MAY ♡ is Youth Service Month

- District Governor Barry Fraser

The month of May is Rotary's opportunity for our clubs to ask the important question: How does the younger generation want to best serve their community?

Are we as members open to listening and ready to be “evolving and changing” if that would make our events and locations more inviting to all ages?

District 6380 is fortunate to have our four strong structures operating:

1. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
2. Youth Student Exchange
3. 40 Interact Clubs
4. 3 Rotaract Clubs

The members need to feel involved in and excited about projects in their communities and in the world. Be sure to invite them to speak or tell their stories to your club. Giving encouragement and praise to their efforts is always appreciated. They would likely be interested in piggy-backing with some of our club projects. There is often a reflection between strong Rotary clubs and their direct connection and involvement with their youth programming. Inviting these club members to contribute to this district newsletter would give an added boast.

Today's youth view the environment and climate change as well as working for peace as important critical issues. The world is at their fingertips. They see entrepreneurship as vital to youth empowerment. They are anxious to try even if they might not be fully successful. At least they are going forward – not standing still!

What a wonderful opportunity to connect Rotary's Six Areas of Focus toward their gaining leadership skills and volunteer experiences. They will have a direct input into doing good in the world. They will be contributing toward their own positive legacy now and for the next generation. What an opportunity to share their ideas, energy, enthusiasm and expertise. This will allow our club projects and events even more worthwhile while having fun along the way making new friends!

Our younger generation really are People of Action: Rotary – Making a Difference!

Rotary’s programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And our programs are not just for club members.

Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary.

Check out more information about some of the Rotary Youth Services such as:
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- New Generations Service Exchange
- Rotary Youth Exchange
If you attended the District Training Assembly, you know that this was the theme of my presentation. Imagine the courage of those Rotarians who announced at the International Assembly in 1985 that Rotarians would eradicate polio. At the time, the world was seeing 350,000 cases of polio each year. Clubs began to immediately raise funds for vaccine and many a Rotarian joined the National Immunization Day teams. (NIDs). It was an exciting time.

In the early years of the Polio Plus campaign, I was fortunate to be in a club whose members were fully committed to the goal. We began an ambitious fundraising campaign raising thousands of dollars for the polio campaign. We were part of the courageous Rotarians who believed we could and would eradicate polio and today, the evidence of the truth in that conviction is evident. With just eight cases of polio so far this year, we are truly on the countdown to zero.

During the ensuing years, Rotarians have strengthened our delivery systems, our surveillance, and our emergency response to a new case. We have brought on partners and created a Global Health Initiative that is the best in the world. Most of all, we have saved lives. However, our work is not done. As Rotarians, we need to remain focused on the original goal of eradicating polio. To complete Rotary International’s number one humanitarian goal, we need to continue to raise funds for the needed vaccine. Rotary has set the goal of $1,500 per club this next year. District 6380 is counting on you to help us meet this goal. It will take your energy, your enthusiasm, your advocacy and yes, your funding. PDG Keith and I look forward to working with you in achieving our district goals. We are here to answer your questions. It is my wish that when our world is polio-free, you will feel the same warm fuzzy feelings I get from remembering working with my fellow Rotarian friends at the beginning of this campaign and knowing that we were Making a Difference.
It’s always “Membership Month,” so why not **start focusing on August, now!** The first theme of your Rotary year is Membership and New Club Development Month. Do you have any events planned to attract new members? Do you have a program scheduled during the month of August to address membership?

Each month, Rotary International chooses a theme that local districts and clubs focus their efforts. The beginning of your Rotary year is a wonderful time to focus on membership.

Rotary is a special opportunity that gives its members a unique combination of fun, fellowship, networking, and service. When a club does not demonstrate these four characteristics, it is time to regroup!

Here are just a few things to think about: Is your club actively working on a Membership Plan for 2018-19? Do you have a full Membership Committee or are you working with just one person in your club as Membership Chair? Is your Membership Chair identified in Clubrunner and MyRotary? Do you have any events planned to attract new members? Do you have a program scheduled during the month of August to address membership?

