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Rotary District 6380

Newsletter

JUNE 2018



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Barry Fraser

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2 June — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference:
Basic Education and Literacy and Peace, Chicago,
Illinois, USA

June 25 Zone 28 & 29 District Governors Dinner
The National Club

23-27 June — Rotary International Convention,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

30 June — Last day for Rotary and Rotaract clubs
to report goals for the Rotary Citation

30 June — Rotary Foundation Distinguished
Service Award nominations are due

30 June — Rotary Alumni Global Service Award
nominations (from zones) are due

30 June — Rotary Alumni Association of the Year
Award nominations (from zones) are due

July 12 ~ Meet the Governor Night, 6-10 p.m.
LAZY J Ranch, Milford MI

March 14-16, 2019 Great Lakes PETS

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The 25th of the previous month is the
deadline for articles and photos for the
district newsletter that is sent out on the
first of the next month.

Send to Linda May at
lindamay@ameritech.net

JUNE ♦ is ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

2017-2018 Year of Actions and Memories

■ District Governor Barry Fraser

Dear District 6380 Rotarians:

It was now 18 months ago that RI President Ian Riseley announced to the current 2017-18 Class of 539 district governors around the world at the RI International Assembly in San Diego his theme of Rotary: "Making a Difference." For him this small phrase describes not only what we in clubs/districts do now, but what we aspire to do worldwide in over 200 countries.



Over our year together, we have shared, witnessed and participated in many events across our international district. Together we have seen local community and international outreach projects, met with and had fun with youth exchange students from potentially 25 countries and shared likewise with our over 40 Interact and three Rotaract Clubs in high schools and universities in their own community outreaches. Of course, Rotary's future is with our younger demographic partnered with the experience of our longer team members.

My visit to all 53 clubs in the district – large, larger, medium and small – your fundraisers and celebration events, your community outreach events and seeing visual evidence of Rotary in the community – like parks and gardens – all bring to me warm memories.

I am enthused that our district has shared in our international president's commitment to planting trees – a function of environmental sustainability and of our long-term goal of "Preserve Planet Earth." Just as he has announced, his goal of 1.2 million trees has been surpassed so has our district's goal of over 2,000 trees which will be easily achieved. The final number will be known in a month. The planting of 100 trees in the Ypsilanti area as part of the district conference was one of our highlights. Yes, we can proudly say we recognized in Rotary – The Year of the Tree!

The district and clubs continue to be committed of the ongoing support needed toward the polio eradication campaign through its continuing advocacy, fundraising and financial support. Last year we had only 22 new cases of paralysis in only two countries. This year we are on a path to having even fewer – which will not go unnoticed at the Toronto convention this month.

This past year we have celebrated the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. Thanks to you as members, and to your clubs, for your continual support to the Foundation for its Six Areas of Focus to do good in the world as Rotarians – People of Action!

Barry Fraser District Governor 2017/18

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We also have celebrated all year the 30th anniversary of Women in Rotary with our cruise on the Detroit River last August and with our quite-clearly increased number of women joining our clubs, including in leadership roles. In fact, signs are pointing toward an overall increased membership in the district!

Carolyn and I have traveled the district together with many direct memories. We learned you like to keep in shape as you collected sponsorships for the great bike ride or running a race on a Rotary-built track, trying your skills on golf courses or swing to hit the ball into the drilled holes in a frozen lake for winter golf! You even let rubber ducks have a race for Fun and Funds! Or how about walking the Rotary Trail to view the newly installed playground equipment, the trees, the birdhouses or the butterfly garden?

Maybe you listened to a band in your Rotary park, or picked up garbage on the roadside, just to let the community know the many things Rotarians do for the community.

We were impressed that you organized so that children could obtain school supplies, books and dictionaries. You also supplied mentors, mental health support and other educational encouragement and help.

Your club ideas are making life-changing and lifesaving projects in many areas of the world. You provided health care, educational opportunities, eyeglasses and operations, school supplies, while encouraging learning opportunities for all genders. Providing medical equipment and expertise, safe food, clean water and sanitation, operating wells, and buildings for shelter and schools are very often on the action lists of Rotarians!

All the best to DGE Jane McManus who is developing a strong team of Assistant Governors, Leadership Chairs for Membership, Foundation, Public Image and Youth Programs, a renewed Communication Hub and a continued strong connection to our Zone. I feel good about the directions District 6380 is headed with the strength of Rotary being at the club level right in your own communities – yes, “Boots on the Ground!”

DISTRICT 6380 LEADERSHIP TEAM 2017–18

The district leadership team has to be a function of members committed with passion and an effective series of committees all complementary and supportive to each other. Thanks to these People of Action for Rotary: Making a Difference!

