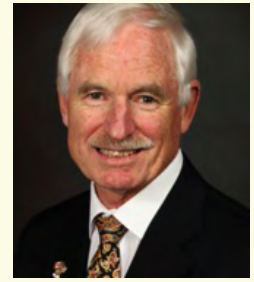




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Rotary District 6380 Newsletter MARCH 2018



**District Governor
Barry Fraser**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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- March 12-18 ~ World Rotaract Week
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- March 15 noon to March 17 afternoon dismissal ~
Great Lakes Rotary PETS 2018
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- March 17 ~ Presidential Peacebuilding
Conference: Economic and Community
Development and Peace, Sydney, New South
Wales, Australia
-
- March 24 ~ Rotary Day at the UNESCO
headquarters, Paris
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- March 31 ~ Preregistration discount ends for the
Rotary International Convention
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- April 14 ~ District Assembly Location TBD
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- April 20 at 4 p.m. to April 22 at 3 p.m. ~ RYLA
2018 at Camp Copneconic
-
- May 3-6 ~ District Conference 2018
Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI
-
- July 12 ~ Meet the Governor Night
LAZY J Ranch, Milford MI
-
- June 23-28 ~ Train to Toronto via rail
International Convention
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- Like Rotary District 6380 on Facebook
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- Register for upcoming D6380 Events at
www.Rotary6380.org
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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
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MARCH ❖ Water and Sanitation Month

■ District Governor Barry Fraser

President Ian Riseley's second of six Presidential Peace Building Conferences was last month in Beirut, Lebanon featuring Water and Sanitation one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus.

One of Rotary's over two dozen Rotary Action Groups is Water and Sanitation (WASRAG.) It clearly states, "There is no other single issue that can impact the health, education, economy, equality and progress of all people than the need for CLEAN WATER and SANITATION." In fact, clean water clearly ties together Rotary's Six Areas of Focus toward Environmental Sustainability and lasting Peace!



World Water Day is March 22. It draws attention to the 1.8 billion people worldwide who must rely on contaminated water. Rotarians are privileged to be partnered with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals launched in 2015. The collective target is to ensure everyone has access to clean water by 2030. Clean water is indeed the first step toward eradication extreme poverty. Rotary is indeed following a strong focus toward clean water worldwide!

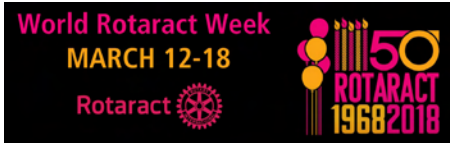


Each year, Rotary International expects districts to hold a district conference for club members so they can learn about what's happening in Rotary and their district and meet other Rotarians in their area. Our D6380 conference this year runs from Friday to Sunday morning, May 4-6 and includes:

- A visit from RI International President Ian Riseley's representative, who gives an update on Rotary International and inspire and motivate us as participants
- A report on the district, including its successes and challenges by the district governor and its executive leadership
- An official business meeting to discuss and vote on important district matters as required
- Local and international speakers giving information on topics relevant to district members
- Time to network, reconnect with friends, and find inspiration for continuing service and community leadership in our clubs, including our Interact and Rotaract clubs.

Your attention is drawn to the conference website for all conference-related communications, including registration: www.6380conference.org

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Rotaract – 50 Years of Doing Good!

■ Submitted by Barry Fraser

The March edition of the *RI Rotarian* “The Rotaract Issue” features 50 years Rotaract clubs doing good and having fun in the world since 1968. Today there are an estimated 250,000 Rotaractors serving in over 10,000 clubs in nearly every country where Rotary is – some 200! As DG, I am currently in the process of visiting with each of the district’s three clubs at the Universities of Michigan, Eastern State and Oakland. With no question, the energy, youthful and refreshing vision of members brings something wonderful to our sponsoring Rotary clubs, as well as to our local communities and yes, to the world with their outreach efforts. Let’s think of more ways of strengthening our ties with our Rotaractors such as joint meetings, running joint service projects all toward finding ways to better work together. Let’s celebrate World Rotaract Week March 12-19 by thinking of sponsoring a new club going into our second 50 years!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2018

■ Submitted by James Adams



Hopefully your club is busy recruiting students to participate in RYLA 2108. Remember that our goal is to have every club send at least three students to RYLA, Imagine the impact that we can have on that many young people in our district, and think of the positive effect that those lives can have in your communities and schools.

