

# **Rotary Club Of Houghton Lake, MI USA**

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District 6290

## **2022-2023 Club Report**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF HOUGHTON LAKE

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The governing body of the Club is the Board consisting of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and 4 directors. There are also chairpersons for Membership, Public Relations, The Rotary Foundation, and Local & International Service Projects. Members begin serving in July of each year.

### **General Meetings**

Day: Wednesday, except the last Wednesday of the month  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Place: Buccilli's Restaurant or available through zoom

### **Board Meetings**

Day: Third Wednesday of each month  
Time: 11:00 am  
Place: Buccilli's Restaurant or available through zoom

Meeting locations, times, and dates are periodically reviewed by the membership to assure that meetings are conveniently scheduled.

### **Dues/Meal Cost**

In 2020, the meal cost was voted to be separate from the Rotary dues, in an effort to encourage membership benefits based on the education of dues, not meal cost. The meal cost is \$10 per meal and is to be paid at each meeting, or paid ahead quarterly or annually without refund for missed meals. Based on 36 meetings, the annual meal cost is \$360 for all lunch meetings.

Annual Rotary Dues (International, District, and Local, including \$100 donation E.R.E.Y. to the Rotary Foundation), total \$260.00, per year. This may be paid annually or quarterly, as follows:

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| Yearly Dues (not including meal cost): | \$ 260.00        |
| Yearly Meal Cost, if paid ahead:       | <u>\$ 360.00</u> |

# CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN

Under the current Club Leadership Plan, each area has a chairperson and at one club meeting of each month (Club Assembly), the focus is on education, projects, and goals.

## **Membership**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has a current active membership of 29. Existing Rotarians will be educated on the benefits of Rotary membership regarding the mission of Rotary and service to others. New members will attend a Fireside Chat Event scheduled periodically to share an overview of Rotary International, resources available, and club goals. Particular Club Assembly agendas will include member education and workshops to help in careful identification of potential new members and to invite those whose purpose to join will be service and fellowship. Our last Wednesday of designated months will have evening events designed to encourage fireside chats, socialization, and service events, in order to motivate our existing members, their families and friends, and to attract potential members with the energy for “service above self.”

**2022-23 Goals: To promote existing Rotarians to invite potential new member and to increase the club’s membership by at least 5% this year.**

## **Interact Student Guests**

During the school year, two Interact students will be invited to a meeting each month as their school schedule allows, to join Houghton Lake Rotarians at the regular luncheon meeting at Buccilli’s Restaurant. This offers Interact members an opportunity to witness leadership in action and to interact with adults who are working together to find solutions to community needs, locally and internationally. It also allows Rotarians to meet student leaders and to keep the lines of communication open regarding awareness of the activities and projects of each respective club. Rotarian Rhonda Lamberg advises Rotary Interact Club.

**2022-23 Goal: Participation of 2 Interact members per month.**

## **Spouse Appreciation Fellowship Event**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has held an annual “Spouse Appreciation” night to thank spouses of Rotarians for putting up with (and helping with) the hard work Rotarians commit to on projects and fundraisers, each year. The evening has included dinner, entertainment, and fellowship. Member, Anita Sheppard, has successfully chaired this event for many years. Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, and a possible decrease in revenue for this, the 2021-22 Board scrutinized ways to cut the Rotary expense budget, and to concentrate allocating funds to implement service projects in our community. A Fellowship Potluck was planned but was unable to be carried out in the past year. The hope is to plan a socialization spouse appreciation event this Rotary year.

**2022-23 Goal: Plan a spouse appreciation event with at least 50% member attendance with or without significant others, to signify appreciation/fellowship of members and all significant others in attendance.**

### **Rotarian of the Year**

At the end of each year, the Club President, with input from the Club, chooses the Rotarian that they believe has most demonstrated “service above self” as a tribute in gratitude for the many hours that person volunteers through Rotary and other organizations. The member is recognized at a meeting, presented with a “Rotarian of the Year” plaque, and is recognized in the local newspaper and on social media. In 2021-22, our Rotary President recognized three Rotarians as very worthy of recognition as 2021-22 Rotarian of the Year; Rita VanSycoc, Heather Marra and Cole Morison.