I ask these questions because it is important that we all work on membership – it is truly each Rotarian’s responsibility.

Rotary.org offers many valuable resources that are available for prospective and current members. Using these tools allows clubs to improve their members’ experience so that more prospective members join and more current members stay.

Watch this video of President Ian Riseley speaking about the importance of membership flexibility. Also, clubs can use the Discover Rotary presentation and the prospective member brochure to introduce Rotary to prospects. Clubs that want to promote their unique experience, including events and projects, can customize a club brochure available at the Brand Center. They can edit the content and upload their own photos.

**Rotary Basics** is a guide to all things Rotary, from how Rotary began to how you can optimize your member experience. It’s now part of the New Member Welcome Kit, and is also sold separately on Shop. The revised Connect for Good guide suggests ways members can get involved in Rotary to make an impact in their community and globally. If you need ideas for giving new members a meaningful experience, look to Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide.

If you want your club to remain relevant to its members and community, consider taking the **Rotary Club Health Check**. This exercise helps club leaders discover opportunities for growth.

For other ways to evaluate your club, download the Membership Assessment Tools publication. Another guide, **Strengthening Your Membership**, helps club leaders create a membership development plan.

These resources are available for free download and are sold on shop.rotary.org.
Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

The Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of $1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.


**PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY**

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute $1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary districts often honor new members of the Paul Harris Society by presenting them with a certificate and chevron at a district or club event.

**WHAT YOUR GIVING SUPPORTS**

By giving from your heart each and every year, you'll support families and change lives. Paul Harris Society gifts have helped provide:

- Vocational training for teachers establishing an early childhood education center in South Africa
- Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea, and other diseases in India
- A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali

In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago, a position he held until the fall of 1908. Toward the end of his club presidency, Harris worked to expand Rotary beyond Chicago. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted and by 1910 Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities.

Harris died on 27 January 1947 in Chicago at age 78 after a prolonged illness. His death prompted an outpouring of contributions from around the world and his name continues to evoke the passion and support of Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

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“I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it.”

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*Paul Harris History*

After setting up his law practice in Chicago, Paul Harris gathered several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals.

On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr’s office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting.
I was honored and humbled to serve as “Toilet Warrior” on March 31 and April 1 for Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North (RCAAN) and D6380, for a final site tour, inspecting and assessing the impact of two Rotary Foundation sponsored sanitation-focused Global Grants which are led by RCAAN as international sponsor since early 2016. The two host groups were D3291 Foundation (representing 39 Calcutta area Rotary clubs), and the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Midtown (RCCM).

The goals of both sanitation projects are to end open defecation and break the cycle of generational poverty by empowering rural women with safe, private sanitation facilities so that they can educate their children better, learn sustainable vocations to augment their income, and thereby regained their dignity.

Calcutta (population ~15 million) is the home of Poet Rabindranath Tagore, India’s Nobel Prize winner in Literature, and is also known as City of Joy where Mother Teresa (beatified in 2016 as St. Teresa of Calcutta) served the poor and rescued the sick and orphans off the streets. (Two past D6380 delegations to Calcutta were led by PDG Terry Youlton for Polio Eradication efforts in the late 1990s, and it is also the site of a 3H Grant co-funded by D6380 for a diabetes research hospital).

RCAAN and RCCM began Project Dignity in 2011-12 as a Simplified District Grant project for $18,000, and the successful implementation of 120 in-home toilets and lessons learned were used by RCAAN to organize these two new Rotary Foundation Global Grant projects, which have since engaged the financial support of Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor North, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor West, Chelsea, Ferndale, Milan, Novi, Saline and Ypsilanti Rotary Clubs.