We planned to have the registration site up and running on March 1. The registration process will be similar to last year. The student (or their family) will start the process. From there, the club will provide an initial approval for that student. Then the student will fill out the remaining information. The parents will approve their participation, and then finally the club will approve it as well. The extra steps help us ensure that everyone is on board with each participant.

We are also looking for volunteers to help throughout the weekend to be Rotary Campers. In particular, our greatest need is for overnight help. Hanging out with the students and assuring safety and bedtime curfew is met. If you volunteer for an overnight role, you will also get to be one of our prestigious judges for our evening competitions. If that doesn't make you want to help, I don't know what will. Interested volunteers can reach out to Pattie Courtney, pcjohn15@yahoo.com

TIP OF THE WEEK: Consider sending past RYLarians. We no longer have a second and third year program, but your returning participants will have a completely different experience than the year before. Our committee works to create a unique curriculum each year for a three-year span. So that if someone attends three years, each year will feature new leadership principles and activities and helps them build upon what they learned the year before.

PAST TIPS: Reach out to community organizations to find students. Send exchange students. Don't forget that there are a number of recruiting resources to help you with your efforts at www.6380youth.org If I can help you with anything, please reach me at jimadams842@hotmail.com or at 248-330-4449.



Meet Youth Exchange Students April 29

■ Submitted by Jeff Lichty – Clarkston Rotary Club

Rotarians, join us on April 29 as we showcase our Youth Exchange Students, their host families and the families of the students going overseas. Hear the stories of our inbound students as they tell us some of the things they experienced while living here for a year. Meet the North American students that will be spending next year in a different country. In addition to celebrating our students, we will be thanking all the families that make this program work.

Last year, we had more than 100 non-Rotarians in the audience. It is our chance to show these families that Rotary is so much more the just Youth Exchange. The Youth Exchange committee would like you to help us showcase Rotary.

We will meet a DeCarlo’s Banquet and Convention Center in Warren, the home of the Warren Rotary Club. The event will start at 2 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. with a reception immediately after. Registration is required and available at the district website. See you Sunday, the 29th of April.

Plan for the day includes: drinks and a light food; appetizers at the conclusion of the event; two-hour event with one-hour reception at the end; welcome by the incoming governor, Jane McManus; welcome video by Deputy General Secretary Michele Berg the big Rotary picture: water and sanitation, polio, outside speakers

Joys of being a host family Chris Banks; thoughts of a rebound student Micaela Smith; keynote speaker dean of the Oakland University Honors College; the importance of the host family a Youth Exchange Jake McLouth; Steve Youtz will handle the long-term outbound program and jacket ceremony and flags and thank you; Caryl will handle the short-term program, Gabriel and Pattie will handle the inbound program; Jeff will emcee the program.

Inbound students arrive mid-afternoon on Saturday at the Hampton Inn Auburn Hills and practice their speeches. Shelley and Lew have agreed to chaperone. Introduction of the inbound program and speeches by inbound students.

DISTRICT 6380 CONFERENCE 2018

May 4-6, 2018

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Early Bird Registration Until March 15 ~ Last day to book for the group rate is April 4

To register, go to: www.rotary6380.org

Overlooking Ford Lake and nestled among 135 acres of championship golf, this premier Ypsilanti, Michigan hotel offers a tranquil, park setting and resort-style amenities. Newly renovated in 2016, the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest Resort is perfect for venue for our 2018 District Conference. The conference committee has secured a great rate of \$129 USD per night and guaranteed a room block. Attendees are encouraged to make a reservation at the conference hotel to assure we are able to meet our room block guarantee. Last day to book for the group rate is 4/4/2018. To book your hotel, go to www.bit.ly/DisCon2018

CONFERENCE PACKAGES

There are a variety of conference packages designed to meet your needs. Three-day, two-day, and one-day packages give District 6380 Rotarians the flexibility to attend the conference around their busy schedules. Packages include registration fee, admission to conference sessions, keynote presentations, conference materials, and meals. There is also a non-Rotarian partner meal package for partners who do not plan to attend conference sessions. Early Bird Registration Until March 15 saves you \$25 and enters you in a special drawing for a ride in a B-25 Yankee Warrior.