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

District Governor – Barry Fraser – Chatham

Lead Assistant Governor – Paul Schissler – Chelsea

Sectors:

1: Sparky Leonard – Chatham & Ken Corlett – Dresden

2: David French – Blenheim

3: Sarah Lee – Mount Clemens

4: Tom Neveau – Rochester

5: Sam Abu-Hamdan – Troy

6: Chris Winans – Birmingham

7: Rhonda Panczyk – Rochester

8: Alan McLellan – Rochester

9: Paul McVey – Lakes Area

10: Aleia MacDonald – Livingston Sunrise

11: Mike McManus – Brighton

12: Anne Nauts – Chelsea

Executive Committee:

Intermediate Past District Governor: Michael Caruso – Troy

District Governor Elect: Jane McManus – Brighton

District Governor Nominee: Sparky Leonard – Chatham

Conference Chair, District Trainer & District Governor Nominee Designate:
Karen Gabrys – Ypsilanti

Vice Governor: PDG Gerry Jackson – Davisburg

Lead Past District Governor – PDG Audrey Chevalier – Chatham - Sunrise

Secretary: Tamra Ward – Ypsilanti

Treasurer: Kevin Delaere – Troy

Finance Chair: Don Jackson – Blenheim

Membership Chair: Rhonda Panczyk – Rochester

Public Image Chair: Alysson Storey – Chatham

Youth Services Chair: Steve Youtz – Milford

Polio Campaign: Keith Koke–Chatham & Ginger Barrons–Sterling Heights

District Grant Chair: Joe Bauman – Birmingham

Foundation/Fundraising Chair: PDG Don Riddell – Troy

Scholarship Chair: Neil Loney – Ypsilanti

Zone Foundation Chair: PDG Janet McPeck – Rochester

RYLA Chair: Jim Adams – Troy

Interact Chair: Tina Marie Sanders – Novi

Rotaract Chair: Shelley Lake – Royal Oak

Youth Exchange Chair: Steve Youtz – Milford

Alumni Chair & Nominating Committee Chair PDG Lynn Morgan – Farmington

SPECIAL MENTION:

District Website/Club Runner Support: Phil Abraham – Farmington

District Newsletter: Linda May – Mount Clemens

PETS Operations Manager: PDG Don Chisholm – Royal Oak

PETS Registrar: Marc Cooper – Waterford

RI Council on Legislation: PDG Don Riddell – Troy

RI Council on Legislation Alternate: PDG Gail Scott – Ypsilanti

All 52 club presidents, presidents-elect and their respective leadership teams, including the soon-to-be-chartered E-Motorcycle Club

District Conference – Seven Minutes for Rotary

■ Barry Fraser District Governor 2017/18

As a function of bringing More Rotary into Rotary, the district conference featured “Seven Minutes for Rotary” to give attention to Rotary’s Six Areas of Focus:

1. **Maternal & Child Health** – For Novi Club's President Danny Langley Tia Maria Sanders presented on its community project of “Kids Coalition Against Hunger” as well as its Feed the Need Summer Lunch Program, which has served over 13,000 lunches to children in need over the last three years.
2. **New Way of Doing Projects** – Ann Arbor West Club President-Elect Bruce Dunbar told of their outreach program for the English language to orphan girls in Sir Lanka. The club also presents a Cross-Culture Event which highlights the talents and cultures of people from different parts of the world now living in and around the Ann Arbor area.
3. **Supportive Mental Health Program** – Dexter Rotary Club president Julie Shumaker highlighted the club's community outreach with Tank the Therapy Dog, which helps students at Mill Creek Middle School – “as he makes people feel happy.” He helps students to open up with anxiety concerns to school counselors.
4. **Small Club Gets Work Done in the Community** – Fowlerville Rotary Club – For president Matt Martin, Rick Hill and club secretary Dawn Horton told of a local farmer, Ed Addison who deeded 43 acres to the Village of Fowlerville. The club, in partnership with the town, developed two new ball fields as well as a one-mile long walking/running path known as the Rotary Mile. It has been very recently surfaced with recycled rubber and is now part of the Christmas in the Ville 5K race. Tied into this park is the Annual Pancake Fly-in each September.
5. **Literacy – Mount Clemens Rotary Club** – President Sam D’Angelo told of the Joan Rose Foundation which brings changes in Haiti while partnering with Rotary. The quality of education has exceeded expectations to improve the lives of impoverished children through education and supportive environments.
6. **Environmental Sustainability – “Year of the Trees”** – President Tania Sharpe of the Chatham Rotary Club – The Rotary Eco Trail in the O’Neill Nature Preserve, is a 1.6 KM/one-mile walking pathway in a 21-acre urban forest in the City of Chatham. In partnership with the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and the municipality over 150 shade-tolerant shrub and tree varieties have been planted. Rotary is considered the “Steward of the Preserve.”
7. **The Kid's Coalition Against Hunger – Milan Feeding the World** – Milan Rotary Club Edwards Ennguez, Past President told of the humanitarian food relief organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and feed children in need throughout the world. The initiative produces packets of dry food with enough nutrition for six adults or 12 children for a day. Over 20,000 packets were packed in March by Rotarians and their Community Friends of Rotary.

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Rotary Club Windsor (1918) Feted by RI President Riseley

Congratulations to our great neighbouring International District 6400 which celebrated its Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Gala on May 12. Emcee Immediate Past Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones welcomed over 300 guests, include District Governor Dr. Rick Caron. Special guest of honor was R.I. President Ian H.S. Riseley from Australia who congratulated the club on 100 Years of fellowship and service and for many more years to come, as the club continues to build Rotary Making a Difference.

The next time you are downtown Windsor take note of the club's anniversary milestone Rotary Centennial Plaza on the waterfront opposite the Renaissance Center in Detroit and beside the Windsor Casino.



