



Rotary District 6380 Newsletter December 2016



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/7
Livingston Sunrise Winter Mixer
12/8
Cheryl C. Farmer, Rotary Club Global
Grant Ann Arbor North
12/13
AGs 2nd Tuesday Zoom w DG
Michael
12/20
ExComm 3rd Tuesday Zoom w DG
Michael
12/27
Governor string 4th Tuesday Zoom w
DG Michael
1/3
Presidents 1st Tuesday Zoom w DG
Michael
2/3-4
Assistant Governor Training Ann
Arbor
2/7
PETS Orientation West Brighton
2/9
PETS Orientation Central Troy
2/14
PETS Orientation East Chatham
3/16-18
Great Lakes Rotary PETS Kalamazoo
3/30-4/1
Peace Conference, Ann Arbor
4/1
Million Dollar Dinner Ypsilanti
4/22
District Assembly Training for district
officers
5/4-7
District Conference Grand Hotel
Mackinac Island
6/10-14
RI Int'l Convention Atlanta GA

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

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District 6380 Governor Message for December

■ Submitted by District Governor, Michael Angelo Caruso

December is disease prevention month; Preview of great things to come!

Rotary is a magnificent entity. It can be challenging to remember all of our good initiatives.

Here's a trick for remembering Rotary's six areas of focus, for example. Just remember the mnemonic, "WEPMED."

- Water and sanitation
- Education and literacy
- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Maternal and child health
- Economic and community development
- Disease prevention and treatment

If you follow the Rotary monthly calendar themes, you know that December is "Disease Prevention and Treatment" month. This end-of-year theme is a timely reminder that our mission to eradicate polio is not yet over.

I'm proud that our district committed \$20,000 in District Designated Funds to help finish eradicating polio.



Last month, Rene Pothetes and I participated in Rotary's Ride to End Polio in Tucson, Arizona. This annual event has raised well over \$30 million total and over \$8 million this year alone. Many of our Rotarians took part in an indoor ride in Royal Oak.

December also means that we're already nearly halfway through the Rotary year already.

District 6380 has already accomplished a lot in this 2016-17 calendar and the best is yet to come.

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ROTARY'S Areas of Focus



All 52 of our clubs will confirm their next presidents before December 31 and the district will soon name a Governor Nominee Designate to serve in 2019-20.

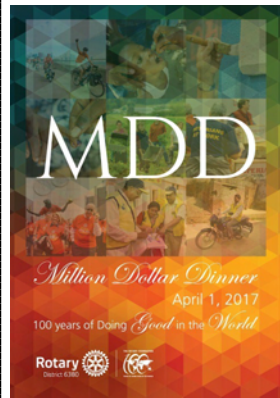
District Governor-Elect Barry Fraser is excited to begin the new leadership training season, which includes the assistant governor training weekend, our three Presidents-Elect Training Session Orientations in February, and the PETS weekend in Kalamazoo in March.

Get more info and register for all of our events at www.Rotary3680.org



District Conference 2017
Grand Hotel | Mackinac Island, Michigan
May 4-7, 2017
Register: <http://www.rotary6380conference.info/>

Register for the District 6380 Convention 2017 for only \$75 each. We'd like to have 200 registrants by the end of the year. We currently have 110 registered, more than half of last year's attendance! Post this message into your Facebook pages (personal, club, district) along with your personal endorsement: "Hey, join us for a fantastic long weekend at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, May 4-7. Best room rate you'll ever get – only \$1,140 per double occupancy, all inclusive! Bring the kids! Two five-course dinners! Public event sponsored by Rotary."



The World Peace Conference is the last weekend in March and District 6380 is proud to be celebrating the Rotary Foundation's Centennial with an amazing Million Dollar Dinner (MDD) on April 1, 2017. Foundation Chair, Janet McPeck, and her fantastic committee have already identified about \$450,000 toward our goal. We expect much of the MDD money to be bequest intentions or pledges that Rotarians will eventually honor through wills, insurance policies, trusts, and so on. If you'd like to participate, please contact Past District Governor Donald Riddell at 248-379-8031.