Saturday Activities



Pre-Conference Celebration Event

Join the fun at the Yankee Air Museum as we celebrate women in Rotary and Rosie the Riveters. Come dress in a red and white polka dot bandana! \$50 USD per person. Cash Bar and Heavy Hor D'oeuvres

Golf at Eagle Crest Golf Club — This championship golf course has a spectacular view of scenic Ford Lake. Eagle Crest Golf Club is an excellent value that continues to receive Golf Digest Magazine's Four-Star "Best Places To Play" rating. \$30 USD per person includes 9-holes of golf and a cart.

Visit Historic Depot Town — This bustling shopping district offers numerous antique and collectible shops, Farmer's Market, specialty shops and numerous restaurants for your dining delight offering deli sandwiches to gourmet coffees to sit-down meals. Be sure to stop by one of the area's three museums: Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection, detailing Ypsilanti's role in the automotive industry, the Ypsilanti Fire Museum and the Ypsilanti Historical Museum. In a town rich in history, Depot Town glows with restored splendor.

Derby Party — Watch the derby and enjoy a mint julep during the cash bar cocktail reception on Saturday. Be sure to wear your derby hat and tie with prizes awarded for the best!



Post-Conference Tree Planting

You can be a part of our tree planting blitz. We'll be planting 100 trees for Ypsilanti. Roll up your selves alongside Rotarians from across the district. District 6380 will be leaving our mark on Ypsilanti! Stay for lunch in the park. \$10 USD per person includes lunch and beverages.

Conference website including registration: www.6380conference.org

At conference 2018 we'll do more than listen – we will demonstrate how people of action can explore an issue and work to develop action plans for real change. We will focus our attention on key issues, hearing from experts, and expand the topics with content panelists. Then we will discuss the issues at our table to develop plans of action. You will leave the conference inspired and equipped with information you can use to develop projects that can generate meaningful change in our local communities across the globe.

2018 DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



John U. Bacon has worked the better part of two decades as a writer, a public speaker, and a college instructor, winning awards for all three. He has authored nine books on sports, business, health, and history, the last five New York Times bestsellers, including *The Great Halifax Explosion: A World War I Story of Treachery, Tragedy, and Extraordinary Heroism*. The book is a riveting account of the largest manmade explosion in history prior to the atomic bomb, and the equally astonishing tales of survival and heroism that emerged from the ashes.

Mark Balla and "We Can't Wait" is helping teenage girls in India stay in high school. Balla is known as "The Toilet Warrior" and through his efforts 6,500 Indian school children can now go to the toilet at school. Mark has delivered a TEDx talk, spoken at district conferences and multi district PETS in Australia and India. He was a speaker at the WASRAG World Water Summit in Sao Paulo in 2005 and at the Rotary Presidential Summit on WASH and Literacy in Schools in Kolkata in 2016. At the RI Convention in Seoul in 2016 he was elected to the board of WASRAG.



Marilyn M. Kaplan is a charter member and past president of Cross Timbers Rotary Club in Norman, and past club treasurer. She completed a three-year stint serving as Treasurer in Rotary District 5770, she has served ten years as a member of the Rotary Bi-District Foundation Banquet Committee, and she has chaired Rotary District 5770's committee to promote attendance at the Rotary International Conventions. She served as Rotary District Governor in 2015-16. Marilyn joins us as RI President Ian H.S. Riseley's representative.

Chris Etienne first joined Rotary in 1990 and is honored to be a member of the Rotary Club of Petoskey since 1991. She served as club president in 1997-98. Chris has served Rotary District 6290 in many capacities including Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, District Trainer, Nominating Committee Chair, Finance Chair and was District Governor in 2007-2008. Chris is currently serving as the Rotary Coordinator for Zone 29 and was a training leader for the Regional Leaders Training Institute in 2016.



Ian Boeckh is the President and a Director of the Graham Boeckh Foundation that is dedicated to transforming mental health services. He has been involved in a number of large-scale projects in integrated youth services, and major collaboratives in the mental health sector in Canada and internationally. Ian is also a former Director of the Mental Illness Foundation of Quebec, whose mission is to promote mental health and raise awareness by educating secondary school students on how to recognize the signs of mental health problems and how to seek help.