I am pleased to report that both Global Grant projects have far exceed their original targets of rural in-home toilets awarded to below-poverty-line villagers subsisting in the Sundarbans - a lush mangrove forest with high biodiversity located in the Ganges River Delta outside Kolkata. This achievement was possible due to frugal money management by our dedicated Rotary partners and project chairs in India, who used bulk procurement of raw materials and supplies, solicited free labor and services from local toilet awardees or providers, and leveraged with Exide India Battery Corporation which augmented Global Grant funds - all of these allowed RCCM, our Project Dignity partner Club, to add 80 more toilets over the original goal of 320 toilets. Each toilet costs approximately $210/unit and comprises of 2 composting septic tanks to store solid waste while microbial action prepares it in 3-4 months to be used as fertilizer for the farms. - continued next page
Brief descriptions of both Grants follow:

(1) Global Grant 1527157 ($96k) with District 3291 Foundation and ~30 Calcutta area Clubs has completed 526 toilets (original goal was 500). I was graciously hosted for the review by D3291 Foundation Chair Rotn Jayanta Chatterji on March 31, 2018. See photo.

(2) Global Grant 1526428 ($84k + investment by Exide Battery) on Project Dignity undertaken with the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Midtown (RCCM), and 7 co-sponsor Michigan Rotary Clubs has now completed 400 toilets (as of April 1) with the NGO Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Nimpith (SRAN)...The project will conclude with 420 toilets by end of May 2018. Photos show toilets are named for each sponsor Club from D6380.

On April 1 early morning, I accompanied the ever energetic Rotn Rakesh Sahni, my Project Co-Chair of RCCM and 6 of his club members - Radhika Sahni, Ruby and Matoo Sikri, Samir Prasad, Joydeep Sanyal, and Sumi Agrawal Past-President of Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta-Midtown and our chief instigator for Project Dignity in 2009 - we toured for over five hours in ~105F steamy temperatures across a 2 km area in the lush biodiversity of the Sundarbans.

We toured an area occupied by both Muslim and Hindu communities co-existing harmoniously, led by the Ramkrishna Ashram’s monks and two sanitation contractors, both, on foot and by vehicle over narrow, often precarious sandy embankments to inaugurate 20 new rural toilets. These toilets will empower rural woman-run households with health, hygiene and safety to enable them to take up sustainable vocations and thus, raise their living standards.

In conclusion, I am grateful to Rotn Ashish Sarkar of RC Ann Arbor for undertaking a site visit with RCCM members to the Sundarbans on February 5, 2018, when the previous batch of 20 toilets was inaugurated. Five RCAAN members also toured with me to inaugurate the first batch of 40 toilets completed in March 2016: John Copeland, Matt Copeland, Bryan Schindel, Laura VanSteenis and Tamra Ward.

The following photos don’t do sufficient justice to portraying the harsh realities of rural life in the Sundarbans, which is highly vulnerable to climate change, or to the hardships and challenges of bringing sanitation supplies and training/followup to these secluded communities. The dedication of our local Rotary and NGO partners is commendable!

RCAAN’s third sanitation focused Global Grant 1635112 ($36,000) was awarded in March 2018, and will begin in May 2018 in Bungamati, Nepal with partners RC Chandragiri (Nepal), RC Singapore and Nepal Consul General’s Office in Singapore - the goal is to improve school sanitation and community hygiene with new toilets for 4 girls schools which are being rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 2015. A site tour is planned in October 2018. Stay tuned!
We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North meets each Thursday at noon at the Holiday Inn North Campus. To learn more about our club and our impact on local and international communities please visit: www.rcaan.org.

Funds raised at this event will be used to support the ongoing efforts of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North Foundation, a 501 (c) 3, and its mission to improve the quality of life for children and adults in our community and around the world.

Recently these programs have included support to many local nonprofit organizations including: Motor Meals, Make a Wish Foundation, Green Baxter Court children programs; and Project Dignity which provides toilets to women & children in rural India. Funds from this event will help continue these efforts and also assist in support for local scouting programs and improving the lives of children and families in Nigeria.

