



# Rotary District 6380 Newsletter March 2017



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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3/2

OES Guided Reading Program (1st & 2nd Graders)  
Birmingham

3/3

Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange  
Sterling Heights

3/7

OES All Star Literacy Reading Club  
4th Graders Birmingham  
Presidents: 1st Tuesday Zoom w DG Michael  
Motown Night - Sterling Heights

3/9

OES Guided Reading Program  
(1st & 2nd Graders) Birmingham  
Mitchell Salley - Eagle Scout Project  
Ann Arbor North  
PETS - Sterling Heights

3/14

AGs: 2nd Tuesday Zoom w DG Michael

3/16

Great Lakes Regional PETS 3/16-3/18  
OES Guided Reading Program  
(1st & 2nd Graders) Birmingham  
Club Assembly - YouTube Videos - Skill Data  
Ann Arbor North

3/21

OES All Star Literacy Reading Club  
4th Graders Birmingham  
ExComm: 3rd Tuesday Zoom w DG Michael

3/23

OES Guided Reading Program  
(1st & 2nd Graders) Birmingham  
Rick Jarembowski - Habitat For Humanity  
Ann Arbor North

3/28

Governor string: 4th Tuesday Zoom  
w/DG Michael

## District 6380 Governor Message for March

■ Submitted by District Governor Michael Angelo Caruso

### MARCH is Water and Sanitation Month



First awareness, then gratitude.

Rotarians are mindful and grateful people, but we sometimes forget how lucky we are to have certain things in our lives.

We can turn on a faucet anytime and get clean water, for example. Millions of people do not enjoy this seemingly common experience.

March is Water and Sanitation month in the Rotary world. Water has been one of top initiatives for some time and the cause is not likely to go away soon.

Our District 6380 Water and Sanitation Chair, Gary Sobotta (Novi) is doing a great job educating people on the critical connection between clean water and sanitation.

See you at our great events! 🌊

### Rotary World Peace Conference and our Million Dollar Dinner

District 6380 is also lucky to have a Rotary World Peace Conference in our own backyard, March 31-April 1 in Ann Arbor. These famous events are held all over the world, but rarely in our district.

Ashish Sarkar, (Ann Arbor) and his committee have put together a very impressive lineup of speakers, including Nobel Laureate Jodie Williams. Jeffrey Sachs, one of the most important economists in the world, is also speaking.

After the World Peace Conference concludes on Saturday, April 1, District 6380 is hosting a once-in-a-lifetime Million Dollar Dinner at the Marriott Eagle Crest Hotel.

Event chair René Pothetes (Troy) reminds us that this high-end evening features a black-tie preferred dress code, live entertainment from the Brad McNett Trio, a balloon drop, and an extremely rare opportunity for all attendees.

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*(Rotary World Peace Conference and Million Dollar Dinner continued from page 1 by DG Michael Caruso)*

You and your partner/spouse/guest will have a photo portrait with John Germ, President of Rotary International and Jennifer Jones, our Vice-President. A special opportunity, indeed!



Rotary International  
President John  
Germ

Attend the World Peace Conference, the Million Dollar Dinner, or both. Both are public events. Learn more and register at [www.rotary6380mdd.org](http://www.rotary6380mdd.org)



Our district is having a companion event to the peace conference. We're hosting The Million Dollar Dinner on April 1 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Hotel in Ypsilanti. Attendees will have a personal portrait taken with Rotary International President

John Germ, and VP Jennifer Jones, who also happens to be our District 6380 Zone Director. We will also present President Germ with a check for a million dollars, tripling our giving over last year. Pretty cool!

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Linda May (Mount Clemens) does a great job with our monthly newsletter. Thanks, Linda for making us aware. We're grateful.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*Updates on our District  
Conference, May 4-7  
on Mackinac Island*



Conference Chairs, Karen Gabrys (Ypsilanti) and Brenda Tipton (Livingston-Sunrise) are planning for a huge turnout at DisCon 2017.

This year's event will feature our great Rotaractors, memory expert Robb Zbierski, and entertainment from troubadour Bob Thompson, and much more. Join us at the historic Grand Hotel, May 4-7. Register at [www.rotary6380conference.info](http://www.rotary6380conference.info)

For information about the conference and Grand Hotel conference packages, go to: [www.rotary6380conference.info](http://www.rotary6380conference.info)

BRENDA K. TIPTON

LIVINGSTON SUNRISE ROTARY PRESIDENT ELECT - 2017

DISTRICT 6380 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR - 2017

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Speaking of our college-age Rotarians, **Rotaract Week is March 13-19**. Thanks to District 6380 Rotaract chair Shelley Lake (Royal Oak) for her many years of service in this capacity.



