

# District Dispatch

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We Are **This Close** to Ending Polio.

Al Nietzke  
District Governor 2011-12  
District 6310

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## Polio Update

### Rotary clubs worldwide meet \$200 million fundraising challenge for polio eradication Gates Foundation announces an additional \$50 million to end polio

District Governor Elect Georgene Hildebrand has notified us from the International Assembly in San Diego that Rotary clubs around the world have succeeded in raising more than US\$200 million in new funding for polio eradication.

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told the annual conference of Rotary leaders. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio free."

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, Chief Executive Officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policy makers."

To date, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In November 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by June 30, 2012.

DGE Georgene sends her congratulations to all Rotarians in District 6310 for their generous contributions towards eliminating polio. She also urges clubs to continue their fundraising efforts and maintain their commitments to complete eradication of polio.

For the complete news release from Rotary International, go to the district 6310 Website at [www.clubrunner.ca/6310](http://www.clubrunner.ca/6310).

### Editorial Correction

*On page six of December 2011 issue, Brent Boyce's name was listed incorrectly in the article about Rotary Club of Sebewaing Welcomes Exchange Student.*

*We apologize for the error.*

## District Events

### **PETS President-Elect Training for 2012-2013**

Radisson Inn  
Mar 15, 2012 - Mar 17, 2012

### **Foundation Committee Meeting**

Mar 23, 2012 at 9:00 AM - Mar 23, 2012 at 11:00 AM

### **District Conference for 2011-2012**

May 04, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 05, 2012 at 10:00 PM

### **District Assembly for 2011-2012**

May 04, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

### **Foundation Committee Meeting**

May 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 18, 2012 at 11:00 AM



*Sebewaing Rotary President, Todd Fritz, Sherzad,  
Dist. Gov. Al Nietzke.*

## Successful Visit By Afghanistan Rotarian

In November, District 6310 hosted Sherzad, a visitor from Jalalabad, Afghanistan. We put together a vocational training program for him, similar to a Group Study Exchange program, but more intensive and focused solely on him. Sherzad was supposed to be the Team Leader for the GSE team that came last May and June, but his visa was not approved until October. On December 1, 2011, Sherzad completed a very successful visit. Because many of you did not have an opportunity to meet with Sherzad, we have put together this report on him and his visit.

Sherzad works for the U.S Agency for International Development funded Agriculture Credit Enhancement Project and Agriculture Development Fund. He is the regional director for the eastern provinces of Afghanistan. The purpose of the project and the fund is to provide Afghan farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs with access to credit to support their business ventures. As such, the ADF provides financial products that meet the social and cultural norms of Afghanistan, that are flexible enough to adapt to the specific business cycles and that give opportunities to farmer organizations, which until now did not have access to financial

services. In the past, agriculture has been a major industry of Afghanistan, supporting a large proportion of the population. Through years of war and drought, agriculture has been severely damaged and commercial agriculture virtually destroyed.

Sherzad's desire was to learn as much as possible on this trip about commercial farming, food processing and agricultural lending and other methods used in Michigan to support and finance commercial agriculture.

Sherzad arrived in Grand Rapids on November 15. PDG Eileen Jennings took him to Elk Rapids where he was hosted by Norm Veliquette, a Rotarian heavily involved with cherry production and distribution. On his first evening in the United States, he spoke to the Elk Rapids Rotary Club. On his first full day here, he visited eight businesses in the Elk Rapids and Traverse City areas.

He ended his day in Ludington, as the guest of the Ludington Rotary Club. The following noon, he spoke to the Ludington Rotary Club. His host, Jim Jensen, is the president of CherrCo, an international federated cherry marketing cooperative. He had an opportunity

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to visit a vegetable farm in Walkerville and to discuss financing of cherry and other fruit and vegetable crop growing, storage and distribution. That afternoon, he arrived in Mt. Pleasant.

The remainder of his visit was spent in the Thumb, in mid-Michigan, and in Lansing, learning more about agriculture development. He was shown the usual outstanding hospitality by the Rotary Clubs of Pigeon, Sebawaing, Mt. Pleasant, and Breckenridge.

Ted Leipprandt housed Sherzad while he was in the Thumb and also showed him the operations of the large Coop Elevator as well as the Leipprandts' own fruit orchards. Tom Kreh of Sebawaing, assured that Sherzad had a tour of a large dairy farm and met with lenders to them and to crop farmers. (We understand that he got to drive a large tractor at one of his stops.) DG AI provided a valuable meeting with accountants in his firm who discussed the financial record keeping systems in use by farmers. DG AI also arranged for a visit to the Michigan Sugar Cooperative in Bay City.

