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November 2015

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District Governor
2015-2016

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Nov. 7
Foundation Gala at the
St. Nicholas Cultural
Center in Troy,
entertainment by the
Nicole New Group

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Assistant Governor
Training
Feb. 9
Pre-PETS Brighton
Feb. 11
Pre-PETS Troy
Feb. 16
Pre-PETS Chatham

March 10-12
PETS 2016

April 16
District Assembly

May 13-15
District Conference
Chatham Update your
passport or your
enhanced driver
license, if necessary.

June 29
Meet the Governor



The Rotary Foundation is the gas that runs the engine for the 52 clubs in our district. This year's **District 6380 Foundation Gala will held Saturday, November 7** at the St. Nicholas Cultural Center.

"We'll be celebrating an amazing year of Foundation activity," said foundation chair and past district governor, Janet McPeck (Lake Orion Sunrise.) "We'll be spotlighting the 17 clubs who are involved with grants, our top-giving clubs, and individual donors as well."

The 17 clubs doing district grants this Rotary year are: Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor West, Birmingham, Blenheim, Chatham, Chatham Sunrise, Dresden, Lake Orion Sunrise, Livingston Sunrise, Ridgeway, Rochester, Saline, Tilbury, Troy, Wallaceburg, Waterford, and West Bloomfield. Look for the registration link at www.Rotary6380.org.

There is an invitation-only VIP reception at 4:30 p.m. followed by cocktails and live entertainment at 5 p.m. A delicious dinner will be prepared by the legendary Opus One catering team and served at 6:30 p.m. The evening is scheduled to wrap up at 9 p.m. with a special announcement about next year's event.

Gala event chairperson, Rene Pothetes (Troy), promises lots of fun on November 7.

"Our great assistant governors will be greeting guests," said Pothetes. "We'll have a photo booth with costumes, entertainment by the fabulous Nicole New Trio, and a terrific dinner keynote by Rotary Trustee, Bryn Styles."

This year's gala committee consists of foundation chair McPeck, event chair Pothetes, as well as Fannie Vavoulis, Rika Edwards, Sparky Leonard, District Governor-Elect Barry Fraser, and Past District Governor Keith Koke, all from the Chatham club in Ontario, Canada. Rounding out the committee is Karen Gabrys (Ypsilanti), Dave Donnellon (Troy), Anne Nautes (Chelsea), Past District Governor, Don Riddell (Troy), current District Governor Henry Dotson (Auburn Hills), and District Governor-Elect Michael Angelo Caruso (Troy.)

"Last year, foundation giving was up 50 percent in our district," McPeck said. "So we can't wait to surprise our Rotarians with details of this year's achievements."

Submitted by Michael Angelo Caruso, Troy Rotarian, District 6380 Governor 2016-17
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SHARING GIFTS

WITH CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD
THE DISTRICT 6380 FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
CORDIALLY INVITES ROTARIANS AND GUESTS TO
JOIN THE CELEBRATION AT THE

2015 FOUNDATION GALA

ST. NICHOLAS CULTURAL CENTER
760 WEST WATTLES ROAD
TROY MI 48098

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

COCKTAILS AT 5 P.M. - DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

\$45 PER PERSON - CASH BAR

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE BRYN STYLES

SEE MORE AT:

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RI Foundation Trustee
Bryn Styles

November: the month we celebrate as our Foundation Month

■ Submitted by Janet McPeek, PDG, District Foundation Chair

365 days a year children are immunized in the final push to rid the world of polio in what will be an incredible effort initiated by Rotary.

365 days a year local Rotary projects all over the world provide clean water and sanitation where there was once filth or miles to walk to get water often unfit to drink even after the journey.

365 days a year kids in Ecuador and Peru and Guatemala and Africa and Brighton and Detroit and Lake Orion and India and Haiti all around the globe are helped through literacy projects led by Rotarians doing district and global grants.