Bill Gates keynotes  
the Rotary  
International  
Convention, June  
10-14

Rotary International is pulling out all the stops for this year's convention in Atlanta.

Bill Gates, has been announced as a keynote speaker. Not only is he one of the most important people of our lifetime, but Mr. Gates has been an invaluable partner in the fight to eradicate polio. This is your one and only chance to see him speak live.

The pre-registration discount for this event ends on March 31. Learn more and register at <http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org>

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**3/30**

Peace Conference Evening Setup - Ann Arbor North  
OES Guided Reading Program (1st & 2nd Graders) Birmingham

**3/31**

Rotary World Peace Conference 3/31-4/1

**4/1**

The Million Dollar Dinner

**5/4-7**

District Conference, Mackinac Island

**6/10-14**

RI Convention, Atlanta, GA

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The 25th of every month is the deadline for articles and photos for this newsletter.

Send to Linda May at [lindamay@ameritech.net](mailto:lindamay@ameritech.net)

# World Peace Conference 2017

## ■ Submitted by Ashish Sarkar, Convener, World Peace Conference 2017

**A**s you read this newsletter, we will be less than 30 days away from the Peace Conference that we all are collectively sponsoring.

The programming is in place with confirmation from all the speakers/panelists in place. The Peace Conference committee is hard at work putting the finishing touches for a conference that all of us will be proud of.

**We are still little bit short on fundraising area. We are 80% there, but need approximately \$20,000 more to reach our budgeted goal of \$220,000. We are looking for another \$10,000 in funds, specifically to be dedicated toward bringing in more young people to attend the conference.**

We already have over 100 of them registered so far with many more on the waiting list wanting to attend the conference. So all the Rotary club presidents out there, especially the large clubs with their own foundations, who have not provided any support so far, please try to help with raising collectively \$10,000 so more youth can attend the conference. Hope you all will seriously consider this appeal.

As of middle of February, we had 240 confirmed registrations. The total available capacity is 400. We have attendees coming from 21 different countries around the world and from all over the United States. The registration from the clubs from seven sponsoring Rotary districts is around 100 so far. All of you reading this newsletter, thinking about attending, should consider registering as soon as possible. Otherwise you might be left out and be disappointed.

Our confirmed youth attendance stands at 110. We have provided scholarships to most of them for their attendance. However, we have many more young people who want to attend. Since we don't have the funds to subsidize their cost of attendance, we had to put student registration on temporary hold until we raise more funds for this purpose. So your help in this area is vital for this to succeed.

I hope you are as excited about this event as the Peace Conference Committee members are. If you decide to attend, you will not be disappointed. Please ask your family, friends, community leaders, clergies, members of other service organizations in your area to attend.

Go to the website to register:  
[www.2017peaceconference.org](http://www.2017peaceconference.org)



Consider registering for special **Friday Night Dinner on March 31** to meet RI President John Germ and Rotary Dignitaries and all the featured speakers/presenters in a private setting. This will be mostly a Rotary centric event and we have asked RI Secretary General John Hewko to give the keynote address. Cost of attending this special dinner is an additional \$80 per person. You can register for this while you register for the Peace Conference.

Check out the conference Facebook page at World Peace Conference 2017.

Hope to see you all on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Those Rotary clubs or individual Rotarians wishing to donate can make their checks payable to Ann Arbor Rotary Foundation with memo line stating "Peace Conference" and mail your check to: World Peace Conference, P.O. Box 3360, Ann Arbor, MI 48106**

If you intend your donations to be earmarked for youth attendance, please tell us about it when you send your check.

**FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS, CALL ASHISH SARKAR AT 734-834-4746**

**OR**

**MARCIA LANE, OUR CONFERENCE COORDINATOR, AT 734-395-4428**



## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS ARE APRIL 21-23

■ Jim Adams RYLA Co-Chair

The RYLA Committee wanted to notify you that the RYLA Registration page is now live at [www.6380youth.org/register-here.html](http://www.6380youth.org/register-here.html)

There are instructions there to inform you of how the process works.

The fee for RYLA is \$225 US and \$250 CDN, and we are looking for youth between the 9th and 11th grades.

There is no second and third year program this year, but if you have a student who is interested in attending, they are welcome to attend.

Our program for 2017 is completely new, so those students will have different experiences this year. RYLA will be held on April 21-23 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, MI.

For additional information regarding RYLA, please feel free to visit the RYLA section at [www.6380youth.org](http://www.6380youth.org)

RYLA 2017 has been completely remodeled from past years. This year's program promises to create the best atmosphere for developing young leaders for your communities.

**Registration closes on March 31**, so do not hesitate to get your students logged on to the system and get them registered.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like someone from our committee to speak to a group to promote the program, please contact me anytime at [JIMADAMS842@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JIMADAMS842@HOTMAIL.COM) OR AT 248-330-4449.