**2022-23 Goal: Recognize a Rotarian of the Year.**

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

## Weekly Meeting Minutes

Each week, meeting Minutes containing a recap of the previous week's program are published and e-mailed through Club Runner to all members. They include information covered at the meeting, such as Rotary International news, Club membership, project assignment information, and Interact Club information. Rotary Club Secretary, Rhonda Fossitt, produces and distributes the weekly meeting Minutes, with substitute assistance from Anita Sheppard.

**2022-2023 Goal: Discuss the creation of a newsletter that our meeting Minutes and event schedule can be added to for quick access of meeting information.**

## Weekly Programs

The President encourages Rotarians to help secure one program each year, for a speaker to present an appropriate 20 minute program on a designated meeting day; schedule to be announced. Programs that are entertaining, educational, or community oriented are scheduled. If a scheduling conflict arises, the Rotarian is to find a replacement or switch with someone to ensure that a speaker is present. Once a month, Club Assembly takes the place of a guest program.

**2022-2023 Goal: To schedule interesting weekly programs scheduled at least two weeks in advance that will educate our members on our community and world.**

## Club Website

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has maintained a website at [www.hlrotary.org](http://www.hlrotary.org) since 1998. Rotarian and Webmaster Gary Gandolfi keeps the website updated with club membership, project information, club history, and critical project documents for availability to the members and the public, as warranted. The club website is now hosted through Clubrunner.

**2022-2023 Goal: Keep the club website up to date and accurate.**

## Club Facebook Page

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com\HLRotary](http://www.facebook.com\HLRotary) (or @HLRotary). Rotarian, Rita VanScyoc, maintains the social networking page for the club.

**2022-2023 Goal: Keep the Facebook Page up to date and accurate.**

## **Club Biography Project**

The Biography Project was developed in 2020-21 to provide a directory of members on our Facebook Page and to raise awareness of our Rotary Club, Rotary International and the Rotary mission for all viewers. The project includes a photo and a short biography of a member or the member and his/her family, their involvement with Rotary and what Rotary means to them, along with personal facts about family life and hobbies. The project has served members of the club to learn more about each other and the community has had a strong response in engaging and sharing the posts on Facebook. Rotarian Heather Marra is the mastermind of this project, assists members in writing their biographies, and she posts and maintains the updates for the club, at [www.facebook.com/HLRotary](https://www.facebook.com/HLRotary) (or @HLRotary).

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage members to create and share their biography.**

# FUNDRAISERS

## **Annual Community Service Auction**

The largest fund-raiser for the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake is the Annual Community Service Auction held each spring. Rotarians are expected to procure a minimum dollar amount of auction items and assist in the set-up, operation, and clean-up after the auction. The first auction took place in 2000. Each year, the club has raised up to \$30,000 to help support the club's various community and world projects, until 2020 when the Covid-19 Pandemic made it impossible to carry out. The club held an online auction in August 2020 on Facebook with the items that were procured at that point, and raised \$8,000. The 2021 Auction was held in April utilizing the Chamber of Commerce Online Auction Technology and much hard work, and raised \$18,609.33. The 2022 Auction was held in person at the Four Seasons Event Barn on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with profits equalling of \$33,000.

**2022-2023 Goal: To brainstorm, plan, and carry-out a fun-filled event that will bring together Rotarians, community residents, and visitors to share fellowship and to generously participate in our biggest fundraiser of the year, with the hope to equal or surpass funds raised in 2022.**

## **Golf Outing**

In 2022, Rotarian Scott Bates chaired and formed the first ever Rotary Golf Outing. It was a huge success and we had 19 Rotarians who participated or volunteered in the event. 18 Teams participated and we had 20 hole sponsors. The event was held at Pineview Highlands Golf Course which is owned by Rotarian, Gordie LaFontaine. We had prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Skins Game, Putting Contest, Raffles and raised approximately \$7,000.

**2022-2023 Goal: Plan and support Rotarian, Scott Bates in organizing the 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Houghton Lake Rotary Golf Outing and get 20 teams and 30 hole sponsors.**

## **Pumpkin Run Car Show**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake had taken over the Annual Houghton Lake Pumpkin Run Car Show in 2018, previously organized and presented by the Chamber of Commerce. This year was the show's 25th annual event. All proceeds from the Car Show go directly back to the community through Rotary grants and scholarships. The car cruise took place at Don Nester Auto Group in Houghton Lake on Friday evening with the cruise going around the lake heading west out of Nesters, there were approximately 149 cars that participated and 100s of spectators lining the route. The car show took place at Walmart with 129 cars registered and many spectators to view the cars while enjoying music and vendors. 61 awards were presented, including 40 Top Choice Awards and 21 Larger Trophies/Awards. In 2022, a very special trophy was added in honor of Murl "Pinky" Randel, this award was given to the winner by his family. The T-shirt was heavily sponsored and showcased the last year's winner. There was cooperative weather, a happy crowd of spectators, music, and food. The car show raises approximately \$7000 to support the clubs local grant and student scholarship programs.