Ian and Juliet Riseley, Carolyn and Barry Fraser

Annual Awards at District 6380 Conference

One of the functions of the annual district conference is to recognize and celebrate outstanding Rotarians of the district in their service to Rotary and their communities. The recipients are at the discretion of the district governor.

The recipients this year were:

1) **PDG Brymer Williams Foundation Award** to emulate Brymer's passion to the Rotary Foundation. Brymer served as President of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in 1987-88 going on to be district governor in 1990-91 and 1991-92 and received the club's highest award – **The Distinguished Service Award**

· Winner is **Ashish Sarkar** of the Ann Arbor Club, was the co-chair of the worldwide Rotary Peace Conference in Ann Arbor two years ago which brought together 700 seekers of peace to address the questions of "What will YOU do for Peace?" He is a world ambassador for Rotary, championing the work of the club's International Humanitarians Project Committee and active in nominating individuals for the Global Grant Scholar Study Program as well as Global Grants, especially in India.

2) **Arden Detert District Youth Award** to honour Arden's helping guide to young people to become outstanding individuals and support Rotary's RYLA programs and other District Youth Awards. Arden was a member of the Ferndale Club and was DG in 1985-86 and 1986-87.

· Winner is **Jim Adams** of the Troy Club and the coordinator of the RYLA Program in April for now several years. He demonstrates strong passion for challenged youth in his community knowing that literacy is a key for youth as they enter their adult years.

3) **Terry Youlton International Service Award** Terry of the Ridgeway Club was district governor 1997-98 and created many humanitarian projects over the years such as: promoting support of the Jaipur Limb Camps in India and proving mosquito nets to people in Africa, especially Tanzania. This award goes to a Rotarian who has done outstanding humanitarian work in counties of great need.

· This year's recipient is **Rhonda Panczyk**, a past president of the Rochester Club and a current assistant governor. She has been to Guatemala six times, has supported outreach work in Uganda and now in Ghana. Polio immunization has always been on her radar as a participant.

4) **Virginia Nordby Women in Rotary Award** Virginia has been a member of the Ann Arbor North Club since the introduction of women to Rotary in 1987. She was the first woman district governor nominated in the world of seven women district governors in 1993-94.

· This year's recipient is **Aleia MacDonald** of the Livingston Sunrise Club, a past president and currently an assistant governor. She was club Rotarian of the Year in 2012. She has excelled in her role as assistant governor this past year for Sector 10 clubs.

5) **George Hedgespeth Literacy Award** Past District Governor George was a member of the Birmingham Club serving for only three short days before his passing in July 2014. He fully understood the Rotary Foundation and its Six Areas of Focus. He saw literacy as the primary stepping stone to help individuals improve their lives, giving that person a chance to advance wherever their dreams may be.

· This year's winner is **Norma Jean Evans** of the Birmingham Club. She has been honoured to serve and be part of a developing literacy project her former coach and mentor (for whom this award is named) dreamed about where the project is called "The Better You Read! The Better Your Life!" Literacy Service Project.



Rotary Conference Final Thank-Yous

■ Barry Fraser – District Governor



Accolades to and much appreciation to Karen Gabrys DGND as conference overall chair who ensured all moving parts for our conference at the Eagle Crest Resort, Ypsilanti was promoted and ran smoothly.

Her speaker program team committee members began meeting in earnest last November. They were: Anne Nauts, Chelsea; Norma Sarka, Rosemarie Rowney, Marcia Lane and Bev Seiford of Ann Arbor; and Peggy Windsor, Ann Arbor North.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way – planning, promoting, contributing, celebrating, attending and congratulating.

- We were so pleased to have such a friendly and gracious RI representative Marilyn Kaplan from Oklahoma to bring greetings and news of Rotary International accompanied by her husband, alias Paul Harris. Thanks to Janet and Phil McPeek for being great hosts to them. Also Chris Etienne, Zone 29 Rotary Coordinator, of Michigan, who brought her enthusiasm as an International Training Leader.
- Plenary speakers Dr. Jeff Reutter, topic: Lake Erie Harmful Algae Blooms and Dead Zones and his panelists Mark Rowe, Blake Vince, and Marianne Willson; Ian Boeckh, topic: Youth Mental Health and panelists Elizabeth Koschmann, Tia Marie Sanders and Marquaun Kane; and William Lawrence, topic: The Value of Trees.
- Topping off Friday and Saturday evenings' banquets were keynote addresses from Mark Balla – The Toilet Man from Australia – and John U. Bacon – The Great Halifax Explosion.
- The Yankee Air Museum Fun Night with Rosie The Riveter Kick-off with lots of conversation, food and things to see was a highlight with good attendance promoted by the Ann Arbor club.
- We were proud of the fundraiser for polio eradication with the polio squares brought by PDG Keith Koke, Chatham, and Ginger Barrons, Sterling Heights, and the silent auction donations including the Foundation Centennial Wine donations from PDG Janet McPeek and Phil. Total Foundation support was \$1,800!
- Thanks to Paul Schisler, Lead AG, Chelsea and Don Jackson, Blenheim who hosted the hospitality room for after-hours visiting. This also to PDG Audrey Chevalier who arranged a time for the PDGs to chat about the wonderful experiences and challenges when they were district governors and highlighted ways they are contributing now to the district.
- Thanks to PDG Judy Garver - Coordinator of Speaker Aides; PDG Don Riddell - District Awards; Eduardo and Glenda Enriquez - Sponsorships; House of Friendship - John Mucha and Tania Sharpe; Scott Nelson - 100 Trees for Ypsilanti; Marketing / Public Relations – Karen Gabrys and Sandie Lynn Cortez; Stage Manager – Tom Neveau; Photography – R.J. Cronkhite, Mike McManus and Phil McPeek; Videographer – Eduardo Enriquez; Registration / Greeters – Don Deatrick, Barbara Eichmuller, Cheryl Farmer, Lynda Ludy, Sarah Lee and Tania Sharpe.
- And lastly through RI Rep. Marilyn Kaplan – Ian Riseley's message that the district conference would be motivating and a productive one was indeed achieved. He calls on all of us together to achieve great things through our Service to Rotary with People of Action – Making a Difference!

