton- The Greater Dayton Region Film Commission

**Speaker: Lisa Grigsby,
Film Commissioner, FilmDayton**

FILMDAYTON is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to building the Dayton region's film community. They bring together local filmmakers, students and fans at monthly "Film Connections" meetings. They promote and support film events in the Miami Valley and are building an infrastructure to encourage new filmmaking in the Dayton area.

Learn what the commission does, how it benefits our region economically and how you could become an extra in an upcoming film project.



Chair of the Day: Georgie Woessner

Rotary Calendar



January 18 NO MEETING—MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY
January 25 Robyn Lightcap...Preschool Promise
January 27 Foundation Trustee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
January 28 Board of Directors Meeting 12 Noon
February 1 Larry Lawhorne, Aging with Grace
February 8 Predictions on 2021 with Futurist, Garry Golden
Special Virtual Bring a Guest Day
February 15 NO MEETING—PRESIDENT'S DAY
February 22 Gina McFarland, Five Rivers Health Clinics
March 8 Stuart McDowell, Professor Emeritus, WSU Theatre
March 15 Restaurateur's Roundtable
March 22 Robert Signom III, Curator The Packard Museum
March 29 Membership Check In Sessions
April 5 Mark Murdock, Dayton VA
April 19 Jonathan McNeal, The Neon Theatre

**PLEASE NOTE WE WILL
CONTINUE TO HOLD ZOOM
VIRTUAL MEETINGS EACH
MONDAY AT 12 NOON.**

This Happened Last Monday By: Penny Wolff

Following pre-meeting chat rooms, organized by Fran Rickenbach, President, Brian Martin, called the meeting to order shortly after noon. He noted that 73 participants had joined (77 later) and that members can see prior meeting recordings on our new website www.daytonrotary.com. Brian called upon Bill Nance who gave the Invocation with a prayer for the New Year, followed by the 4-Way Test and Pledge of Allegiance. In News of the Day, Bill noted a continuing stock market futures surge caused mostly by news of the vaccine, fiscal stimulus, and certification of the election; a retiring Arkansas doctor forgave the debt of 400 patients in the amount of \$650,000 rather than trying to collect during this rough time; also, that a knitting club in the UK used their skills to knit teddy bears which they sold, making \$40,000 which they gave to charity. Citing the fastest arrest of a bank thief on record, Bill told of a man who tried to hold up a bank teller but the person next in line was a police officer who promptly arrested the would-be thief.

Bill called upon Secretary Kim Bramlage to welcome Visitors and Guests and recognize those with birthdays. Steve Conklin introduced his guest, Adam Horstman, with Robert K. Jones Insurance Agency, whom he hopes to bring into Rotary. Fran Rickenbach introduced her guest, Meghan Fiely, with Management Excellence. Diane Farrell introduced a prospective member, pilot Amanda Anderson. Kim recognized three visitors from the Oakwood Rotary: current president, Catherine Campbell, Oakwood Library Director, Kristi Hale, and Bruce Reger, immediate past president. Carol Kennard, Centerville Rotary. Birthday Wishes extended to Brad Roediger, Carri Paschal, Mark Donaghy, Nick Warrington, Matt Scarr, Bob Taft, Dean Alexander. **Day Tens:** Fran Rickenbach, \$500 towards her Paul Harris Fellowship in memory of her father, a past president of his Rotary in Pittsburg, and in memory of Doris Ponitz, community volunteer leader. Kim Bramlage, \$10 for having been vaccinated last week and in celebration of Five Rivers Health Centers closing on its financing December 24 so it can open in Edgemont. Dean Alexander, Matt Scarr & Nick Warrington, each \$100 for their birthdays with Matt's towards Paul Harris Fellowship. Judd Platenburg, \$25 in recognition of the publication of the Dayton Anthology, a collection of the city's stories as told by its people, including contributors: Nan Whaley, Bob Taft, Merle Wilberding. Jean Maychack, \$20 for 2021. Brian Martin, \$50 citing his Sunday DDN remarks on the region. ...Continued on page 3

Rotary International Theme 2020-2021



Greg Birkemeyer
District Governor 6670
Rotary Club of Dayton

The Mission of Rotary International

To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and providing a system of international administration.