After the Thanksgiving weekend, Sherzad met with representatives of the USDA Farm Services Agency, Greenstone Farm Credit, USDA Rural Development, Michigan State University Agricultural Entrepreneurial Center, Michigan Agricultural Commodities (Breckenridge), and several bankers who are active in agricultural lending. Brian Goward was his host in Breckenridge and Eileen Jennings arranged for other meetings. He had a chance to visit the Capitol and the MSU campus while in Lansing.

Sherzad said that he obtained many useful ideas about ways to explain what cooperatives are and how they work. This is a model he is trying to encourage in eastern Afghanistan, but he finds some difficulty in explaining how all members of the coop are owners of that coop and that no members work for and under the others. Sherzad also went home with several models of financial record-keeping. The programs he works with are all loan programs; the banking system is not highly developed and the farmers are not used to keeping careful financial records of purchases and sales.

Sherzad said that his experiences with the Rotary Clubs he visited were as valuable as the agricultural finance visits. He is the president of the Jalalabad Rotary Club this year. His club meets irregularly because of the threats and uncertainties in the city. Sherzad said

that many people believe that Rotary is a Christian organization and that Rotarians are trying to convert the people to Christianity. One of their challenges is to publicize the good works and non-sectarian nature of Rotary. His Rotary Club is active in local service. He came with several proposals for service projects for which he hopes to find partners in District 6310. He also found the conduct of our Rotary Club meetings fascinating. He garnered several ideas he intends to integrate into his own club's meetings: singing the national anthem (to increase identity as one nation), Happy Dollars (to raise club operational funds), hanging a banner with the 4Way Test on it at all meetings, having a regular agenda and more regular meetings (meeting when there is no pressing business). He expressed special appreciation to the Rotary Clubs of Elk Rapids, Ludington, Pigeon, Sebawaing, and Mt. Pleasant for the warm reception.

When asked what was his favorite activity, Sherzad quickly responded: "The GALA!" He also froze at the University of Michigan/Nebraska football game (he thought he was going to a soccer game until he got there). He was hosted for several delicious dinners, including one at Lynne Mischley's home where he updated attendees on the well-being of Babrak and Saharmal, two of the members of the GSE team who visited last May and June. Sherzad learned that he loved turkey, cranberry relish, and rum raisin ice cream (he ate 5 pints of the last in the final week of his stay!) Of course, Sherzad also spent a considerable amount of time shopping. When he returned home, he had completely stuffed three suitcases. He had a new computer, camera and watch; he had over 150 items from the dollar store (bandaids, first aid cream, deodorant, etc.).

Sherzad intended to stay in Michigan until December 5, but his employer asked him to return as far as Dubai on December 1 so that he could attend a training seminar being held there on credit and agriculture supply chain. His early departure meant that he could not visit as many clubs or areas of the district as he would have liked. However, he is already planning a return in 2012. Suffice it to say, he really likes mid-Michigan. He asked repeatedly that we pass on his appreciation for the warm hospitality and friendship shown to him by everyone he met. His parting words were "See you again soon!"

*PDG Eileen Jennings*

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# DISTRICT 6310 WELCOMES ARTHUR S. WING TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District 6310 is pleased to announce the President's Representative to the District Conference, May 4 & 5, 2012, will be Arthur S. Wing, St. Catharines, Ontario. A professional Educator, Art retired in 1994, as Superintendent of Education, in Lincoln County, Ontario. Since his retirement, Art has served as President of Marwing Services, LTD, an internet consulting firm. Art has a broad background in public service, including a stint as Governor for District 7090 in 2005-2006. He has an extensive background in Rotary international and the Rotary Foundation. Art and his wife, Jacquie, will be joining us for a fun-filled week-end in Frankenmuth.

## Art's Biography: July 2010

District Governor, District 7090 2005-2006 Arthur S. (Art) Wing St. Catharines, Ontario

Art grew up in the Niagara Falls Ontario area. Art retired in 1994 from a 34-year career in education. He was a Principal in two Secondary Schools, and he concluded his career as a Superintendent of Education for 17 years in Lincoln County. Art is President of Marwing Services Ltd. through which he has worked as an operational and organizational consultant to various organizations including acting as the start-up CEO of two on line Internet companies.

## Art's Community Activity

- Past President and was a 10-year member of the Board of the Family and Children's Services of the Niagara Region.
- The founding Chair of Contact Niagara, a centralized access service for children and developmentally handicapped people whose services are funded by the Ontario Provincial Government.
- Past member of the Early Years Action Group coordinating regional services for children from 0 to 6 years of age,
- Past Chair of the Early Years Liaison Committee and former Chair of the Early Year Advisory Committee for the Early Years Centers of the Niagara Region.

Art is married to Jacquie, and together they have three sons and two daughters and eight grandchildren ranging in age from 8-18 years. Art and Jacquie are Rotarians, Paul Harris Society members, and Foundation benefactors.