The generosity of the individuals and the clubs in District 6380 is incredible. You will see the invitation in this newsletter for the Foundation Gala on November 7 beginning at 5. It the one time a year we gather to network and share ideas and truly celebrate these accomplishments. It is also the time we connect to figure out how to do even more and figure out how to work on each other's projects. This year we will hear directly from a foundation trustee, Bryn Styles, and stories about his experiences in service.

365 days a year there are needs. 363 days of opportunity. We are so fortunate to be part of Rotary and to have a foundation that allow us to give and make a difference. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could say one November that every single Rotarian in our district gave something, whatever, he or she could afford, large or small, to truly be part of the celebration?

Thank you for all you do to support the Foundation and for making every day a little bit better for someone, whether it is in your local community or the global community. It all matters.

See you at the gala!



We would like to offer ourselves as speakers at one of your club assemblies to talk about the Rotary International Foundation.

Each of us has visited a number of clubs in the district over the past year. We can talk about the structure of the foundation, how the money is used, various ways of giving, and recognition. We can tailor our presentations to your specific club's interests.

Our goal is to engage, educate, and excite your club in the way that would work the best, according to your specific needs. We will each tell the story of the foundation and above all want to thank your club for what you have already done to be a Gift to the World.

Please contact one of us, and we'll schedule a time to come to your meeting.

Sincerely,

Janet McPeek

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Rotary Club of Ann Arbor - the Polio Flame available to clubs until November 9

■ Submitted by Ashish Sarkar

The past 18 months have been extremely welcoming with the good news in Rotary International's PolioPlus initiative. Last year, World Health Organization (WHO) – a partner in the PolioPlus initiative – announced that Southeast Asia including India was polio-free. Then in August of 2015, we received the good news that Nigeria, the largest country in Africa, had no new cases of polio in last 12 months and was declared polio-free. Shortly after that, WHO announced that the entire continent of Africa was polio-free. That leaves the world with only two polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Even in these countries, the rates of new cases of polio are significantly less than in the past years. This means more than 97 percent of the world population is now polio-free. We are making true progress toward making the world polio-free. That is a remarkable achievement, especially for 1.2 million Rotarians around the world.

To celebrate these very successful events, a group of Rotarians have created a Polio Flame (torch) for RI. It is similar to the Olympic Flame that we witness every four years. This Polio Flame is making the rounds around the world. My wife Norma, who is a Rotarian, and I saw the mesmerizing effect this Polio Flame has on Rotarians, when we attended the RI annual convention in Sao Paulo last June.

When the torch, with its flame on, was being brought to the podium and handed over to RI President Huang, there was pin-drop silence from the 14,000 attendees. And then the crowd erupted with thunderous applause that could have been heard around the world. It was one of the most moving ceremonies I have ever witnessed. After the plenary session, I immediately requested to bring the flame to our District 6380. I was told to be in the queue for receiving the torch.

Anyway, it so happens that the torch was here around World Polio Day, which falls on October 24. **It will be in our possession through November 9.** I personally believe it could be an opportunity for every Rotary club in our district and surrounding areas to display this Polio Flame at an event in their communities. The clubs can use this as a fund-raising resource or make it part of their existing event to make people aware of what we have achieved as Rotarians and how far we still need to go to eradicate this dreadful disease. It will also be a tremendous opportunity to showcase Rotary.

I had four requests. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor had an event October 23 at the steps of University of Michigan's Wrexham Building where the effectiveness of Salk vaccine was announced in 1955. They started the event there and then had a commemorative march through the streets of Ann Arbor for the awareness. They had several dignitaries on hand at Rackham.

On Sunday morning/early afternoon, October 25, the Rotary Club of Rochester will display the flame at a community event in Rochester. Then they plan to march with the flame to the factory where the vaccine was manufactured in Rochester. Several dignitaries are expected to attend this event.



Rotary Clubs of Clarkston and Birmingham have also requested to display the torch.