Our most important district event of the year is the exciting District Conference, May 4-7.

I invite you to register for DisCon now and then arrange for your hotel package. It's only \$75 per person to register. Conference chair Karen Gabrys and I think we'll have 200 people signed up before the end of the year.

This year's hotel package is less expensive than last year's conference. Get four days and three nights at the awesome Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for only \$1,145, all-inclusive except for one lunch. This includes all tipping, your ferry ride, and the most amazing all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet you've ever experienced, wow.

Finally, Rene and I want to wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.

Let's get ready for an amazing 2017! Thank you for being part of the best service organization in the history of the world.



FEATURED AT THE CONVENTION
Bob Thompson is a fellow Rotarian from Florida and a very talented musician. He will be our master of ceremonies for the conference, musical entertainment Thursday night and maybe Friday night.

Bob's shows are compelling because of how he puts everything into each and every song. His use of dynamics and powerful rhythmic grooves create this sacred space inside of which a song can be fully expressed as his. Whoa, that's heavy! One fan said it best: "When Bob plays a cover, he adds his own style. I've never heard these tunes played this way before!"

Marilyn Fitzgerald (Rotarian, Traverse City) will be talking about her micro-loan program, adapting to global needs and how the program is taking off domestically. There will be at least one panel session on stage – multi-generational --TED Talk-style led by Michael Caruso.





Follow-up on the Gala

■ Submitted by Janet McPeck

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair & District 6380 Governor 2010-2011

Top Three Clubs for Per Capita (average per member) Giving to the Annual Fund:

1. ANN ARBOR WEST ROTARY CLUB
2. ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB
3. WATERFORD ROTARY CLUB

Highest in overall Giving to the Annual fund and winner of the Golden Jug Award:

- ROCHESTER ROTARY CLUB

Total Giving for last year: \$340,176 – absolutely amazing! Made the Double your Dollars challenge by beating the prior year's giving by more than \$5,400

Annual fund giving last year: \$191,000

This year's goal: \$225,000

The Gala was our celebration. District 6380 Rotarians gave us many more than “100 Reasons to Celebrate.” We kicked off the Centennial of our Rotary Foundation. We recognized 100 years of District 6380 being involved with our Rotary Foundation since we have been around the entire time!

Each presenter shared in just a few minutes with words and a few photographs impactful their story of what has been done with Foundation Dollars over the years. This wasn't about how to write a grant or an evening of facts and figures. It was Rotarians telling us that a nurse whose training you/we funded by making possible our first District Global Grant is now the sole health care provider in a remote mountain village, in a clinic that Rotary built.

Lives are saved. We did that. The theme all night long. Stories of water, sanitation, literacy, administration of polio drops, lifelong friendships and hope for a more peaceful world. A story of a GSE trip and a tsunami. If you need to get excess baggage through a foreign airport, talk to PDG Mav at the Novi Club.

This was a night of recognition of Major Donors. It was a night of thank-you to clubs who gave to polio. It was a night of deep appreciation to everyone who gave in some way of their time or money to the Rotary Foundation. All gifts, large and small, matter and were acknowledged. People spoke from the heart and let us in on how they were changed as they were involved in their local project, international work or maybe as a teen as an exchange student.

Kudos to those who spoke. Congratulations to all the awardees. Thank you to all who came. Plan to see the rest of you next year. You truly missed a once in a lifetime experience.

Now I trust that those of you who are the experts will make something of this for Facebook, etc. Thanks so much!





Use Rotary Global Rewards this holiday season and throughout the year for discounts and special offers on everything from airline travel to shopping to events. Look for offers that send a percentage of your purchase back to Rotary.

Airline Discount Center — discounts on over 600 airlines and 4 percent back to Rotary
<http://tinyurl.com/gt5ldf4>

Hotel Discount Center — discounts at thousands of hotels and 10 percent back to Rotary
<http://tinyurl.com/jc4cefr>

Amazon — up to 8 percent back to Rotary
<http://tinyurl.com/jcrdeg2>

Hertz — discounts on rental cars and 2 percent back to Rotary
<http://tinyurl.com/jplyjwz>

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(This has been posted to the Facebook pages of the Chatham and the Mount Clemens clubs. Post it to your club's page.)