- **Jacquie** is Past President of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Sunrise
- District trainer-twice, Rotary Zone trainer twice, Rotary Leadership Institute trainer.
- 2010-11 Director of Membership for District 7090
- Jacquie currently operates her own Human Resource consulting company.

**Art and Jacquie** together have been involved with Youth Exchange, RYLA, World Community Services,

- 2007-8 District Trainers for Presidents Elect and District Assembly
- Separately chairs of District Membership and Retention Committee

- Art is a past President of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines
- 2003- **Art was the Group Study Exchange team leader to District 3060 Gujarat, India**
- 2005-2006- District Governor
- Past chair District Nomination, Finance and Budget committees
- Currently Art is: -Member of the District World Community Service Committee
- Member of the District Advisory and Planning Committee
- Coordinator for District 7090 Directors
- **Director of the District 7090 Foundation committee for:**

Annual and Permanent Fund	- Polio Eradication	- Group Study Exchange	- Grants
Foundation Alumni	- Rotary Scholars	- Paul Harris Society	

# ClubRunner... why use it? What can it do for me?

"Why do I need to post to ClubRunner? We have our own program and it works." "Why can't I just send my information to you to post." Sound familiar to you? Have you thought the same things? As the club Secretary, you are required to report attendance to the District. It is the District's responsibility to maintain an accurate count of the membership within our District.

As a service to all the clubs in our District, the District purchased a District ClubRunner program. This will allow each club to post directly to the District. Each club can use this program to post and monitor their own attendance reports, make changes in executives, add and delete new members, make changes directly to/for their own members and to use as a communication piece for all the clubs within the District. One of the advantages is that every club has access to the District's ClubRunner. We can share fundraiser events with the whole district, keep the District updated with District events such as PETS training or the, Foundation Gala.

As a service to you, I would like to help you post information to eClubRunner, help make your use of this program more user-friendly. I am not experienced with computers. I have been retired for six years. I don't know everything that you can do with eClubRunner, but I am comfortable with the program and know how to post information. For this reason, I have created a "cheat sheet" for you on how to use eClubRunner.

**What to Report.** First, every club needs to report attendance by the 24th of each month for the previous month. What needs to be reported? The number of current members in your club, new members added and how many you have terminated. You also need to report the number of meetings for the month and the attendance percentage.

**How to Report.** First of all, how do I find ClubRunner? Each club president and secretary has been assigned a user id and a temporary password for eClubRunner. If you do not have one, please contact me and I will see that you get one. On your computer, go to [www.Rotary6310.org](http://www.Rotary6310.org) or search for "Rotary District 6310". Either one will take you to our official eClubRunner site. Once into ClubRunner (save as favorite), you will see a calendar of events, stories, district news, etc. Look in the upper right hand corner and see "Login". That is where you sign in. Once you have signed in, you will see the admin page, with a number of highlighted sections. As the President and Secretary, you look and work under "For Club Executives".

**How to Post Attendance.** After you log in, and under the "For Club Executives" section, go to "Club Attendance Report". Here is where you post required information. Once

you have posted attendance, and you have no changes, click the "Save" button and you are done.....log out! Simple and quick.

**How to Maintain Member Information.** This is where you can add, edit, and delete member information. To add a new member or delete an existing member, sign in, go to "Active Members List" (bottom right corner of the admin menu page). The entire membership for your club is right here. For your first time in, please check to see if it is correct. Begin by looking at your list.

- To delete an inactive member, go to the right of their name and click on "Mark EX" to delete. A drop down screen will appear, choose the reason for the deletion and click the termination button. When you are finished, click the "go back" button. You are finished.
- To add a new member, find your "Membership Proposal Form". Don't forget to ask the new member for their preferred mailing address since the Membership form does not ask for a mailing address. Go to "Active Members List", (top right above list of names) click on "Add a New Member". At this point, you will see a "new member" form to be filled out. Fill in the blanks, go to the bottom and click "add member". When the screen comes back to you, verify that it is correct, go to the bottom of the page and click "Go Back". You are finished. This will take you back to the membership list, verify that your new member is there. Click "go back" or Logout. You are done.

**How Members Can Maintain Their Own Information.** As a club member, you can use ClubRunner to review and update your information. All club members are encouraged to review their information. Some clubs personalize information by adding pictures of all their members. If your club already uses ClubRunner, any information you update on your club's site will automatically update on the District's site. It's very rewarding to talk to another club, find out what projects they are working on and when you want to find out more, also look at a picture of someone you have been talking to. Our ClubRunner is only as good as we make it. The more we use it, the better it will be. The better the communication between clubs, the better our District will become. Looking forward to hearing from you.