The Polio Flame is available to all the Rotary clubs in the district and surrounding areas. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor will be the custodian of the torch until November 9 and will schedule the display in the communities (arranged by Rotary clubs) on a first-come basis. Each club

requesting the torch will be responsible for picking up and dropping it off to the next venue.

If you are interested, you can contact one of the following members of Rotary Club of Ann Arbor:

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Or, you can contact one of the District 6380 staff members.

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West

■ Submitted by Cathy Franklin

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West is currently involved in an international project in Sri Lanka. Our project was featured in a local publication that gets distributed locally in Ann Arbor and in the New York Times called The Ann magazine. We are submitting a Global Grant application to fund a vocational training program at a girl's orphanage in Sri Lanka called Grace Care Center. The club members who traveled along with our families this year: Cathy Franklin, Naresh Gunaratnam, Raj and Sandy Bazaj, Bruce and Julie Dunbar.

THE CLUB

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West was chartered on Dec. 12, 2012, and its 25 members mostly live and work in the city. It's part of Rotary International, with 1.2 million members worldwide.

The local club's mission is to educate and empower girls, locally and globally, through an initiative called Project Hope Rising. The overseas effort has been focused on the Grace Care Center in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. One of the club's members, Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, helps run the center, home to 35 orphaned girls, ages 6 to 21.

Over the past three years, five members have made at least one trip to Grace and have gotten to know the girls and support staff personally.

THE COUNTRY

Sri Lanka is an island country off the southern tip of India. It's still damaged by more than 25 years of violent civil war between the majority Sinhalese and the Tamil minority, which finally ended in 2009.

Sri Lanka was also among the countries hit by the devastating December 2004 tsunami that resulted from an Indian Ocean earthquake. More than 30,000 died in Sri Lanka.

THE DREAM

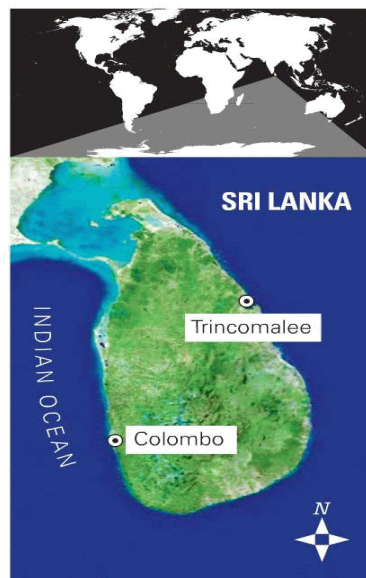
Members of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West have made a priority of career training for the orphans at the Grace Care Center — specifically in Trincomalee's growing hospitality industry.

Several new hotels have been built there and others are being planned, and there's a need for skilled

hospitality workers. A team of local Rotarians, along with two recent U-M Ross School of Business graduates, Alex Papo and Ursula Jessee, recently traveled to Sri Lanka and met with local hoteliers, government entities, U.S. and European aid organizations as well as the Trincomalee and Colombo Rotary clubs. They formed partnerships to develop an on-site hospitality-training center at Grace. Part of the arrangement is that 10 to 15 percent of the program's spots will be reserved for Grace girls, and their training will be at no cost to Grace.

Part of the funding will come from the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West via a grant through Rotary International. The club hopes to raise more than \$35,000 to be used for equipment, educational materials and facility renovations, and to have the training center up and running in 2016.

To learn more or to volunteer visit srilankaorphanage.org. For more information on the club and Project Hope Rising, visit rotaryannarbor.org.



Rotary Club of Berkley

■ Submitted by Matt Church

The Rotary Club of Berkley will host a Pancake Day Breakfast, its annual signature event, on Saturday, November 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place at the Berkley High School Collaborative Center & Cafeteria at 2325 Catalpa Street in Berkley. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat breakfast are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

This longstanding community tradition draws hundreds of people each year and serves as the primary fundraiser for the club. Key recipients of the funds raised include (and have included in the past) reading literacy initiatives, projects to eradicate polio worldwide, anti-bullying programs, Lids for Kids (bike helmet) programs, and more.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door or from any member of the Berkley Rotary Club. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please visit www.berkeleyrotaryclub.com for a sponsorship form.