The Mission of Dayton Rotary

The Rotary Club of Dayton is a fellowship of diverse business and professional leaders who commit their time and talent to staying informed and serving the club, the community and the world.

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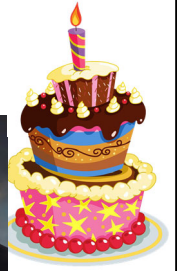
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2020-2021 Officers and Directors

Brian Martin	President
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Kim Bramlage	Secretary
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Frank Scott	Director (2022)
Lisa Wagner	Director (2022)
Diane Farrell	Director (2021)
Becky Benná	Director (2021)
Brad Roediger	Director (2021)
Laura Erbaugh	Executive Director

Birthday Wishes



Walt Hibner
January 11



Tom Budde
January 12



Alan Pippenger
January 12



Phil Parker
January 15



Jerri Stanard
January 16



Suren Singhvi
January 16



Neal Ratliff
January 20

Rotary Book Club

The next book we are reading is by Mark Bernstein **McCulloch of Ohio: For the Republic**. Georgie Woessner knows Mark from Leadership Dayton, and she will be inviting him to our next book club meeting on **February 9, 2021**.

We also decided to read books written by Dayton Rotarians for our two following meetings:

4/13/21-Our book is The Spirit of Opportunity by Rick Schwartz, who will be graciously sending texts to book club members who want to read it.

6/8/21-Our book is In Search of Happiness, Peace, & Success by Surendra Singhvi, who wrote this book, and another, after a stroke in 2002. We will communicate how to get his book at a later date.

Additional meetings in 2021 are 8/10/21, 10/12/21, 12/14/21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM via Zoom

Please contact Susan Hayes for any questions. sm.hayes@me.com



This Happened Last Monday Continued

Next, Brian called upon Carolyn Rice who remarked on the Peace Committee's collaboration with the West Dayton Caravan of 25 churches to provide 200 frozen meals at two locations: Greater Allen AME where Rotarian, Rev. Elmer Martin, M. Div., is pastor, and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, where Rev. Dr. Benjamin Speare-Hardy is pastor. The meals were prepared at no cost by the new organization Miami Valley Meals. Carolyn thanked her 14-member committee and said she hoped this could become an annual event with more locations. Brian reiterated that he, too, hopes for an expansion of this event and of geographical locations.

Brian concluded his president's remarks by noting again the new Rotary website full of information:

www.daytonrotary.com. Remember that Club Runner is no longer active. He concluded by reminding all that we need to increase membership and need everyone's help to accomplish that. He noted in Chat that Oakwood Rotary was growing. We need to, as well.

Brian called upon Chair of the Day, Jack Lohbeck, to introduce guest speaker, Rotarian Bob Daley, who graciously agreed to fill in for Mark Bernstein, author of the book, **McCulloch of Ohio: For the Republic**. Bob has been a friend of Mark's for over 25 years, a longtime journalist and media consultant, member of the National Press Corps, staff member for former Governor John Gilligan, and retired director of public affairs and communications with the Kettering Foundation. Bob also was acquainted with and covered William McCulloch during his time in Washington, D.C. This book is the selection of the Rotary Book Club's February 9 Zoom discussion starting at 6:30 pm.

Bob's full presentation of the book is available through Laura Erbaugh. Here are some remarks: William McCulloch served the 4th District of Ohio as a Congressman for 25 years. He has been credited as playing a pivotal role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He knew few people of color and was a true conservative. The author states the biography "is the story of human unlikelihood, of an Ohio farm boy who grew up in an all-white village; attended an all-white college; and graduated from an all-white law school class; yet as the long-term congressman from a largely conservative and overwhelmingly white district was one of the handful of Americans who made the civil rights revolution." "That a rural conservative Republican was his party's congressional leader on civil rights was cause for more than occasional comment and query. McCulloch never explained himself beyond saying that he had once practiced law in Jacksonville."