Dr. Jeff Reutter is the former director of Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab. He currently acts as Special Advisor to the office, and continues to participate on regional, national and international advisory groups concerned with protecting Lake Erie. Dr. Reutter is an aquatic biologist and limnologist, the author of over 150 technical reports and journal articles, and a frequent lecturer on issues related to the changing Lake Erie ecosystem, harmful algal blooms, nutrient loading, aquatic invasive species, linking environmental health and coastal economic development.



Global Grant Projects Status Report from Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

■ Past President of Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Ashish Sarkar visited two sites of the Global Grant Projects in India. These projects are cosponsored jointly by several clubs in District 6380 and Detroit Rotary Club. The details of the visits are summarized below.



●●● Project Dignity: Building home toilet facilities that includes a large WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) training component in the Sunderban Area of Eastern India

The lead international club on this GG Project is Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North with Kolkata Midtown Rotary Club being the lead host club. The other District 6380 clubs cosponsoring this project are: Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor (downtown), Ann Arbor West, Ypsilanti, Chelsea, Milan, Novi and Saline with significant support from DDF funding from District 6380. The implementation partner is Sri Ramakrishna mission, a global, well-respected NGO registered in India. The project contemplated building 320 toilets including training with a total budget of \$84,000. The project started in early 2017 and is expected to be completed by May 2018.

Ashish visited the site with several members of the host club, Kolkata Midtown. During the daylong visit, he met with all the parties involved in the project (contractors, trainers, suppliers and of course customers in the villages who are the ultimate beneficiaries.)

As of last month, 370 toilets have been built and 30 more are to be completed by May. Yes, the statement is correct: within the \$84,000 budget, we are able to build 400 toilets instead of 320 budgeted. The main reason for this is that our local partners have been able to receive a lot more in-kind donations from suppliers and contractors and installation labor from the owners of these toilets. We have also been able to streamline the training process for the use of the toilets, hand-washing, and other components.

In my opinion, this has been a very good global grant project for all the Rotary clubs involved. This was my third visit to the site and each time I visit, I find the locals more receptive to this idea and it certainly is making a difference in their lives. More kids are going to school, less sickness / absenteeism, a lot less open defecation.

The ultimate goal of the project was to give dignity to the young girls in the village (hence the name of the project) to live a peaceful and dignified life without the fear of abduction or worse.

Even after building almost 500 toilets in the area, during the two phases over the last three years, the demands for more toilets are enormous and so is the need for training in WASH. We can easily build 1,000 more such toilets in the nearby villages. With the experienced team in place, the overall unit cost will only go down. We are finding out that some of the

locally based corporations are willing to contribute cash if we can show them that their contributions will be leveraged with the matching grants from TRF.

Some of us will follow up with the clubs in our district, as well as other districts to see if we can develop another global grant project to build up to 1,000 toilets. It is worth starting the discussion with the district and club leadership.

All in all, a very successful project that all the sponsoring clubs should be very proud of.

●●● Enhancing the neonatal care unit at a hospital for the poor at Hadapsar, a village near Pune, in southern India through this global grant project.



This project was approved by TRF for implementation on Feb. 22.

Ashish Sarkar visited the Sane Guruji Hospital in Hadapsar, India last month.

This is the site of a global grant project cosponsored by three Rotary clubs in District 6380 (Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor North and Novi), Rotary Club of Detroit in District 6400, and four Rotary clubs in two districts in India. DDF matching grant is provided by two districts in the U.S., two in India and one in Japan. The lead international partner in this GG Project is Rotary Club of Ann Arbor and the local host country lead partner is Rotary Club of Pune, India.

The purpose of Ashish's visit was to meet with the host partner club, prepare a plan of action for project implementation, and visit the project site (the hospital) to meet with the hospital staff as well as our implementation partner, Palav, a Detroit-based NGO dedicated to improving the child mortality in the countries of the developing world.