### About the Rotary Ann Arbor North

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Outing Itinerary

8:00 am Registration & Driving Range
9:00 am Shotgun

18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Hot Dog, Pop and Chips at the turn

2:00 pm Steak Dinner (Cash Bar)

Fun Events & Games

◊ Closest to the Pin (Men/Women)
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◊ Great Prizes / Raffles - Including a 55 inch TV
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Rotarians working with the community to pack 10,000 meals for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger

RCAAN members cleaning up the Butterfly Garden Project at Gallup Park

ATTENTION - Early Bird Special:
Registrations and Payments Received by April 25th will automatically be entered into a drawing for a $100 Gift Card to Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor.
Top of the Mountain Dash or Crash

5K Obstacle Run

Muddy Munchkin Mountain Marathon

Waves Begin @ 11am
Competitive Wave @ 1pm
Kids Run @ 11:40am & 12:40pm

Brew Tent & Food

Run, Walk, Crawl... Sign up on our web site! Join the madness!!

www.topofthemountaindashorcrash.com
Celebration to Preparation
Livingston Sunrise Rotary Has It Covered!!!

MIDNIGHT IN THE TROPICS SUPPORT THE YOUTH

On April 10th, we celebrated the success of Midnight in the Tropics presenting three checks of $22,750 to three non-profits: The Connection Youth Services, CASA Program and Rainbow Dreams

LSRC OWNS THE DAY IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON

proceeds from the day fund grants and local and international programs through the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Foundation

4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE

7:00 am - Hungry Duck Run
5k and 1/2 Marathon
http://www.hungryduckrun.com/

9:30 am - DUCKLING DASH
kids 10 & under chase the LSRC Duck on a 4 wheeler down Main Street to prizes

10:00 am - BRIGHTON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

75+ entries include Veterans, Floats, Music, Classic Cars, Trucks and Tractors, Fire Trucks, Area Businesses, Church Groups, Public Officials and Non Profits.
http://brightonjuly4.com/parade

1:15 pm - GREAT DUCK RACE RAFFLE

More than 3,000 ducks go into the Millpond determining the lucky winners. We are working on SPECIAL PRIZES this year so stay tuned!!!
http://www.brightonjuly4.com/duck-race-raffle

LSRC July 4th Chairs:
Jim Gilmore and Jon Anderson
Valerie Miller, Larry Neal, Stephanie Mirabile, Janet Meyer, Salvatore D’angelo get ready for the Mount Clemens Rotary Club Spring Zing Hoedown. It is at 6 p.m Saturday, May 5 at Zuccaro’s Banquets and Catering 46601 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield. The community dance benefits Turning Point Shelter, Baker College, Care House, CARE of Southeast Michigan, the Joan Rose Foundation in Haiti, Macomb Family YMCA, Macomb Food Program, and Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility. Tickets are $100 for an open bar, food, bull riding, dancing, live auction and baskets. Wear hoedown attire. Contact Julie Huttenlocher at 586-914-2552 or 586-731-2938.

The Hartland Rotary Club was busy this month. Our Focus On Business speaker series featured Bill Fountain, managing partner of The Majestic at Lake Walden. Local small business owners offer so much interesting history and insights from their experiences. This series continues on the third Thursday of each month. Hartland Rotarians had fun at the Bowl For Kids’ Sake, benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Livingston County. Local entrepreneur John Sparhawk was also inducted as a new member. We meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the Hartland Insurance Agency, 2532 Old US 23. Check us out on Facebook!

Mount Clemens Rotary Club

Copy/paste to see a long article about the Mount Clemens Rotary Club in The Macomb Daily: http://www.macombdaily.com/opinion/20180420/service-circuit-mount-clemens-rotary-brightens-holidays-for-turning-point-mothers

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Save the Date for the Troy/Bloomfield Fundraiser
Spartan/Wolverine Tailgate
October 13, 2018
Football—Food—Auction
to benefit charities serving children
More information to follow in June!
SPRING CARNIVAL
Warren Civic Center Complex
MAY 10 thru 20
PAY ONE PRICE WRISTBANDS DAILY
Sponsor: Warren Rotary
Club of West Bloomfield

Garage Sale

May 24 - 26
9:00am - 5:00pm

Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church
2399 Figa Avenue, West Bloomfield

Donations Appreciated!
Drop them at the church on May 23
1:00 - 4:00pm

or

Contact Renee Floer at
248-27-MONEY or Reneefloer@yahoo.com

Proceeds support West Bloomfield Rotary service projects including Literacy, Maternal/Child Health and Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need