**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage fellowship and spectatorship to assist in community development, and to raise funds for our club. Surpass funds raised in 2022.**

### **Camel Races**

The camel race is a joint project with the Kiwanis Club of Houghton Lake. Rotarians work with counterparts in the Kiwanis Club to plan and execute the event. This fun event involves local businesses who sponsor 'camels' which they name and decorate and then race at the event that took place last Fall. Proceeds from the event are split 50/50 between the Clubs to be used for projects that support Houghton Lake youth. They have not occurred since 2019, but is planned for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Northern Event Center in Houghton Lake.

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage or business members to purchase a camel for the race and encourage member participation. Plan to raise \$5,000.**

### **Christmas Live Sale**

Rotarians collect regifted items from their homes and their relative's homes to sell at an online live sale on Facebook. The first annual Christmas Live Sale was held in December 2020 in an effort to raise funds untraditionally during the Covid-19 Pandemic, and proved to be fun and productive for the club. The club raised \$973.74 from sales in December 2021 and the event was hosted by Denise Stefanko at Morning Glory Mercantile and broadcasted live on Facebook..

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage fellowship in collecting items from families and friends to sell at the live sale to raise funds for service projects.**

## SERVICE PROJECTS-LOCAL

### **Adopt-A-Highway**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake is an active Adopt-A-Highway sponsor for the section of M-55 running from US-127 to Federal Avenue in Houghton Lake. Rotarian Diane Nielsen maintains communication with MDOT and distributes the schedules and vests to Rotarians two times a year for club clean-up efforts.

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage 80% member participation and plan a event in which all of our volunteers can do the clean up on the same day and get a group picture.**

### **Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo**

Every other year, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake coordinates with Houghton Lake Public Schools during safety awareness week and sponsors a Bike Rodeo. Susan Tyer and Diane Nielsen chair the event, and the students of the Houghton Lake area schools are supplied with new bicycle helmets. In the spring 2022, safety awareness was promoted and helmets were supplied to Collins and Our Lady of the Lake Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Mid Michigan Health has been a major donor to cover the cost of helmets. The Interact Club participates when possible.

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage Rotary Members to take part in fitting helmets and volunteering with bike safety activities for a Bike Rodeo in 2024.**

### **Restore the Store at the Historical Village**

Rotarians volunteered on a 2-year plus project to help restore the General Store at the local Historical Village that started in the summer of 2020. Restoration materials including paint were donated by individual Rotarians and club and family members worked to repair and restore the building for the enjoyment of those attending Village days in August each year. In August 2021, the interior of the store was reorganized and cleaned to allow customers more space to shop for items and look through historical materials.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue this program in 2023 to restore the windows and complete the exterior renovations.**

### **Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive**

Members of the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake and the Rotary Club of Roscommon join efforts to gather school supplies for children in our community. Members from both Rotary clubs are scheduled to stand in front of WalMart on the Friday and Saturday of September following Labor Day, to collect donations of school supplies which are donated by customers and placed in a large bus from Houghton Lake Community Schools. Interact students are invited and appreciated for their help in the collection and sorting of items. In 2021, a total of 57 large boxes of supplies were dispersed to children from the following schools: Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Charleton Heston, and Our Lady of the Lake, and COOR.

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage Rotary Members to participate in this service endeavour to assist students in several areas in and around our community.**

### **Literacy Speaker Book Donation Program**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake created a local program to support literacy through the donation of a book to the local Public Library in honor of, and signed by, the guest speaker of each Rotary Presentation. The funds for the program are donated by former Rotarian Koreen Pray and the books are selected by Rotarian Jamie Paille, Librarian at Houghton Lake Public Library. The signing of the book has purpose to inform future readers that The Rotary Club and other community leaders promote literacy efforts in the area.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue this program to support literacy.**

### **Food Pantry Project**

In 2020 and 2021 Several Rotarians assisted in loading up food boxes for those in need prior to Thanksgiving, under the guidance of the director at the Roscommon Co. Food Pantry.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue this program of assistance for Thanksgiving time 2022.**