The Rotary Club of Berkley was founded in 1949 and has been doing important work in the community and around the world for over 65 years. For more information, visit www.berkeleyrotaryclub.com

Rotary Club of Brighton

■ Submitted by Jane McManus, Assistant District Governor - Sector 11

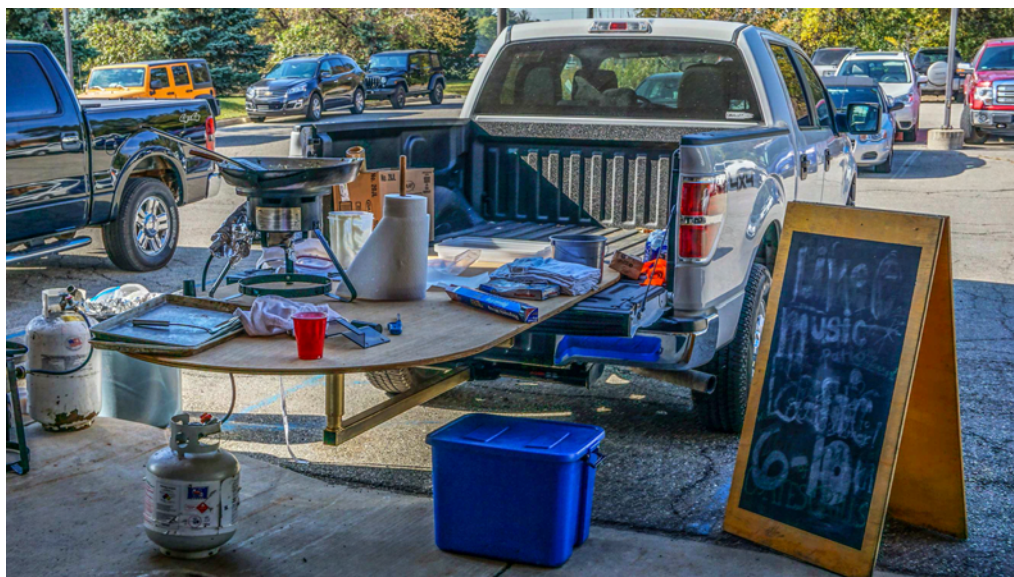
Tailgating for Polio October 20, 2015

The Rotary Club of Brighton decided to do something different than our usual lunch on October 20. Since this is the time of year for college football, the board decided to do a tailgate lunch. Members were asked to wear their school colors and support their team. U-M, Michigan State, Eastern Michigan and even the school of hard knocks were represented.

This lunch was not your normal fare of food. Rotarian chef Tom Coates prepared chili, French dip sandwiches, smoked fish, and potato salad. He cooked on a grill in the back of his pickup. It was almost as good as being at the game, except there was no beer. President Cathy Reisterer prepared two delicious cheesecakes and dozens of cookies. The club members were served up this feast by fellow Rotarians Lori Lalama, Steve Belanger, Mitch Zoldowski and chef Tom manned the prime rib sandwiches. A box for lunch donations was placed at the beginning of the line. Hence, Brighton Rotary was Tailgating for Polio.

Instead of a scheduled program, members had the opportunity to socialize. The RI polio video, "A Personal Revolution," featuring Ziggy Marley, was shown. A great time was had by all. The big winner was the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund. After counting up the donations, the lunch raised \$2,220 for polio. An anonymous donor matched what we raised. Then the score became \$4,440. When adding the Gates Foundation match, the final result is \$13,320 or 22,200 doses of vaccine.