During my visit of the Sane Guruji Hospital, which provides services for free unless the patient has means to pay a nominal fee, I found out that they have eight to 10 babies a week that are premature births. Other than the trained nurses at the neonatal unit, they have very limited amount of availability of necessary equipment to treat these babies. In fact, there is only one ventilator in the unit at the moment. When a situation arises where more than one baby requires the lone ventilator, the staff or the doctor is put in a position to decide who gets to use the only available ventilator. Same is true with other critical equipment.

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This now-approved \$94,000 GG Project will allow us to provide brand-new equipment to set up eight neonatal beds in this hospital. In addition, the project funds will provide training to the staff for sustainability of our effort. All the equipment will be locally procured, and come with full warranty and long-term maintenance program.

The best guess of the hospital is that with this new neonatal unit with eight beds, there is a potential to save several thousand prematurely born babies in a year. And the services will be provided for free.

During my trip, a fellow Rotarian pointed out to me that within 10 miles of Sane Guruji Hospital there is an ultramodern private, for profit hospital catering to the medical needs (major surgeries and procedures at half the cost) to patients from western countries. This hospital has a five-star deluxe hotel as part of the facility where the patients recover. This is called medical tourism. What a contrast to the bare existence of Sane Guruji Hospital, where kids are dying due to lack of needed equipment.

The funding of the project is underway and we should be able to get the project started by April 1. We have a team in place for successful implementation of this multi-club, multi-district (from three different countries) project.

Polio & Peace

■ from Denny Crawford, PDG RRFC Zone 29

According to Bill Gates, “We are achingly close to getting rid of polio – more than 99% of the way there. Finishing the job is a big challenge, but it is very doable if we keep up the effort.” Your generous contribution will enable us to immunize 400 million children against polio every year. It will improve the ability of surveillance and monitoring systems to diagnose new cases and detect the wild poliovirus. It will help hire more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child who needs to be vaccinated and will also be used to track the virus in water, and sewage and provide National Immunization Day materials.

Polio is Rotary’s #1 priority! If polio is not eradicated, hundreds of thousands of children could be paralyzed. Global health costs will rise dramatically, and many children’s quality of life will be drastically diminished.

Your donation will save lives and give a child a chance at a prosperous future.

Thank you for your continued support! We are almost there and once there we shall celebrate!

An amazing story of how a Rotary Peace Fellow is helping to change the world.

ElisaMarie D’Silva of Mumbai began her career as a flight attendant, eventually rising to become vice president of a planning network for one of India’s largest airlines. Learning about the fatal 2012 gang rape of a young woman in Delhi, an unusually heinous crime that led to public outrage, D’Silva made a dramatic career change.


She is now the founder and CEO of the Red Dot Foundation which works with nongovernmental organizations in India, Nepal and Kenya to address street harassment and violence against women. In addition to community workshops, the foundation empowers women to document catcalling, groping, and other incidents through an online crowd mapping platform called Safecity.


D’Silva was a Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. There she learned that the work she does is actually peace building. Through her foundation she is trying to help people understand gender stereotypes that reinforce toxic masculinity on a daily basis. Safecity gives victims a safe space to discuss this and understand each other’s point of view. It also helps them navigate these complex issues and become agents of change. Your contribution to the Rotary Peace Fellows enables this to happen.

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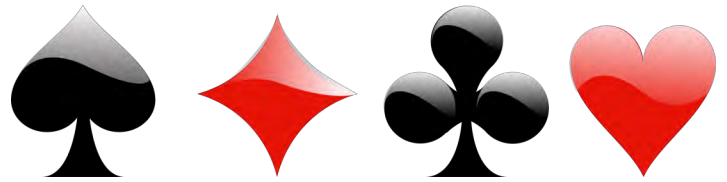
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All proceeds and funds raised will go into the Birmingham Rotary Endowment Fund. This fund allows the Birmingham Rotary to give grants to local, national, and international projects and non-profits.

Here are some past recipients of our grants:

- Birmingham Rotary International Well Projects in Uganda - 5 wells built so far!
 - Birmingham Rotary Literacy Programs at Owen Elementary School in Pontiac, MI
 - Rotary International Annual Fund
 - Hope Warming Center in Pontiac, MI
 - FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation
 - The Community House in Birmingham, MI
 - Franklin-Wright Settlements in Detroit, MI
 - Bound Together in Pontiac, MI
 - Michigan Youth Sled Hockey
 - YMCA Summer Camp
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan
- ...and many more over the years!