### **Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner**

Over the years, several Rotarians have assisted in preparing, serving, and delivering Thanksgiving meals prepared at the Elks to share with those who ordered them.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue this program of assistance for Thanksgiving time 2022.**

### **Shop with a Hero 'Assist' at Walmart**

In December 2021, Rotarians and Rotary Interact members assisted with Law Enforcement for shopping at Walmart for Christmas presents as listed per child. Rotarians also assisted at the cash register areas to label and organize gifts, and Interact students helped in wrapping the items that the children and their heroes shopped for at the event.

**2022-2023 Goal: Encourage members to assist during the Shop with a Hero program this year in December, 2022.**

## Grant, Fund, and Award Programs

### **District Matching Grant Project**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake members each pay \$100 per year for E.R.E.Y. to support the Rotary Foundation and to allow the club to promote a qualified community project where funding is most needed. The \$7000 in funding generated from the 2020 Collaborative District Matching Grant Project of the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake and the Rotary Club of Roscommon to support education through a literacy project, has provided funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) sponsored by the Roscommon County Literacy Council of Roscommon County in Michigan. The grant provided funding to run the program from April through mid-October 2021 for the purchase of books, one per month, per child

until the age of 5, for 550 children in Roscommon County. The 2021-2022 District Matching Grant Application was accepted to utilize matching grant funds for the Illuminated Healing Program to purchase video equipment to assist the program that supports teenagers who suffer from stress and tragic issues, the total of this grant was \$1,966.91. The total amount for this grant was \$1,966.91.

**2022-2023 Goal: New Matching Grant Application.**

### **Houghton Lake Rotary General Fund through the RCCF**

In 2000, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake established a permanent endowment fund through the Roscommon County Community Foundation. An Advisory Committee made up of Houghton Lake Rotarians make recommendation to the Club for the distribution of these funds. The goal is to grow the fund so that our charitable giving is not susceptible to changes in our fundraising success. We have currently included \$1,000.00 in the 22-23 budget to support this fund which has a current fund balance of \$53,000+.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue building the RCCF fund.**

### **Houghton Lake Rotary Memorial Scholarship Fund through the RCCF**

In 2015, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake established a permanent endowment fund through the Roscommon County Community Foundation. An Advisory Committee made up of Houghton Lake Rotarians recommended the Club establish a fund in honor of deceased active members. The fund currently recognizes Houghton Lake Rotarians John MacKenzie, Russ Graham, and Robert Gandolfi who passed away while active Rotarians. The goal of this fund is to provide one or more annual scholarships to graduating Houghton Lake Community School Students to attend an accredited college, technical or skilled trade school. The goal in 2016 was to donate \$1,000 to the fund – instead, the club invested \$24,450 and an additional \$10,000 in 2017 to bring the fund over \$35,000.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue building the RCCF fund.**

### **Houghton Lake Rotary Park Fund through the RCCF**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has established a park endowment with the Roscommon Community Foundation to support park projects in the community. Over 15 years, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake invested \$95,000 to complete soccer fields and a park in Denton Township. The club then partnered with Roscommon Township and donated \$8,000 to develop a picnic pavilion at Lakeview Park. In 2010, the club donated \$6000 to develop a T-ball field at the Graham/MacDonald Memorial Sports Complex. In May 2013, Trestle Park opened with the club donating \$5000 to the Denton Township Park. In 2016 the club donated \$2,500 each to the Happy Landings Playground renovation and the Our Lady of the Lake Playground renovation. In 2019, the club donated \$4700 of Park Funds through this endowment, along with \$2500 of club funds and \$2500 in District Matching Grant Funds to enhance Sullivan Beach Park through a project that would improve the handicap accessibility and enjoyment of residents and visitors. Walmart became a cooperative partner and donated a Combo Swing that handicap accessible and useable. In the fall of 2020, the park was renamed The

Houghton Lake Rotary Thomas L. McNamara Memorial Park Fund in memory of past Rotarian Tom who passed away July 30, 2020 and set up his own memorial to benefit this fund.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue to fund the endowment and support community parks. Put forth a plan to finish a walking trail at Denton Township Park that Thomas McNamara began years ago.**

### **Citizen of the Year Award**

Each year, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake reviews the opportunity to recognize a person in our community who exemplifies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". Rotarians submit candidates with a description of why they would make a great "Citizen of the Year". The Rotary board approves a list of candidates. A Club committee selects the recipient who will receive a plaque to recognize this prestigious award. The Club has not selected a Citizen of the year since 2017 when Lee Prindle was selected for his community service.