Way to Go Brighton Rotary Team! (Mike McManus, photographer)



Rotary Club of Chatham

■ Submitted by Fannie Vavoulis, President

The Rotary Club of Chatham raised \$100,000 for hospice.

Early in the year, our club made a commitment to the new hospice that is being built in our community of a donation of \$100,000.

In order to fulfill this commitment, we knew a big fundraiser was the only way to do it.

On August 8, we hosted the largest concert our community has ever seen with special guests – The Beach Boys! We turned our open park in downtown Chatham into a mini amphitheatre that saw similarities to

Pine Knob! We brought in 3,000 chairs and set them up. We brought in 40 port-a-johns. We had a beer tent to hold over 2000 people. We had a VIP area for 1000 guests.

Over 5,000 tickets were sold for the event. It was a hot ticket that saw the box office printing tickets the day of the show with a lineup of people down the street.

It was the first time the Beach Boys have been to Chatham, Ontario and they loved it. They spent some time visiting the museum at RM Classic Cars and admiring the artwork at the Retro Suites Hotel. They were so

impressed with the hospitality of the community and the insane enthusiasm of the fans in the crowd.

It was a night to remember. The weather was perfect! We had over 200 volunteers participate in the event after our committee of five spent months and months planning the event. Congratulations to everyone involved in making it – truly – a perfect event.

All the blood, sweat and tears were worth it! We raised our commitment to the hospice and know that we provided a night to remember for so many in our community.



Rotary Club of Chatham

■ Submitted by Fannie Vavoulis President

A letter we received from a past exchange student who came back this summer to do a medical rotation at our hospital. Such a great story of the exchange program coming full circle. "Elective at CKHA - Eduard Navara"



When I was 15, my parents and I were talking and decided I could go on a Rotary youth exchange. A couple of months and a lot of papers later, in August 2008, a 16-year-old teenager was flying from the Czech Republic to Canada excited about spending one year in Chatham, ON. Going to school and spending this much time in a foreign country truly was a wonderful experience that taught me so much and I will always be grateful to the Rotary Club of Chatham that made this exchange so great for me, especially to Joanne and Keith Dawson and Cindy and Brian Reid who were my host families and took care of me for the whole year.

When I came back home to the Czech Republic, I finished my high school and applied for Charles University in Prague to study medicine. I was very lucky because my grades from the Czech high school as well as my sport results from Ursuline College High School in Chatham were good enough for being admitted to university without writing the entrance examination.

It has been six years since I came home from my Rotary exchange and four years since my admission to medical school and here I am sitting in Chatham again.

When we finish the fourth year of medicine at the Third Faculty of Medicine at Charles University in Prague, we have to spend four weeks in a hospital and complete our practical training at an internal department. At first, I wanted to complete my training in my home city, but after some time I decided to write to my host families I have been in touch with since my exchange and ask them about the possibility to complete my practical training at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

They answered my email the very next day showing support to my idea and saying they will see what they can do. After not even two weeks I got an email from Fannie Vavoulis who I had not seen or talked to before, and things started to look promising. I was so excited and couldn't believe the coincidence. Fannie Vavoulis, Medical Recruiter and Education Coordinator, is a Rotarian. In fact, Fannie is the current president of the Rotary club of Chatham.

We exchanged a lot of emails and by the end of March 2015, everything was finally set up for me to come to Canada again. The only thing left to do was to buy a flight ticket.

I started my four-week elective in Chatham on the 5th of August by finally meeting Fannie, getting my badge and meeting with Dr. Kamran Karatela who had agreed to be my mentor for the whole month of August. I could not have been luckier. Dr. Karatela is a great doctor, wonderful

person and it was an absolute pleasure to work with him. It is hard to express how grateful I am to him for accepting me as his student and explaining so many things to me.

I was also given the chance to spend some time with Dr. Karatela's colleagues in the emergency department, intensive care unit, endoscopy department. I was also able to spend some time with the occupational therapists and physiotherapists which I enjoyed very much.