Conference 2018 | People of Action Making A Difference

■ Submitted by Karen M. Gabrys Rotary District 6380 Conference Co-Chair

Conference 2018 hit it out of the park! District 6308 came together for three days to discuss key issues relevant not only to Rotary's Areas of Focus, but also to issues that affect communities across our district.

Our keynote speakers talked about water and sanitation issues in India and the unexpected consequences of war – both key issues related to our areas of focus.

Our plenary session addressed water and sanitation issues facing our Great Lakes and the issues so many of our children face every day at home and in school and the devastating effects these issues have on their mental health.

Conference 2018 gave us an opportunity to begin the discussion that will lead to real solutions. We know if we pull together as a district, we can develop real solutions to the algae bloom problem in Lake Erie and help our young people develop coping solutions to address mental health issues.

Whether you attended the conference or just have a passion for one or both of the issues, you can be a part of district wide committees that will look for solutions to these issues – both on the district and club level.

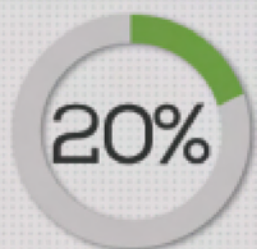
We made a commitment to be **People of Action** and we have an opportunity for District 6380 Rotarians to continue the work we began at Conference 2018. If you would like to take action and be a part of the solution, email 6380conference@gmail.com expressing which committee – Lake Erie Algae Blooms or Youth Mental Health – you are willing to serve to find a solution on a district or club level.



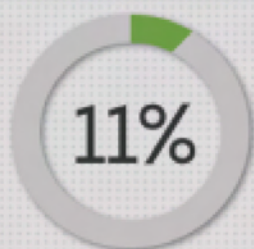
Carolyn Fraser, Karen Gabrys, Bev Seiford, Rosemarie Rowney, Norma Sarkar, Anne Nauts and Barry Fraser.

Mental Health Facts CHILDREN & TEENS

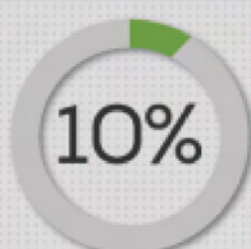
Fact: 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have a serious mental illness.¹



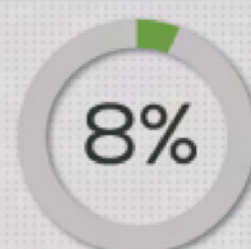
20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition¹



11% of youth have a mood disorder¹



10% of youth have a behavior or conduct disorder¹



8% of youth have an anxiety disorder¹

Cycle of Algae Blooms in Lake Erie

1 Runoff from fertilizer, which contains phosphorus, runs into ditches and streams before ending up in the Maumee River.

2 Phosphorus also comes from treated water from wastewater treatment plants, flowing from ditches into the river.

3 As the Maumee dumps phosphorus into Lake Erie, a nutrient for algae, it begins to bloom. Blooms typically peak in August and September.

Blue-green algae is toxic to humans and animals and can kill fish. In the past, algae has shut down water treatment plants and harmed recreational fishing along the western basin of Lake Erie.

4 As blue-green algae decomposes, it sinks to the bottom of the lake, eating up oxygen and contributing to the dead zone.

Dead Zone

5 Algae remains dormant until late spring. Sunlight can reach it and it floats back up to the surface where it receives more nutrients from the river.

Infographic by Adam King and Alex Alusheff.

PLEASE THANK OUR CONFERENCE 2018 SPONSORS

These sponsors helped by providing printing and marketing services, speaker travel, and support for our 100 Trees for Ypsilanti service project.



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District 6380 Conference Tree Planting 2018

- Lauren Heinonen, new member in the Ann Arbor Rotary Club
- Scott Nelson, Immediate Past President of the Ann Arbor North Rotary Club

A particularly motivated group of newly-inducted members from District 6380's Ann Arbor Rotary Club promptly seized a unique opportunity to make an immediate long-term commitment to their community. Hearing of President Ian H.S. Riseley's vision for one tree to be planted for every Rotarian, combined with the need for funding of 100 trees that were to be planted at the District 6380 Conference, an idea was born: Tree tags.

100 tags sporting the district's logo and a space to write in a name for whom the tree is dedicated, sturdy enough to face the extreme mood swings of Michigan weather but flexible enough to grow with the trees over years, were sold to members of District 6380 and community members alike. Over \$6,000 in proceeds were raised to help fund the beautiful native, non-invasive trees, chosen by Ypsilanti Township and Washtenaw Community Parks and Recreation.