**2022-2023 Goal: Recognize a local Citizen of the Year.**

### **Local Organization Support**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake annually supports many local community service organizations with funds and/or volunteer support. In 2021-22, the club supported the following local organizations by donating a total of \$11,900:

- Shop with a Hero \$800
- Superhero September \$400
- Act Now Kids Helping Kids \$800
- Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center \$1,000
- Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner \$500
- Sheriff Present Patrol \$1,000
- UPS Charities Coats for Kids \$1,500
- Collins Backpack Food Program \$1,000
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakes \$1,000
- Mid-Michigan Honor Flight 2022 \$100
- Roscommon Sheriff Victims Department \$100
- Munson Healthcare \$1,000
- Friends of Trestle Park \$1,000
- Roscommon County Food Pantry \$1,200
- Sunrise Run \$500

**2022-23 Goals: Increase Grant giving to \$20,000**

## SERVICE PROJECTS – YOUTH

### **Life Leadership Conference-Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)**

The Houghton Lake Rotary Club provides scholarships for local high school candidates to attend a 4-day/3-night Rotary District 6290 Life Leadership Conference (LLC) based on a selection process that includes qualifications of citizenship, service involvement, leadership, and positive behavior. The conference is designed for making a life-long impact on youth leadership development. Our club typically sponsors three candidates (\$375 each) for this Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Program, but in 2022, the club increased opportunities for youth leadership education due to the COVID challenged years, and sponsored 8 students to the LLC held June 15-18, at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Rotarian, Rhonda Lamberg, is club LLC chair and has served on the District LLC Board and as a staff member since June, 2016. This year, she volunteered as co-director of the conference. Students presented an informative presentation to the club in August, to share their experiences and gratitude for the educational leadership opportunity awarded them.

**2022-23 Goal: Sponsor three or more Houghton Lake High School Student to the 2023 Rotary District 6290 Life Leadership Conference.**

### **Student Scholarships**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake annually presents \$4000.00 + in scholarship money to graduating Houghton Lake High School students. The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement combined with community service. One scholarship was given for participation in the Interact Club. Two scholarships are given for Service above Self. One scholarship was given for vocational studies. We have formed a scholarship committee who developed guidelines and selects the scholarship recipients.

**2022-23 Goals: Award \$4000.00 or more based on the RCCF Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund to Houghton Lake Graduates and continue to grow the fund until the proceeds fund all Rotary Club of Houghton Lake scholarships.**

### **Interact**

The Interact Club of Houghton Lake High School was chartered in 1995. It is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake and sanctioned by Houghton Lake High School with approximately 48 student members from grades 9-12. The service club runs independent of the local Rotary Club. The purpose of the club is “to do good for others” while “serving above self” and to allow each member the opportunity to acquire leadership skills through brainstorming, hand’s-on projects, good role models, and educational service opportunities. These leaders-in-training collect tools and resources (through planning, organizing, and serving others), that can be used during high school and beyond to help them identify areas of need and to help educate and encourage others as they serve people throughout the world.

The Interact Board of Directors includes a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and class representatives from each of the high school grade levels. The board meets once or twice every month and the membership meets twice each month. A minimum goal of the club, annually, is to provide or support one school project, one community project and one international project. The Houghton Lake High School Interact Club often carries out many fundraisers and service projects, near and afar. Two members are invited each month to attend the local Rotary luncheon meeting to report on events, to network, and to observe and exchange leadership and service ideas.

Four or more Interact members represented our community at the Annual Interact District Conference which will be held this year on Saturday, October 22, at Whitehall High School. Members present a slide show on their service projects and share the successes and failures of their club's events and fundraisers.

A highlight for Interactors in District 6290 is the opportunity for them to fundraise and attend the District International Service Trip to El Salvador each April. Club volunteers attended the the 2017, 2018, and 2019 trips to build homes for those in need. The 2020-2022 trips were canceled due to the Pandemic, and the 2023 trip is in the planning stage pending Covid restrictions and current cost concerns.