The whole elective at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance was a very exciting experience. It was more than interesting to be able to see and compare a Canadian hospital to the Czech ones, see different techniques, approaches, equipment and learn more about the whole health system in Canada. I really enjoyed watching the communication among the staff members, their team work and complex care of patients from the admission through the treatment and rehabilitation to their discharge.

The amount of time the therapists spend with the patients in order to prepare them for day-to-day life once they get back home was something that really impressed me. I must say I am leaving the Chatham Kent Health Alliance under the impression that I was lucky to have the opportunity to meet a lot of amazing, friendly people at a hospital of high quality where patients are in very good hands. It was a great month that taught me a lot and I hope it is not my last visit to Chatham. Before I finish, I would like to say thank you to everybody who made this elective possible and so enjoyable.

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Rotary Club of Pontiac

■ Submitted by Candy Geeter

Here is a recent article posted in *The Oakland Press* about the Rotary Club of Pontiac and the donation of books they made to OLHSA.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY YOCUM

OLHSA Head Start received 421 donated books from the Rotary Club of Pontiac, after the club received them due to a Detroit Public Television grant.

Rotary Club donates more than 400 books to OLHSA

OLHSA, a Community Action Agency, recently received 421 books for its Head Start preschoolers from the Rotary Club of Pontiac.

The books were awarded to the club through a grant received by Detroit Public Television (DPTV).

Candy Geeter, president of the Rotary Club of Pontiac, said, "It just made sense that we would give (the books) to an organization that helps so many children in our community learn and grow each year."

OLHSA's Head Start children are given books to read in the classroom, however they don't necessarily have books of their own at home.

OLHSA is honored to be

chosen as the recipient of the books and is grateful for this help towards enhancing the personal libraries of Head Start preschoolers.

Susan Harding, director of Early Childhood Services at OLHSA, said, "The donation from the rotary club has a significant impact on our goal of obtaining 3,500 books for our children and we couldn't be more grateful."

This month OLHSA is holding Run to Read, an event in which participants will donate books in lieu of a registration fee. The Rotary Club donation is timed with OLHSA's book event and campaign, which has a goal of receiving two books for each of the 1,700 pre-

schoolers in OLHSA's Oakland County Head Start.

Those interested in donating a book to OLHSA's Head Start program can visit OLHSA's website at www.olhsa.org/events and find more information about Run to Read, happening on Oct. 17 at Friendship Park, 3380 W. Clarkston Road, Orion Township.

OLHSA serves approximately 1,700 children on average per year through its 18 Head Start locations in Oakland County. Currently 460 children are enrolled in our Head Start program at OLHSA's main Pontiac location.

— Submitted by Ashley Yocum

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Candy Geeter, Rotary Club president



Rotary Club of Chelsea

■ Submitted by Paul Schissler

As seen in the *Chelsea Update* - Thanks to Joe Yekulis for the information and photo in this story.

When Rotarian Paul Schissler of Chelsea takes on service project, he takes it on in a big way.

As a member of the Chelsea Rotary Club, he thought it would be a great idea to help fellow Rotarian Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC., by obtaining a golf cart to help him get around St. Louis Center's sprawling campus five miles west of Chelsea in Sylvan Township.

What made this project unique however, was that he thought it would be fun to involve the other service clubs in the community to combine their forces for good. That made this a shared project between the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, and Kiwanis Club.

To complete the project, Schissler negotiated the price of a surplus golf cart at Reddeman Farms, and then added modifications to it. According to Schissler, these included, "a rear seat kit, heavy duty rear suspension kit, and a folding windshield kit."

He performed all of the conversion work himself, and each organization kicked in 25 percent of the \$1,264 project. The logos for each of the clubs were added for their contributions, and the golf cart was formally presented to St. Louis Center on Oct. 8.

St. Louis Center is a residential care home for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and has been run by the Servants of Charity congregation of the Catholic Church since 1960.