They were planted in eight parks all around Ypsilanti, Michigan. District Governor Barry Fraser and his wife

Carolyn dedicated trees to PDG Brymer Williams and Sarah Wagenaar-Molnar who as district governor and a Grade 1 student in Chatham, respectively, in 1991, planted a ceremonial Colorado Spruce tree. This was the first of some 5,000 trees which were planted on 22 school properties in Chatham and areas in 1991 and 1992, now some 25 to 30 feet tall from 27 years ago!

Dave Williams, son of Brymer and a current member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, and Sarah, a current member of the Chatham Rotary Club were present at this year's conference, emphasizing the district's ongoing dedication to commitment to the community through trees.

Nearly 40 Rotarians and community members, including local Cub Scouts, the University of Michigan Rotaract Club, and an exchange student from the Czech Republic put on their steel-toed boots and work gloves and got to work to get the trees in the ground. A total of 65 trees were planted in three hours on May 6. An additional 25 trees were planted May 17 by Rotarians and community volunteers. The remaining

10 trees will be planted by Ypsilanti township for a total of 100. The Rotary Club of Ypsilanti provided a picnic lunch to close out the tree planting. Ypsilanti Rotary also provided \$2,000 toward the total project cost of \$5,100.

The trees were sourced from Lodi Farms Nursery of Ann Arbor. Scott Nelson, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, organized the entire effort. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North donated \$1,500 toward the project. Scott made contacts with Ypsilanti Township and the Washtenaw County Parks Department who were happy to receive the gift of the trees.

In typical Rotary fashion, the 100 trees were split 50/50 between the two entities. Lodi Farms was suggested as a good source of the native / non-invasive tree species required for the project. The receiving entities selected the locations, sizes and species of trees. They even picked the trees up from Lodi.

This project fit "The Four-Way Test" in every way imaginable!



PIZZA FOR POLIO ~ WORLD POLIO DAY OCT. 24, 2018

- Ginger Barrons, District 6380 Polio Co Chair – GBarrons1@mi.rr.com or 248-348-5244
- PDG Keith Koke, District 6380 Polio Co Chair – keith@ciaccess.com

Wow, June already! Where did our Rotary year go? Please remember to send your polio donations to the Rotary Foundation Polio Fund NOW! Keith and I are looking forward to being able to recognize your club for meeting the Polio Challenge in this Rotary year. However, we need to make sure that your donation of \$1,500 or more arrives before June 30, designated for polio. If you need any assistance with this, please contact us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Foundation Chair PDG Don Chisholm for all of his support and assistance at the helm of our District Foundation Committee. Don, the wealth of knowledge you have on all our Foundation programs will be missed. (So, I guess you can expect a few “Help” calls.) Thank you for your countless hours of doing the paperwork and hosting the meetings that truly made our District Foundation run smoothly. We can’t thank you enough for all you do! We would also like to thank Governor Barry Fraser for all of his support as well. We couldn’t have done all the things we do without Barry’s kind leadership!

Plan Now for World Polio Day October 24

Looking forward to **World Polio Day on October 24**, we hope all our district clubs are brainstorming how they will use this special day to bring awareness to Rotary’s Polio Campaign.

The next few years, as we work toward Setting the Sun on polio, it will be critical to increase awareness and funding for vaccine. As government funding wanes in many at-risk border countries, it will be even more important that Rotarians keep up the awareness so that we do not lose ground.

Pizza for Polio is an easy and cost-free way for your club to create awareness in your town and raise a few dollars for the polio fund too. We hope you will join us in serving up a slice of life for the Children of the World. If you would like some assistance in how to get this started in your club, please contact us.

In Canada, PDG Keith Koke and the Canadian clubs have had great success with this campaign. In the USA, we have a few clubs who tried this for the first time last year and can’t wait to do it again! It’s not too early to start your planning.



We wish you all a fun, safe and productive summer!

Foundation Minute



Turkey is home to more than 2.7 million Syrian refugees, according to the United Nations. To promote understanding among Syrian and Turkish schoolchildren, the Rotaract Club of Izmir Ekonomi trained young students to become partners in peace. Working with the Council of Europe, European Law Students’ Association, the UN, and child psychologists, the Rotaractors hosted two workshops, asking the children to express their feelings through painting. The artwork revealed that the students had a lot in common. Club members also taught the children conflict resolution skills.

For establishing peaceful relationships in the community, the Izmir Ekonomi club received the 2016-17 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award for Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.

This is Rotary at work – its mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, good will and PEACE through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.



Anchor Bay Rotary Charities Sixth Annual Fun Run

**Held during the
Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival**

Date: June 23, 2018

Time: 8:30 AM

Pre-register by: June 1, 2018

Entry fees:

- \$20.00 for Pre-registered runners
- \$25.00 for registration received after June 1, 2018 and on the day of the race.
- \$15.00 for students (with student ID and under the age of 18 years).

Late Registration will be accepted until 30-minutes before the start of the race.

5 Kilometer race through Historic New Baltimore.

Chip Timing included in registration fee.

The race starts and ends at: **the corner of Washington St. and Front St.—Downtown New Baltimore.**



PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the overall first place finishers for males & females.