**2022-23 Goals: Sustain membership at about 48 and promote continued service projects locally and internationally. Encourage more members to attend the District Interact Conference in October and the District Service Trip to El Salvador.**

### **2022-23 ELECTED INTERACT OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| President          | Bailey Plott              |
| Advisory Leader    | Not Applicable in 22-23   |
| Vice President     | Abigail Partenio          |
| Secretary          | Alexandra Hood            |
| Treasurer          | Raegan Blackwell          |
| Senior Director    | Hailey Watson             |
| Junior Director    | Haleigh Foster            |
| Sophomore Director | Sidney Horski             |
| Freshman Director  | To be elected in Fall '22 |
| Public Relations   | Jenna Houserman           |

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| Rotarian Advisor | Rhonda Lamberg |
| Faculty Advisor  | Chris Sura     |

School, Community, International Projects accomplished in 2021-22, with many similarly planned for 2022-23:

- Assisted on Stuff the Bus School Project with Rotary Clubs at Walmart to collect school items for students at schools in the county
- Community Can/Bottle Collection and Return Events

- Polio Plus Awareness & Fundraiser Halloween Candy Sale Project raised \$161 and with 2:1 match by Bill & Melinda Gates foundation was a \$483 donation to support polio eradication
- Polio Plus Awareness Presentation to local Rotary Club by Interact members
- ACT NOW Kids Helping Kids Foster Care Christmas donation of \$200
- Kids Helping Kids Christmas Shop & Wrap Volunteer Event
- Shop with a Hero Assist at Walmart
- Christmas for Kids Auction-Winterwear Event-Donated two gift baskets that raised funding to FULLY outfit 5 children head-to-toe in New Warm Winter Outerwear
- Hygiene Collection Project to Raise Awareness and Funding for students in need at Houghton Lake High School and Elementary School-15 large boxes of items collected and 16 new backpacks purchased with monetary funds that were donated
- Hygiene Awareness Presentation at local Rotary Club
- Support of the Annual Rotary Auction through donation of items secured from El Salvador
- 5K Trail Run/Walk Cancer Benefit at Houghton Lake High School raised \$1352 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the American Cancer Society
- Annual Election of Officers and Directors in spring for following year's club
- Plans to resume participation in District Educational Service Trip to El Salvador in April
- 2023 to build shelter for those in need (Awareness, Fundraising, and Service).



## SERVICE PROJECTS - INTERNATIONAL

### **Support of District International Service Trip to El Salvador**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake sponsors half a home (\$1500) that student volunteers build in El Salvador while on the Interact trip to El Salvador, and support garage sales and returnable beverage drives to help students fund their trips.

**2022-2023 Goal: Support the 2023 Interact Service Trip to El Salvador in April 2023.**

### **Polio Plus**

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake donates \$1500 to the PolioPlus Fund annually to assist in disease prevention and eradication world-wide. Each year a Rotarian and/or Rotary Interact Student presents an educational program on or near World Polio Day to update members on the status of Polio Eradication in the world.

**2022-2023 Goal: Provide \$1500 to help eradicate polio.**

### **Rotary International Foundation Support**

All Rotarians donate \$100 annually to E.R.E.Y. to the Rotary Foundation (\$25 when paying their quarterly dues). Each July, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake pays up to a \$1,000 in donation or a combination of donation and recognition points to recognize the outgoing Club president as a Paul Harris Fellow. In July 2022, outgoing Rotary President Susan Tyer was recognized in this way with a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

**2022-2023 Goal: Continue to education members on the benefits of donating to the Rotary Foundation and to have every member of the club donate to the Foundation. Provide a Paul Harris Fellow to our outgoing Club President.**

## 2022-2023 ROTARY OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| President                | Heather Marra                |
| President Elect          | Rita VanScyoc                |
| Secretary                | Rhonda Fossitt               |
| Treasurer                | Ben Elliott                  |
| Immediate Past President | Susan Tyer                   |
| Director                 | Gary Gandolfi                |
| Director                 | Diane Nielsen                |
| Director                 | Barbara Souder               |
| Director                 | Anita Sheppard               |
| Membership               | Rita VanScyoc                |
| Public Relations         | Gary Gandolfi, Rita VanScyoc |
| Rotary Foundation        | Rhonda Lamberg               |
| Interact Advisor         | Rhonda Lamberg               |
| International Service    | Rhonda Lamberg, Ben Elliott  |
| Weekly Program           | President and Rotarians      |

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