Keep up the good work in your communities and we hope to see someone from your town at RYLA.

*Rotary International photos: Members of the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego: Left, Rotaractor Ryan Crawford assembles a booth for a Life Skills Event partnering with Toussaint Academy, a residential program for homeless youth. Right, Rotaractor Thomas Fouquet helps teens understand and sign a lease agreement.*





# MICHIGAN

## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**PRESENTED BY ROTARY ANN ARBOR WEST**  
CO SPONSORED BY SALINE ROTARY  
AND OTHER ROTARY CLUBS

 WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE (TOWSLEY )  
MORRIS LAWRENCE BUILDING  
4800 E HURON RIVER DR, ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

 SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2017, 4:30 PM ONWARDS



 4TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL  
BY ROTARY [WWW.MIFESTIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.MIFESTIVAL.ORG)

 SEE PERFORMANCES FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD

 TASTE THE WORLD, WITH DIVERSE CUISINES

 BUY AND BID ON UNIQUE ITEMS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD  
(SILENT AUCTION AND WINE PULL)

 \$15/ PERSON5 (4 FOR \$50 ) | EACH TICKET \$25 AT THE DOOR  
VIP: \$65/ PERSON OR 4 FOR \$200 (AFTER GLOW, MEET AND GREET)  
(FOOD FOR SALE AND CASH BAR)

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AND SUPPORT OTHER PROJECTS MANAGED BY ROTARY.

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## A Trip to the Dominican Republic

■ Submitted by Anne Nauts, Chelsea Rotary Club, District 6380 Sector 12 Assistant District Governor 2017/2018

### *Area Rotarians visited Puerto Plata Rotary in Dominican Republic*

Paul Schissler and Anne Nauts from the Chelsea Rotary Club were on vacation this January in the Dominican Republic and decided to drop in on the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata. Visiting other Rotary clubs is one thing the couple enjoys doing when they are traveling. Club Rotario Puerto Plata welcomed the visitors and told them about some of their projects, including water and sanitation (aqueducts, BioSand filters, latrines), school reading programs, women and girl's empowerment, Haitian education, community center construction, camps for kids.

In addition to this visit, Paul and Anne participated in projects on the "Impact Service Cruise" that they took along with Dexter Rotarian, Karen Walworth, and several other friends from the area. While docked at port in Puerto Plata, the Fathom Impact Travel cruise offered various service projects that people on the ship could devote their days to, including pouring cement floors in homes that had dirt floors, working in an arts and crafts paper recycling company that a group of women had formed, manufacturing water filters to provide clean water to some of the three million people in the DR who have no access to piped water, teaching English to local students and adults, reforestation and nursery efforts.

"This was one of the best experiences of our lives," said Anne after getting back to Michigan. Seeing how grateful the mother of the family was while our team worked to pour a concrete floor in her home will be something I never forget. I strongly urge others to go on service related trips, and experience this way to help make our world better.

"It's very personal when you see it with your own eyes," said Paul. When returning to Michigan, Chelsea and Dexter Rotary Clubs, and the Chelsea Interact Club voted to sponsor a total of six students from the Puerto Plata area to attend their RYLA camp in March.

Karen Walworth, Dexter Rotarian and travel agent, can help set up a similar trip if you are interested. Email her at [karen@sidestreettravel.com](mailto:karen@sidestreettravel.com) if you have questions.

### The Brighton Rotary Club

(Submitted by Rich Perlberg)

hosts its third annual

Top of the Mountain Dash or Crash

5k obstacle run

Saturday, May 20 at Mt. Brighton

The unique 5k race takes advantage of the natural terrain of the ski park and golf course, and includes a number of man-made obstacles.

Participants will scale the mountain twice, navigate a tire bridge over a lake, plod through a swamp, scale a climbing wall, and much more before finishing beneath a spray from snow guns.

Cost is \$45.

Rotary clubs with five or more entries will get five bucks refunded for each participant.

Learn more at

[topofthemountaindashorcrash.com](http://topofthemountaindashorcrash.com)



## Clawson Club Knows How To Celebrate February 14

■ Submitted by Bill Bouscher



The Clawson Rotary Club has always celebrated Valentine's Day in a very special way. Each year, Past President and current Vice President Jim Cash organizes an ice cream social for the senior residents at the Clawson Manor Apartment Complex. Along with fellow volunteer members and the help of their Interact Club they scoop up fresh ice cream and all kinds of various toppings. "We try to have something good to suit any and all of our guests." Everyone also receives a red or pink carnation too. "Everyone deserves to feel special on Valentine's Day," according to Jim. Some of the treats are donated by the Ray's Ice Cream, the local Big Boy Restaurant; and Floribunda Flowers of

Clawson furnishes the carnations. Several volunteers are necessary to keep the line moving once the social gets underway. Serving 100+ people in a short period of time is no easy task but the smiles and compliments received make this one of the most popular events in the Clawson Club's busy annual calendar.