Please join us for a wonderful night of food, music, raffles, and silent auctions, and help us to continue our grants for projects both near and far!



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Rotary Clubs of Clarkston, Davisburg, Motorcycling Rotarians

■ Submitted by Mary Sloan

In January, four District 6380 Rotarians participated in an eye care mission to Kenya. Mary Sloan and Jeff Lichty, both of the Clarkston club, and Gerry Jackson of the Davisburg and Motorcycling Rotarians joined Dr. Nelson Edwards of the Livingston Sunrise club, and past Rotarian Pam House of a St. Croix Club to bring eye glasses to more than 1,000 patients. The group traveled by way of Frankfurt to Nairobi and from there proceeded north to Nakuru when they held four days of clinic. Then they headed south to Amboselli Nature Park where they held two more clinics, one in a Massai village. In their free time, they were able to participate in game drives to view elephants, hippos, rhinos, baboons, zebras and many other animals in their native settings. Kenyan Rotarians were very helpful in setting up the clinics and helping arrange accommodations for the team. The group was warmly welcomed at Rotary meetings in Nakuru and Nairobi. The five of us are looking forward to seeing some of these same Kenyan Rotarians in Toronto. The team plans to repeat the trip next year. If anyone is interested in joining next year's team, please contact Dr. Nelson Edwards of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club.



Dr. Nelson with a patient at the Massai village



the team



children with their new glasses

Rotary Club of Clawson

■ Submitted by Bill Bouscher, Club Secretary

Clawson Club Celebrates Valentine's Day by Sharing



Once again, on February 14, the members of the Clawson Rotary Club held an ice cream social for the residents of the Clawson Manor. This is an independent and affordable housing complex for those over 62 years of age. There is also a limited amount of space for those under the age of 62 who are physically disabled. The social is an annual event for the club and has been for many, many years. Current president Jim Cash always heads up the project and feels (along with his fellow club members) that this is one of our most rewarding projects. Donations from local merchants (Ray's Ice Cream, Floribunda Florists and Big Boy Restaurant) help make the occasion very festive for all of the guests.



Getting volunteers from the club to help out is never a problem. Past president Perry Peterson scooped up ice cream, president Jim ladled the hot fudge, hospitality chair Elaine Sotzen offered whipped cream and president-elect Andy Baetz handled all of the additional toppings. Our newest member Carol Pelkey distributed carnations, poured coffee and guided guests to comfortable seating. Over one hundred residents of the manor came down to participate in the fun. President Jim said, "This is a project that we have thoroughly enjoyed doing for many years and plan to continue for many more to come."

Howell Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Sandie Cortez, President

Tremendous Success of the 10th Annual Howell Rotary's Tour de Livingston

In a packed room at the Howell Opera House, Howell Rotarians, event sponsors and jersey guys and gals came together for a luncheon to celebrate the success of the 10th annual Howell Rotary's Tour de Livingston. A record-breaking \$43,000 was raised through the efforts of all involved, and a "Big Check" presentation was made. The event, held this past October, is coordinated by the Howell Rotary Club and had nearly 600 bicyclists attend, helping to make it the most successful yet.



P.O. Box 2456, Howell MI 48844
www.tourdelivingston.org



Jersey Guy Joel Rushlow

The 2017 Tour de Livingston co-chairpersons were Catherine Daniel and Andrea Dahline. They couldn't say enough about the great teamwork and effort put forth by all involved. "We start planning in January and this amazing team of volunteers keeps the creativity and momentum going throughout all the planning and implementation," stated Catherine Daniel. "It takes many hands, many dedicated volunteers and a whole lot of energy to pull it all together!"

"We couldn't do something of this magnitude without many businesses stepping up to commit their support," shared Andrea Dahline. "Our sponsors are engaged and most generally return year after year. We are always looking for others to get involved so if you have interest in being part of something tremendous, and that significantly invests in the financial stability of local families, we would love to have you join our team!"

Since its inception 10 years ago, Howell Rotary's Tour de Livingston has donated almost \$300,000 to support struggling local families through basic need programs and initiatives supported by Livingston County United Way. The United Way ensures that 100 percent of the Tour de Livingston proceeds go directly back into the local community, with a total historic leveraged value at \$600,000 in direct impact.