A painless way to give your support to The Rotary Foundation is by using the Rotary Card. Rotarians and Rotaractors can sign up in the My Rotary webpage, Global Rewards:

<http://tinyurl.com/z67lrz6>

Use of these cards has generated over \$8 million to support TRF programs and projects.

*PDG Lynn T. Morgan 2002-2003
 District Global Rewards Chair 2016-2017
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GIRL SCOUT SEEKS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



Cadet Girl Scout Elizabeth Popovich has been collecting donations to send Girl Scout Cookies to our military men and women serving overseas or at Selfridge Air National Guard Base through organizations like Operation Care Package or Soldier's Angels. A case of cookies contains 12 boxes, and costs \$48. The first year she collected \$1,128, which was enough to send 282 boxes. Last year, she collected \$30,296, which sent 7,574 boxes of cookies to our service members. In the last six years, she raised \$70,140, enough to send 17,535 boxes of cookies. Letters of thanks have come from troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany,

Japan and Alaska, some including pictures of them enjoying the cookies.

"They were very grateful and wanted to thank everyone that thought about them," she said. "I have met so many veterans, ranging from Korea, to Vietnam, to the Middle East. All of them told me how important it is to our soldiers to know we are thinking of them, and appreciate what they are doing for all of us here at home."

Elizabeth is from Macomb Township and she would like to be a speaker at your Rotary club. Contact her at Cookies4Troops@comcast.net. Follow her on Facebook, (search CookiesForOurTroops.) She has videos on YouTube.com (channel "Cookies4Troops.")

United Nations Special Advisor Jeffrey Sachs to Address World Peace Conference 2017 in Ann Arbor

■ Submitted by Peter Brown

Professor Jeffrey Sachs, one of the world's leading experts on sustainable development and the fight against poverty, has joined the list of speakers for the World Peace Conference 2017 on **March 31 and April 1** in Ann Arbor. The conference is convened by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

The New York Times called Sachs, a professor of economics at Columbia University, "probably the most important economist in the world." He is special advisor to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and has advised Ban Ki-Moon and then-Secretary General Kofi Annan on the UN's Millennial Development Goals.

For more than 30 years, the Detroit native has advised dozens of heads of state and government on economic strategy in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The World Peace Conference 2017 is convened by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in conjunction with Rotary International and other Rotary Clubs in the region and Rotary International to prepare its participants to promote peace and reduce violence locally, nationally and globally.

Sachs is one of more than two dozen respected experts on peace and conflict resolution who will explore ways people can contribute to building a peaceful world.

The conference will take place at the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus. The conference is open to the public.

Other speakers include:

- **Jody Williams**, 1997 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who led a campaign that inspired an international treaty to ban antipersonnel land mines
- **John Germ**, president of Rotary International
- **Robert Johansen**, senior fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and a well recognized expert on peace and justice
- **Owen Greene**, a professor at the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, England, a widely published expert on conflict resolution who has served as a consultant to the United Nations, European Union and the United Kingdom
- **Carrie Hessler-Radelet**, Peace Corps director who revitalized the organization's recruitment, application and selection process, resulting in record-breaking application numbers in 2015

For more information or to register for the peace conference, go to 2017peaceconference.org



Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise Raises the Flag During Remembrance Week

■ Submitted by Doug & Linda Goldsmith



The Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise held an offsite meeting on November 8 at the Community Living Chatham-Kent Parkfield Restaurant.

Rotary Sunrise installed a new 32-foot aluminum flag pole in Celebration of Remembrance Day and in preparation for the Canadian 150th anniversary on July 1, 2017. Around the pole, Sunrise Rotarians planted 500 of the "Canada 150" tulip bulbs which came from The Netherlands. The bulbs have a white bloom with red flames which has a striking resemblance to our Canadian maple leaf flag. Sunrise Rotarians also planted 500 tulip bulbs around the flag pole at Howell Park.