In addition, awards will be presented to the first and second place finishers in each of the age categories listed on the application form.

T-shirts will be awarded to all race participants.

Sponsored by:

**Anchor Bay
Rotary
Charities**

For more information or registration:

Registration forms and ON-LINE Registration is available at www.anchorbayrotary.com. Registration will also be available on race day, until 30 minutes before the start of the race. Make checks payable to Anchor Bay Rotary Charities and mail to:

Anchor Bay Rotary Charities
P.O. Box 444
New Baltimore, MI 48047

For more information or any questions, email Race Chairperson at rich@miillercpa.com

Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Janette Phillips

The Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club continued its year-long effort to provide support and participate in service each and every month. The club hosted an appreciation lunch for 50+ Bloomfield Township Firefighters.

On April 19, the Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club hosted its second annual appreciation lunch for the firefighters, first responders and staff of Bloomfield Township. The club coordinated and delivered food from 25 area restaurants and shops. The food was delivered to three stations and lunch was served at the main firehouse. Capt. Chris Whitehead was very appreciative of Rotary's efforts again this year. The area restaurants also enjoy the chance to give back to the first responders and look forward to next fall when the club will host lunch for police and township staff. All in all, it was a wonderful day of food and fellowship with our first responders.



Our guests!



Friend of Rotary Karen Wilson, Rotarian Janette Phillips, fire interns, Rotarian Pam Ferguson, Friend of Rotary Sandy Morelli



Rotarians Ralph Pederson, Pam Ferguson, Township Supervisor Leo Savoie, Friend of Rotary Sandy Morelli, Rotarian Christine Tvaroha.



Event planner and Friend of Rotary Sandy Morelli and her son, Gianni Morelli



The food!

Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Janette Phillips

On May 12, more than 30 walkers supported the Bloomfield Township Meals on Wheels program by walking a 5k on the indoor track. The weather did not cooperate that weekend for anything outdoors. The walkers made the best of the weather and were cheered on by the Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club's new Interact team from Bloomfield Hills High School. They passed out water and encouraged the walkers throughout the event. The students and walkers had a great time and everyone stayed dry!



Interact Club supports Compassion Walk for Bloomfield Township Senior Center: Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club sponsor Janette Phillips and Interactors Maddie Wein, Jacqueline Mularoni, and Brody Mayoras

Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club provides support to the Pontiac Rotary Club Career Day



The club stayed busy and continued its goal of at least one service project per month by also supporting the Pontiac Rotary Club's Career Day on May 3. The Bloomfield Hills club hosted eight students at McLaren Hospital, where students received a hands-on tour from Dr. Robert Ferguson, Rotarian and surgeon at McLaren. The students drove a distracted driving simulator, practiced stitching up a patient via robotic surgery, and also practiced scoping for a colonoscopy! They really learned about surgery!

Another group of four students visited the Bloomfield Township TV station where they worked the cameras, sound system and lights for a live TV program! Special thanks to Rotarian Christine Tvaroha for arranging that session.



The Pontiac Rotary Club's Career Day event was wonderful and we encourage other clubs to participate next year!

Dexter Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Quaila Pant

Planting 41 Trees with Local Organizations Within the Dexter Community

The Rotary Club of Dexter partnered with volunteers from the Dexter Community School system, Granger Construction, local Boy Scout troops, Mill Creek's CS&L (Community Service and Leadership), the STRIVE program, as well as a host of volunteers from around the Dexter community to plant trees on May 19. This project supports both Rotary International's 2018 goal of planting a tree for each member of Rotary, as well as working with our schools system to replace trees harvested to make room for the new sports fields adjacent to the Dexter High School. The Dexter Rotary, with 41 members strong, committed to planting 41 Norway Pines ranging in size from 3 feet to 4 feet tall. The trees were planted to the east of Parker Road and just south of the high school parking lot over an area spanning nearly two hundred yards. The project, a joint effort between the Dexter Rotary, Granger Construction and Dexter Community Schools, seeks to create a noise and wind barrier for the soon-to-be-completed sports complex adjacent to the high school. The project is being completely funded through the Dexter Rotary at a cost exceeding \$4,500 and seeks to continue the longstanding tradition of Rotary giving back to its community and practicing "Service above Self." To learn more about the Rotary Club of Dexter, visit: www.rotarydexter.org or join us every Thursday morning at The Fillmore for our weekly breakfast meetings at 7:15 a.m.



Unconditional Love and Acceptance: Improving Students' Mental Health with a School Facility Dog

■ Submitted by Julie Schumaker, Dexter Rotary Club President, and Dexter Community Schools Board Member



Today's youth increasingly suffer from anxiety, depression and stress. Schools have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students who are experiencing significant mental health concerns. To help create a friendly, welcoming environment and assist students facing emotional difficulties, the Dexter Rotary Club has placed two trained facility dogs at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter Community Schools since 2010.

The inspiration for this project came from a club member who read about the placement of a facility dog in another school district. A committee was formed to explore the idea which was supported by the Dexter Rotary Club, Dexter Community Schools, and Mill Creek Middle School. The first dog, aptly named Dexter, was placed in 2010 and served for six years. A second dog, named Tank, was placed in 2017. Tank greets students in the morning and serves alongside the school counselors. He has his own online schedule so teachers can reserve him for classroom visits.