For more information, visit the website at www.stlouiscenter.org, or call 475-8430.

Rotary Club of Farmington

■ Submitted by Phil Abraham Rotary District 6380 AG Sector 9

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"Farmington Rotary hosts polio presentation"

<http://www.farmingtonvoice.com/farmington-rotary-hosts-polio-presentation-223604>

A torch that has traveled around the world arrived at Tuesday's Farmington Rotary Club meeting in Farmington Hills, promoting the final leg of Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio.

FARMINGTON ROTARY END POLIO NOW

The flame began its journey last December, starting in India to commemorate that country's polio-free status. Today, polio is considered endemic in just two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, Rotary district polio committee chair Ginger Barrons said. Nigeria recently celebrated a year without a case of the disease, a virus that destroys motor neurons.

"The worst thing about polio is that it has a very high rate of fatality," Barrons said. "The second worst thing about polio is that survivors are left with some type of paralysis."

"The most important thing about polio," she added, "is that we need it gone."

The Farmington community played a role in the U.S. polio epidemic; in the 1950s, children with polio were treated at Sister Kenny Hospital, which is now Botsford Commons Senior Community on Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills. Kenny, an Australian nurse, pioneered a successful treatment for polio patients.

Botsford has hosted reunions for former patients, including Diane Sachs, who attended Tuesday's meeting with her husband Bruce. They presented information about the Michigan Polio Network, which provides services and support for polio survivors.

For more information about the Rotary's efforts eradicate polio, visit endpolio.org. To learn more about Farmington Rotary, visit clubrunner.ca/farmington/.



Pictured with Phil Abraham (left), are polio survivors Bruce and Dianne Sachs, representing the Michigan Polio Network.



Farmington Rotary Club president Phil Abraham and District polio committee chair Ginger Barrons are pictured with the End Polio Now flame.



Rotary Club of Rochester

■ Submitted by Rhonda Panczyk Assistant Governor 2015-2016

The home club of our district governor is Auburn Hills Rotary. Recently, club president Jesse Lillard organized a group of Rotarians to volunteer at the chamber's annual Taste of Auburn Hills event held at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum. Left to right: club president Jesse Lillard, Dave from Rochester Mills Brewery, assistant governor Rhonda Panczyk, and District 6380 Governor Henry Dotson



Rotary Club of Livingston Sunrise

■ Submitted by Brenda K. Tipton and James Watters



On September 20, the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club participated in a Rotary/Family/Community workday at Horses' Haven in Howell, Michigan. Twenty-plus club members spent the day tearing down and rebuilding a shelter run-in from the original frame out to a finished structure, painting and refinishing two additional pasture shelter run-ins as well as performed additional cleaning and cobweb removal from the inside

horse stalls within the main arena structure.

The club members were joined by a few additional volunteers from the county jail as well as family members and young men from the Howell football team.

Club president nominee Brenda K. Tipton organized the day's activity along with the facilities representative board president and barn manager Jill Fredrickson and fellow Rotarian Mike Mazuaek. All materials, paint, lumber, roofing and siding were supplied in partnership and sponsored by the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club and Horses Haven. Additional funding for continued yearly Rotary Family days has been requested in a future grant from the Rotary District 6380.

Founded in 1995 by Barbara Baker, Horses' Haven is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Their mission is to take in and provide humane care for aged, abused, unwanted, rescued and neglected horses, ponies, donkeys and other large animals, and for those whose owners can no longer afford to keep them. Horses' Haven is a Livingston County Rescue that depends solely on the generosity of its supporters who share our love and compassion for our animal friends. They are 100% supported by volunteers 365 days a year, 24x7 with two shifts each day one morning and one afternoon. The board of directors consists of compassionate and dedicated people who are committed to carrying out Horses' Haven's mission. Each has the vision to see that it is possible for all animals to be given another chance. Find out how you can help, or make a donation that will go directly to caring for these special animals at www.horseshaven.org