Community Living Chatham-Kent clients have been great partners in helping Sunrise Rotarians plant over 40,000 daffodils bulbs over the last 10 years.



Mount Clemens Rotary Club Puts Up New Signs at City Entrances

■ Photos by Nancy Dedenbach



Mark Zuccaro and Sam D'Angelo



Sunrise Rotary Club

■ Submitted by James Watters

One of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club's fund-raising activities is running the City of Brighton's 4th of July city event. There are foot races early in the morning followed by a parade. During the months prior to the 4th of July, as well as on the fourth, club members sell raffle tickets for the Great Duck Race in Brighton's Mill Pond. All proceeds for the day's events go to feeding the hungry in Livingston County. At a recent Friday club meeting, three groups received checks from the club – Salvation Army Summer Lunch Bunch Program \$5,000; Gleaners Food Bank \$10,000; and the Torch Food Truck \$5,000. Our contribution to Gleaners was also matched with another \$10,000 by Weingartz.

Shown in the pictures along with the recipients are: Dr. Sherry Parker, Lewis Club Foundation president, and James Watters club president.

The Livingston Sunrise Rotary celebrated the recent birth of Aleia MacDonald's son Makai. The club created a 50/50 baby pool for members to participate in the pending birth. One of our members won the baby pool and contributed his winnings to the Paul Harris Fellowship in Makai's name. Our past presidents contributed additional points in Makai's name in order to present Makai with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Past District Governor Jim Gilmore presented the award to Aleia, Makai and dad Ryan.

Aleia is the most recent past president of the club and a current Assistant District Governor for District 6380.



Text of: "Kiwanis, Rotary clubs have focus on helping those in need" by Linda May – The Macomb Daily, November 19, 2016 – Used with permission

Most of the money raised by the Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club and the Mount Clemens Rotary Club goes to local charities and projects. However, Kiwanis and Rotary are international organizations, each more than 100 years old, and sometimes donations go to projects in other countries.

Rotary's quest is to eliminate polio in underdeveloped countries worldwide, and Kiwanis's aim is to stop tetanus, contagious diseases only a plane ride away from the U.S. Both organizations help foreign countries with other humanitarian efforts, such as clean water projects and both of the local clubs are helping to sustain projects in Haiti right now.

Mary McInnes is a Methodist minister and past president of the Mount Clemens Kiwanis Club. Five years ago, a major earthquake devastated Haiti on the island of Hispaniola comprising Haiti and Dominican Republic, and caused many casualties. The island had not recovered from the earthquake when it was hit hard by Hurricane Matthew.

McInnes visited Haiti before the hurricane as a training coach, teaching Haitians to be Methodist pastors. In crude buildings, teaching teams instructed students from across the island. Five of those students lost their lives in the hurricane.

"Flooding, lack of transportation and poor communication are serious stumbling blocks to recovery," Kiwanian Theresa Randolph said. "Cholera is a major concern."

The United Methodist Church On Relief is a humanitarian organization that dedicates 100 percent of all donations to the affected area. Its Jeremie Haiti Project serves people of Jeremie in the far west end of the island. Efforts include construction, a medical mission at the Gebeau Clinic, service and support at local schools, and the Jeremie Good Samaritan Home.

The Kiwanis club donated \$1,000, and McInnes made arrangements for livestock and farming resources to be purchased with the club's donation.

"We donated the money for sustainable food options which are part of the Jeremie project," McInnes said. "Jeremie is where the eye of the storm passed over. We are

buying rice, and the pastors will take the rice to the villages. The rest of the money will be utilized to get seeds, shovels, hoes, fencing, as well as small livestock – chickens and goats. This will start building up families to provide food for themselves. If this doesn't happen, there will be famine. Electricity is also scarce there right now."

She said the airlines allowed missionaries to take six extra duffel bags aboard that contained seeds.

"Kiwanis asks us to make a difference in children's lives where our clubs are, but also push ourselves outside our community to help children who do not have access to food, and do things to help them become productive parts of their own communities," McInnes said.