There are a number of benefits to having a facility dog. Dogs are nonjudgmental and offer unconditional love and acceptance to students. The dog's presence in counseling sessions helps students feel less inhibited and opens the lines of communication. They calm students who are emotionally overwhelmed, anxious or violent. The dogs can also teach responsibility with walking and caring for the dog used as part of a reward system. But the best evidence of the dog's impact

can be found in the words of staff members and students.

"Tank has been a great resource for helping kids with anxiety, depression, grief, and stress. When a student is hurting, Tank provides comfort. When a student is in a severe panic attack, Tank can work magic that humans can't." – Counselor Rob Grams

"Within the first two weeks... I personally witnessed and was grateful for Tank's assistance with helping calm a student who became extremely upset and aggressive within a matter of seconds." – Deputy Gerrod Visel, School Resource Officer

Student comments made daily: "I really need Tank today." "Can Tank just stay in the room all day?" "If Tank does not come to school, neither am I."

"There are days that many of my students would not have made it through the day without having Tank by their side. Tank just knows when the kids are having a hard time and will help comfort them." – Julia Arbour, Special Education Teacher

To make this possible, the Dexter Rotary Club provides logistical and financial support. First, the club identifies and obtains a dog whose temperament is suitable for working with children in a school setting. Next, the services of a dog trainer to train the dog and handlers is secured. Then, club members interview and select a staff member to be the local host family for the dog. Lastly, the club obtains agreements with a local veterinarian, pharmacy, and food supplier to provide ongoing care. After all arrangements have been made, ownership for the dog is transferred to the school district with the Rotary Club available for ongoing assistance, as needed.

Tank, like his predecessor, makes friends wherever he goes. Students reach out to pet him and he puts a smile on the faces of students, staff and visitors alike. In the words of Mill Creek Middle School Principal Jami Bronson, "Tank has been a wonderful addition to Mill Creek... All schools should have a facility/therapy dog! Thank you, Rotary!"

Livingston Sunrise Rotary celebrates AG Aleia MacDonald and its new July 4th One Million Dollar* Duck Race!

Livingston Sunrise Rotarians are proud to announce our excitement with having one of our own be presented with this year's "Woman in Rotary Award" selected by District Governor Barry Fraser. This award honors women members and leaders in our District 6380 and presented to the district Rotarian in recognition of her leadership and services to Rotary. Past President and current Assistant Governor for Sector 10, Aleia MacDonald has accomplished some amazing things in both her professional, personal and Rotary lives. Congratulations Aleia, on this outstanding award and club achievements. We will always remember your love of the annual cemetery cleanup and for bacon with the removal of the monthly continental breakfast!

Coming up during the July 4th day of independence celebration, the Sunrise Rotarians have added a new feature to their annual yellow plastic duck race. This year, participants will have a chance to win one million dollars* in the Yellow Duck Race on the Millpond in Brighton as part of the July 4th day of celebration. Come join the fun in downtown Brighton.



Independence Day • July 4th Downtown Brighton Million Dollar* Duck Race Duck race scholarships are available!

The Duck Race will happen after the parade at the Brighton Mill Pond.

Detailed information of the Million Dollar Duck race and sponsorships can be found at
<http://www.brightonjuly4.com/>

Grand prize chance to win one million dollars*, or \$2,500

Second prize \$1,000. Third prize \$500

Need not be present to win and no online sales. License #R47982

Tickets are available now, at the parade,
and at the downtown Brighton farmers market.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact
Mark Newton ~ mark@marknewt.com ~ 810-522-8970

*If you are looking for a club that has added "HAVE FUN" to #5 in "The Four-Way Test," this is the club to visit. See our upcoming events at
www.livingstonsunriserotary.org
and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonSunriseRotary/>*



Mount Clemens Rotary Club

■ Compiled by Linda May

Michele Kelly coordinated a Mount Clemens Rotary Club crew to sort food May 18, May 30 and June 12 at the Macomb Food Pantry Warehouse.



Tom Davies



Nancy Dedenbach



Ron Dedenbach

JUST FOR FUN THIS SUMMER:

June 24 Baseball Game at Jimmy John's Field in Utica

July 19 Boat Outing at the Clinton River Boat Club



Past club president Eric Pierson and his mother Lois presented a family scholarship at a Mount Clemens Rotary Club meeting. The scholarship is in memory of the late Dick Pierson, who also served as a club president. Patrick Jeffers and his teacher Brian Manninen from the L'Anse Creuse Pankow Center accepted the scholarship. Eric noted how proud his family is to be part of the scholarship program and Jeffers mentioned his desire to have a career in the construction and building business. There is a memorial golf outing that is just for fun and remembrance of Dick on Sept. 20 at the Gowanie Golf and Country Club.



On May 19 there was a group service club event for nearly 200 at the Rec Bowl for the Mount Clemens Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimists laying the groundwork for mutual cooperation and support of the city and its residents.



On June 8, the President's Ball is at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library - South Branch to welcome Larry Neal as the new president of the Mount Clemens club. Larry is the executive director of the library system.



The students we sponsored to RYLA: Brooke Card, Madison Atwell, Salvatore Vitale



Royal Oak Rotary Club Children's Books for Little Free Libraries

■ Submitted by Shelley Lake



At the district conference in 2015, our Inbound Exchange students painted refurbished newspaper boxes and they became Little Free Libraries (LFL).