*Sincerely*

*Joyce Swartzmiller,  
District Secretary*

*With help from Duane Reyhl*

# DISTRICT 6310 CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY 2012

## Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

### Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5, 2012

#### Preliminary Agenda:

**Thursday, May 3, 2012 – Zehnder’s**  
 PDG Reception 6:00 - 6:30pm  
 6:30pm Dinner

**Friday, May 4, 2012 - Bavarian Inn Lodge**  
 7:30am-9:00am Registration - Project Displays  
 8:30am-11:30 District Assembly  
 9:45-10:00 Break  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch  
 1:45-3:00 Opening of Conference & First Plenary Session  
 3:00-3:15 Break  
 3:15-4:30 Second Plenary Session  
 4:45-5:30 Presentation of Club Projects  
 6:00-6:45 Reception  
 6:45-9:00 Dinner, Third Plenary Session

**Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
 7:00-1:30 Registration continues  
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast with Governor for new members & spouses  
 8:00-6:30pm Project Displays  
 8:45-9:30 Fourth Plenary Session  
 9:45-10:30 Rotary Foundation  
 10:30-10:45 Break  
 10:45-11:45 Polio Plus  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch  
 1:30-5:45 Fifth Plenary Session  
 5:45-6:30 Presentation of Club Projects  
 6:00-6:30 Reception  
 6:30-8:00 Diner, Sixth Plenary Session

#### Preliminary Conference Pricing:

Early Full Registration (through 4/11/12) .....	\$95
Friday District Assembly only .....	\$35
Friday Reception and Banquet only .....	\$50
Saturday Reception and Banquet only .....	\$50
Friday Full Session.....	\$85
Saturday Full Session .....	\$90

**ATTENTION CLUBS: TABLE DISPLAYS OF PROJECTS INFORMATION**  
 Space is limited to approximately 6 tables for clubs to profile any project they are currently working on.  
 PLEASE reserve your tables early by contacting Marel Staisil at [mstaisil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mstaisil@sbcglobal.net) with your project details.

**ATTENTION CLUBS WITH NEW MEMBERS**  
 Please forward a list of your new members, with contact information, if they will be attending the district conference to Kris Jahr at [krisjahr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krisjahr@sbcglobal.net).



*Watch for more information on guest speakers and plans for the up coming District Conference in future District Dispatch newsletters.*

# Membership And Attendance Report November, 2011

Club Name	Members as of New Members		Terminations	Total Members	Number of Meetings	Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance
	June, 2010	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month		Percentage
Alma-St. Louis	53	0	-1	52	5	-1	-1	66.7
Alpena	81	0	0	76	3	0	-5	77.08
Bad Axe	40	0	0	39	4	0	-1	48
Bay City	106	0	0	99	5	0	-7	62
Bay City Morning	38	1	0	37	3	1	-1	89
Birch Run	19	1	0	19	5	1	0	85
Breckenridge	10	0	0	11	3	0	1	88
Caro	55	0	0	54	5	0	-1	54.2
Cass City	29	3	0	27	5	3	-2	85
Chesaning	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clare	58	2	0	60	5	2	2	52
Corunna	27	0	0	27	3	0	0	65
Durand	25	0	0	26	5	0	1	63
Frankenmuth	127	2	0	129	3	2	2	85.56
Frankenmuth Morning	33	0	0	36	5	0	3	80.56
Gladwin	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	57
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ithaca	25	0	0	25	5	0	0	70
Midland	161	0	0	162	3	0	1	57.47
Midland Morning	49	0	0	50	3	0	1	76
Millington	18	0	0	18	4	0	0	75
Mt. Pleasant	65	0	0	64	4	0	-1	84
Oscoda	25	0	0	25	3	0	0	53
Owosso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pigeon	52	1	0	52	0	1	0	71.35
Pinconning/Standish	14	0	0	14	3	0	0	62
Saginaw	51	0	0	56	4	0	5	50.72
Saginaw Sunrise	29	0	0	25	3	0	-4	60
Saginaw Valley	40	0	0	35	4	0	-5	51
Sebewaing	29	1	0	30	5	1	1	56
Shepherd	8	0	0	13	3	0	5	77
Vassar	18	0	0	19	5	0	1	76
Totals	1310	11	-1	1296		10	-5	61.91

Reminder! Regular monthly reporting of a club's attendance and membership activities must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Joyce Swartzmiller. Please email to [f81681@ejourney.com](mailto:f81681@ejourney.com) or call her at 989-435-7122. 100% is our goal!



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Durand	25	0	0	27	3	0	2	50
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Frankenmuth Morning	33	0	0	36	4	0	3	79.17
Gladwin	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	56
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ithaca	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland Morning	49	0	-2	48	0	-2	-1	92
Millington	18	0	0	18	3	0	0	69
Mt. Pleasant	65	3	0	67	3	3	2	75
Oscoda	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	46
Owosso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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