## Mount Clemens Club Celebrates Major Gift Donor Award

■ Submitted by Mark Zuccaro

The Mount Clemens Rotary Club presented James and Julie Huttenlocher with a Major Gift Donor Award at the Feb. 9 meeting. The Huttenlochers are a Level 1 contributor to Rotary International, which means each gave between \$10,000 to \$25,000. They received The Crystal Award and pins. Pictured are Mark Zuccaro (President of the Mount Clemens Club), Kevin Kelly (Major Gift Officer for District 6380 and a member of our club), Julie Huttenlocher (treasurer of our club) and her husband James, Jeff Furest (a member of club and Major Gift Donor himself who has been instrumental in promoting to be a gift donor.)



**President Elect Sam D'Angelo inducted Kelly Allen as the new representative for our corporate member, L'Anse Creuse School District. She takes over the spot held by Jackie Johnson, who retired. Kelly works in the communications department.**



**Julie and James Huttenlocher, Major Gift Donors**



**Mount Clemens Rotary Club president Mark Zuccaro and his wife Cathy at the downtown Mount Clemens Ice Sculpture event**



# Rochester Rotary Club Establishes Endowment Fund for Community Efforts



■ Submitted by John Somerville (news release)

**F**ounded in 1954, the Rochester Rotary Club has spent over 60 years giving back to the local community. From service projects to charitable donations, the "Service Above Self" motto can be seen in action all year round.

While the Rotary club is technically not a charity organization, it manages separate sister entity called "Rochester Rotary Charities, Inc.". As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, registered with the State of Michigan, it is Rochester Rotary Charities that receives and distributes all donations for the club.

To kick off 2017, the Rotary club has established an endowment fund for Rochester Rotary Charities, to ensure its good works can continue in perpetuity.

"From supporting the local Boy and Girl Scouts to Leader Dogs for the Blind to Rochester Community House and the Rotary Gateway Park, Rochester Rotary Charities is an integral part of the Rochester Community," said Rotary member Bill Ebinger. "We're just so proud to have created this permanent entity so that our grandkids' grandkids can benefit from it for generations to come."

Gifts can now be made to the endowment fund in all forms including part of an estate. The fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, also a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity.

If you would like to make a donation, contact Jeff Whitbey at 248-327-4555.

Rochester Rotary is a local member club of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

## **About Rochester Rotary**

Celebrating 60 years as a club in 2014, Rochester Rotary is one of 34,000 member clubs of Rotary International, which has more than 1.2 million members and raises and disburses funds for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. Monies are raised through social events and service projects organized by the club, 'fines' collected at Rochester Rotary meetings and gifts offered to the club through members and supporters.

The club welcomes new members who live or work in Rochester, Rochester Hills or Oakland Township. For membership information, contact Jeff Whitbey at [Jeff@whitbey.net](mailto:Jeff@whitbey.net). Rochester Rotary meets each Tuesday at noon at the River Crest Banquet Hall at Avon Road and Livernois, in Rochester Hills. Learn more at <http://www.rochesterrotaryclub.org/>

## **About Rotary International**

Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who hail from Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of *Service Above Self*. Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations. Learn more at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>

## **Rochester Rotary Fundraisers**

■ Submitted by Tom Neveau

As we get ready to ramp up again for our fundraisers, the chairperson of these events is looking for YOU to volunteer your time and your knowledge. We always have lots of fun at these events. Get involved, share your ideas, make a friend!

- Rochester Community Cookie Walk - Linda Eastman chairperson 248-909-5951 or [McGindy@aol.com](mailto:McGindy@aol.com) (Publicity, line up bakers, cookie sampler, decorators, work the event, cleanup)
- Beer & Wine Tasting - Al Jones, chair, 810-625-2713 or [aljones@comfortkeepers.com](mailto:aljones@comfortkeepers.com) (Many people needed)
- Silent Auction at the Beer & Wine Tasting - Ron Lichtle 586-596-2125 or [ronlichtle2@hotmail.com](mailto:ronlichtle2@hotmail.com) (Lots of gifts needed)
- Golf Outing - Michael Kelley 248-342-2540 or [mikekelley2000@gmail.com](mailto:mikekelley2000@gmail.com) (Participation, gifts, sponsors needed)
- Golf Ball Drop - Jay Eastman 248-425-2360 or [eastmanjay0@gmail.com](mailto:eastmanjay0@gmail.com) (Sell tickets)