Rotarians donated lots of books to the effort. The motto of the Little Free Library system is "take a book, leave a book." If that were the case, there would be no need to replenish the Little Free Libraries which are located in Detroit and Hamtramck. Unfortunately, not everyone has a book to replace the book they take, so the LFLs need restocking periodically.

Since 2015, the Rotaract Club of Oakland University and my husband and I have replenished the LFLs. All the books are stored in my garage in Troy awaiting distribution. Ten libraries were painted and we have nine remaining libraries.

The books that are taken first are children's books – from infant to teenagers. Being quite popular, we are requesting children's books be donated to the LFLs.

You need not deliver them to me but could come to a Royal Oak Rotary Club meeting and drop them off, or telephone me at 248-219-6437 and we'll make arrangements.

Royal Oak Rotary meets on Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1314 Northwood Blvd., Royal Oak 48073.



Rochester Rotary Gives Tens of Thousands to Local Charities and Scholarships Winners

■ Submitted by John Somerville

Spring is an exciting time of the year for the Rochester Rotary Club. From golf outings to wine tastings, to meeting “fines” imposed by a sharp-witted “sheriff” at a weekly club comedy roast, the club works hard to raise money for a variety of charities. And each year, during April and May, they get to announce the recipients of substantial donations and award numerous scholarships to local high school students.

The two biggest fundraisers of the year are the charity golf outing in the fall and the wine & beer tasting in the spring.

In the fall of 2017, the golf outing raised over \$12,000 and just a few weeks ago, the wine & beer tasting raised over \$30,000 between ticket sales and the silent auction.

On a smaller scale, during the club's weekly lunch meetings, one of several “sheriffs,” (including actual Rochester Police Chief Steve Schettenhelm and Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett), takes the podium and entertains the group with some good-natured ribbing and humorous observations.

You might be fined for having watched the Kentucky Derby, or for not watching it, or sometimes for both. Weekly fines are capped at \$3 and it all goes toward charity. And there sure is a lot to give away.



In late April, the Rochester Rotary Club awarded six different students with a variety of scholarships. Worth a total of \$8,000, they will help each student to continue pursuing their educational dreams. Recipients included:

- Sarah Trumza (Rochester) Rotary Award Scholarship
- Bilal Ibrahim (Rochester): Community Service Scholarship
- Adia Brooks (Stoney Creek): Community Service Scholarship
- Dema Boutany (Rochester): Sally Case Courage Scholarship
- Zahra Ahmed (Rochester): Paul Harris Scholarship
- Amelia Buckmaster (Rochester Adams): Paul Harris Scholarship

Rotary supports the community outside the classroom as well. During one of their May meetings, Rotary presented \$1,000 to the Paint Creek Center for the Arts to support their ongoing advocacy and investment in the arts. They also presented Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County with a check for almost \$6,000 to help them continue building strong and self-reliant homeowners in the local community. And to top it all off, the club presented a donation of \$10,000 to the Rochester Neighborhood House which helps our Rochester neighbors get back on their feet during times of hardship.

“It’s a genuine honor to be a part of these donations,” said Charities Board Chairwoman Rhonda Panczyk. “We have fun raising the money by golfing and sipping wine, but the real joy is in seeing the excitement on the faces of our outstanding young scholarship winners and knowing how much good these funds will do in the hands of outstanding local nonprofit organizations. Being a part of this is exactly why I’m a Rotarian.”



Utica/Shelby Township Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Chuck O'Connor

Utica/Shelby Township Rotary Club is sponsoring its 43rd annual golf outing on **Monday, July 16** with a shotgun start at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Macomb, MI 586-598-9500.

Our outing provides for lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by 18 holes of golf. Includes complimentary range balls, beer and soft drinks on the course, par 3 challenges, as well as Guess your Distance Driving contest.

We complete the day with a filet dinner with many opportunities to win some prizes and share stories of the day. We believe this to be the longest running charitable golf outings in Macomb County.

You can contact the following people to register or to find out more information about the outing:

Mark Ollila (248-652-7146)
Dino Morelli (586-321-6540)
Kate DiLiddo (248-495-0590)

Chris Suhy (586-453-1479)
Ron Sy (586-247-5273)
Chuck O'Connor (586-557-2651)



Ann Arbor Rotary West

Starting in July- New location and time:
When: 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:30-6:30pm
Where: Absolute Title
2875 W Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor, 48103
All visitors welcome/makeup attendance
For more information contact
Catherine Franklin:
cfranklin@absolutetitleinc.com



Submitted by Jennifer Gingell

Warren Rotary Club Accepted Tree Challenge

■ Submitted by Jan Loch

When the Rotary International president challenged the world's 1.3 million members to plant a tree in 2017-2018 per each Rotarian, the Rotary Club of Warren accepted that challenge. Their goal was for members to individually plant a tree in their own yards or to collectively find an area in need and supply the trees and plant them. Warren Rotarian Ed Duering, of the Salvation Army post in Warren – an emergency housing and counseling center for men, women and children – determined that they, indeed, needed trees for their substantial property. After a successful shopping trip – members met on Saturday, June 2 to finish the challenge.