McCulloch became the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee where bills had to come before him to be heard. In the matter of expansion of federal power he considered himself in the civil rights tradition of Lincoln. He felt that the state and local governments had not exercised their authority to enforce civil rights laws. In 1963 McCulloch drafted a civil rights bill prior to JFK's assassination. President Lyndon Johnson moved to pass the civil rights bill in honor of JFK. Adam Clymer of the NYT noted: "The bill that passed the house except for the clause on women was McCulloch's bill." Following a vigorous 55-day filibuster, the Senate voted to end debate and voted for the bill. President Johnson signed into law what is known as the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In early March 1965 in Selma, AL, police turned away civil rights activists and 17 marchers were hospitalized. McCulloch and John Lindsay criticized President Johnson for his inaction. Soon thereafter the president submitted a draft bill of what he called the toughest voting rights bill that could be written but it was intended only for six Southern states, Alaska plus four counties in NC. McCulloch introduced the Ford-McCulloch bill which would end unconstitutional denial of the right to vote anywhere in the US and end unreasonable standards for registering and voting. Following an abortive filibuster, the Senate approved the administration's bill. McCulloch took the floor to add his and Lindsay's bill as an amendment, but it did not win approval because it couldn't be applied rapidly. Johnson signed into law what is known as the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

William McCulloch had a position on all of the matters of the day. He supported Medicare, Open Housing, direct election to replace the Electoral College, school busing. He opposed the Equal Rights Amendment saying the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment was sufficient, disagreed with SCOTUS on one man-one vote but was considered the advocate of an outdated idea, school prayer. He retired in 1971. He died in 1980. Both he and his wife are buried in Arlington Cemetery.

In conclusion, Bob noted, "The common argument for federal intervention, Congressman McCulloch felt was that state and local governments did not meet their obligations. Fifty years ago he [McCulloch] said that the reality - in the case of civil rights - was that states and localities were using their authority to carry out a continuing criminal conspiracy...to deny Black Americans access to...the ballot box. That's the kind of legacy that is written about in books and recognized at a Rotary Club Zoom meeting all these many years later."

In comments Jack Lohbeck acknowledged the roles of Ohioans, Clarence Brown, and Chuck Whalen, who supported civil rights and fair housing. He asked how we get back to being collegial in Congress. Brian asked if we could all agree that access to opportunity and the pursuit of happiness foundations are fundamental to today's racial equity discussions. Brian thanked everyone for participating today - "Awesome way to kick off 2021!"

Dayton Rotary Peace Committee Holiday Meal Project 2020



The Dayton Rotary Peace Committee continues to strive for ways to build relationships in neighborhoods in West Dayton. One of our committee members, Reverend Elmer Martin, who serves as pastor of Greater Allen AME suggested that hunger has become an even more critical need of so many in the community since the pandemic. If people are hungry, peace becomes difficult to achieve.

Working with Reverend Martin and Father Benjamin Speare-Hardy of the West Dayton Caravan of Churches, our committee organized a Holiday Meal Distribution at two churches in West Dayton, Greater Allen AME and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. On December 19, 2020, the Saturday

before Christmas, we would pass out food to anyone who showed up at the churches.

The Peace Committee contacted Miami Valley Meals (MVM), a newly organized non-profit, that provides free meals to the hungry. We contracted for 200 frozen meals and the churches provided dozens of frozen turkeys and hams as well as canned goods for pick up at the two locations.



Volunteers from the Dayton Rotary Peace Committee and the two churches manned the distribution stations outside both churches that Saturday.

The Holiday Meal Project was a total success! We distributed all 200 meals, the frozen hams and turkeys as well as the canned goods available. To see the smiles on the faces of the people who drove up to receive the donated food was priceless. We took that first important step in



building a relationship with the community.

We all agreed we would do this again next year and hope to reach even more people in need.

We truly believe peace building starts with projects like this!

Carolyn Rice, Chair- Dayton Rotary Peace Committee