Kiwanis club recent donations include Wigs-4-Kids, Anton Art Center, Crocker House Museum, Macomb Literacy Partners, Playplace for Autistic Children, Macomb County Historical Society, Key Club, dictionaries and thesauruses to Trinity Lutheran School's third-graders, scholarships to local high school graduates, and today's Mount Clemens Santa Parade.

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The Mount Clemens Rotary Club belongs to the Rotary District 6380 whose Rotary Foundation distributes grant money for a wide range of projects.

Rotarian Glenn Burton recently shared the news of approval of a Foundation grant of \$1,200 that came through the district to the club's international project, the Bloomfield Hills-based charity, Joan Rose Foundation for Jacmel, Haiti. That foundation is run by Burton's nephew David Palmer. Palmer adopted four Haitian brothers whose parents died of HIV/AIDS.

The more fortunate local families have cinder block structures in which to live – built by local men – and community bathrooms in the common areas.

"There was a gentleman who sewed clothes for the children but he unfortunately just passed away," Burton said.

Haitian children need protection from those who wish to deport them off the island. There was even a recent lynching of a young Haitian.

The Joan Rose Foundation started out in Dominican Republic, then moved to Jacmel. Burton and his family have gone over to help, and will return again in a year or two, hoping to take other Rotarians on a work mission.

"We took 10 hockey bags full of school supplies with us the last time, and also baseball mitts, helmets, soccer balls and basketballs, and clothes, and of course shoes. Those were a really big thing and a lot of the donations came directly from individual Rotarians.

"Mark Zuccaro (club president) wanted this to be our international outreach program. They do have a school that provides skills to the kids, and education is important to Rotary International. Water is also a big thing with Rotary International. It costs \$25 per week for a water truck to come and fill the cisterns in the area," he said.

A dentist comes in once or twice a year for the children. There is a Rotary club about 90 miles away and that the Mount Clemens club may partner with in the future. Another hopeful sign is that the local artist population is starting to thrive, and there is a custom belt-making project that sustains some of the families.

"It's a good entrepreneurial concept and provides a good source of income, for both the foundation and for the ladies helped by the foundation," he said.

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Paul Woodring and Valerie Miller ring kettle bells for The Salvation Army.

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The Joan Rose Foundation used a recent grant given to its meal program to start a community garden where Haitian children volunteer on weekends. They recently planted spinach and beans in hopes that the garden will contribute to food sustainability.

"David really appreciates all the work we have done and will continue to do to make the project a success," Burton said of his nephew, a former law student and tireless worker.

One of Rotary's goals is to increase literacy. The Joan Rose Foundation has helped enroll more than 80 children in local public schools by funding school materials, uniforms and birth certificates required by the government to attend the public schools. Students get a meal of rice, beans, a protein source, and fruit – sometimes the only meal they receive for the day. Some are fortunate enough to go on to higher education and trade training.

The Rotary Foundation is the funding part of Rotary International. It began from an initial donation of \$26.50 and is now an endowment fund of more than one billion dollars. It supports local, area-wide and international club projects.

The Rotary Foundation administers its Annual Fund so that every dollar contributed goes to Rotary club projects to change lives of

the less-fortunate. Foundation partners include The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF and various governments.

The Foundation provides as much health care as possible in places where medical care is substandard. Recently, donations covered Haitian children who had kidney stones, a detached retina, severe knee infection, broken bones, fevers and skin infections.

Mount Clemens Rotarians are manning the red kettles for the Salvation Army today at a Macomb Township Kroger store. Mount Clemens Kiwanians are volunteer bell ringers for The Salvation Army Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at a Chesterfield Township Walmart store.

The Mount Clemens Rotary Club's spring fundraiser will support many charities. Donations from last year's event went to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter, Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, Baker College, Mount Clemens YMCA, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, Turning Point Inc., and Richmond Community Theatre.

Burton said he hopes to obtain a match to the \$1,200 grant. He feels that raising \$3,600 for the Joan Rose Foundation is possible. See mountclemens.org or call Mark Zuccaro at 586-615-6726.

More Salvation Army volunteers from the Mount Clemens Rotary Club and marchers in the downtown Mount Clemens Santa Parade