Some examples of how donated dollars made an impact this past year include:

- 33,548 summer lunches served for low-income children
- 50,000+ lbs of fresh produce was distributed through senior centers and food pantries
- 750 families were housed through rent and utility assistance
- 3,780 weekend meals were delivered to homebound seniors
- 106 families avoided eviction



Andrea, Catherine and Mike
Bishop Tour Celebration

The Howell Rotary's Tour de Livingston provides riders the opportunity to enjoy outstanding fall colors during the peak color season in Southeast Michigan. This fully supported ride includes hospitality tents, a complete breakfast, snacks along the routes, and a hearty post-ride meal. The

2018 event is scheduled for Sunday, October 7. For more information, visit www.TourdeLivingston.org

Hartland Family



Hartland Rotary Club

■ Submitted by James Wickman

We enjoyed helping sponsor and volunteer for the 2018 Hartland Family Winterfest. Hartland Rotarians kept a fire going for warmth, fellowship and yummy s'mores. What a great event for a great community! At a recent meeting, Brighton Rotarian Brian

Parsons shared some important insights on mental illness in our community. The National Association on Mental Illness is a great resource worthy of our support. We meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the Hartland Insurance Agency, 2532 Old US 23. Check us out on Facebook.

Lakes Area Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Lorene McVey

Lakes Area Rotary - in memory of John Hatherill, a well loved member of Lakes Area Rotary

Lakes Area Rotary sadly reports the death of a member, John Hatherill. John passed away January 27 in Lima, Ohio at age 92. John joined Rotary Club of Walled Lake (subsequently Rotary Club of Lakes Area) in 1964 and was inducted by then-District Governor, Elmer Conrad, who was also a member of Rotary Club of Walled Lake. DG Elmer Conrad made a lasting imprint on John's mind when he challenged John and two other inductees to maintain perfect attendance by making up at other clubs whenever necessary. John accepted that challenge and, with his wife, Ann, met many people making up.

One of his favorite stories was of a make-up in Washington, D.C. where John shared his background as Army Air Force Aviation Cadet and experience flying a Stearman. With this knowledge, the greeter at the club arranged for John to sit between Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldren. That was an exciting day.

John was a devoted husband to Ann and father to Robert and Linda. He was a busy man involved in many things – a multiple 300 game bowler who bowled well into his 80s, a pilot, a newspaper boy, a dairy worker, a student at Michigan State University, Television & Radio School in Chicago, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Elks Lodge. Amazingly, he found time to golf, hunt and fish as well. And, let us not forget, he was a boxer!

John will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on June 15, 2018 at 12:30. Lakes Area Rotary members will be attending and on behalf of Ann Hatherill, John's wife, we invite others in District 6380 who remember John to join us.

Most of us at Lakes Area Rotary met John just after the "turn of the century" and there was/is no one left to tell us of all John did for Rotary in his younger days but, we can attest to his inspiration and loyalty. During the time we knew John, he never missed a meeting, event, fundraiser or service activity. We could count on John to be present from beginning to end and to engage people in discussion about Rotary and the good we were doing locally and around the world. Everyone loved John. When John's memory began to fail club members routinely volunteered to pick him up and bring him to meetings every week.



He continued to work Texas Hold'em with us four times a year. Eventually family concluded it was better for he and Ann to move closer, so they could assist Ann with the care John required. Prior to their departure, we joined John and Ann in celebrating his achievement of 47* years of perfect attendance.

The club made a unanimous decision to grant John Honorary Member status and ensured he would continue to receive the Rotarian at his new home. We will continue to cite his love for, and dedication to, Rotary to incoming members for years to come. **45 or 47 is disputed as John always said DG Elmer Conrad inducted him but Rotary records show he joined in 1965. Either way – John had outstanding perfect attendance!*



West Bloomfield Rotary

■ Submitted by Judy Garver

Peace & Conflict Resolution Program ~ Imam Mohamed Almasmari, Presenter

Imam Mohamed Almasmari of the Muslim Unity Center, Bloomfield Hills, MI was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of West Bloomfield meeting on February 22. The Imam has been named the 2018 World Sabbath Peacemaker Awardee. He spoke to the club members and guests about creating peace and resolving conflict in our own communities. The members of the Muslim Unity Center have reached out to members of faith based and local communities every year by hosting a dinner and creating the opportunity for all the attendees to meet with others who are neighbors but who have probably never met each other. The Imam will be honored at the World Sabbath service and afterglow at Christ Church Cranbrook on March 11.



Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club reaches important member goal ... and sets a new one

■ Submitted by PDG Jim Gilmore and President and AG Elect Brenda K. Tipton

For years, Livingston Sunrise hovered around 45-52 members, growing or shrinking by 10 percent a year, like most clubs. Things needed to change if results were to change. (See “definition of insanity” ...) Like most other clubs, we kept saying, “We need to bring in new members to grow.” Then we did a study of the first 11 years of the club’s existence. Since the club was chartered July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2014, the club had inducted 154 new members! When faced with this fact, the members looked around at a club of 45 and said, “Where the heck are they?” (edited for family reading)

Two issues were identified that limited the club growth:

1. Loss of new members within the first two years of membership; and
2. Limited access to new members due to cost

We attacked the first problem of retention/engagement with two measures.

First, a mentorship program was implemented that added another Rotarian to the mix. All new members have a sponsor AND a mentor. The mentor goes over a six-month plan to acclimate the new Rotarian, making sure they know what Rotary and Livingston Sunrise is all about.

The sponsor acts as a backup and a second person to assure the new member’s passions are being met and their engagement is appropriate for their “life position.”

Second, we highly promoted and encouraged participation in district training and conference, RLI, and international conventions.

We had a “rainy day” fund because we charge ahead for meals but pay the caterer on attendance. Over 12 years, the fund had grown significantly. These were club dues so we felt the money should be used to benefit the club.

We had always budgeted for the PE and PN to attend PETS annually (so the PE actually attended two consecutive years before assuming the office of president), but that wasn’t enough.

We believed that the more exposure to Rotary outside our club, the more likely the members were to stay. So, we started paying for members’ attendance at District Training Assembly and RLI in 2014.

In 2016-17 with added influence from then President-elect Brenda being one of the co-chairs we took advantage of a destination district conference and paid a \$500 stipend for any member (member only) attending the Mackinac Conference.

As a result we had 22 Rotarians and 18 spouses and partners attend Mackinac DisCon 2017. We also allowed that \$500 to be used for the international convention in Atlanta (either/or.) We had one member attend International. In 2017-2018, the board altered the plan to allow \$150 toward the DisCon and \$500 toward international.

The results are holding true to our goals of retention and engagement:

The class of 2015-2016 had 14 new members and we have lost just four (and one of those was a transfer to another club because of a job move.)

The class of 2016-2017 had seven new members and we lost just one. In addition, our classes of 2014-2018 are extremely active. This is a win-win as it engages them AND it helps avoid burnout of our longer term members.

Now, New Members ...

New members were noticeably down in 2016-2017.

Why?

We still had exciting, lively meetings. We were gelling as a group with friendships as family. We were known for our involvement in a variety of



different programs in the community.

We had two large and well-known events.

We took a look at the cost as it relates to young families, business partners and spouses. Rotary at LSRC costs \$586 per year (includes all your breakfasts.)

In addition, if you come, how can you not be involved in the progressive 50/50 (\$5) and put in a happy dollar or two if the fine sheriff hasn’t caught you? That’s another \$6-\$7 a week, or \$200-\$250 a year depending on your meeting attendance. That’s a tough nut for a young professional with a family or a second membership in a business or household.

As a result, the board voted to establish two new membership types: Associate Membership for members 35 years old and under; and Shared Membership for business associates and spouses.

Here is how they work:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

New and Existing members 35 years old and under

Dues: \$120 covers RI and District Dues plus \$10 per month - \$240. Per year
Breakfast INCLUDED

SHARED MEMBERSHIP

Husband/wife/partners/small companies co-membership Dues: \$586 for first member, \$120 for second member covers RI and District Dues = \$706. Per year for both members.

Breakfast INCLUDED

Livingston - Membership continued from previous page

As a result and to date, we have added 13 new members the first half of this Rotary year (7/1/17-3/2/18), three of which are Shared or Associate. We have another three in process (two are Associate) and four more commitments for later this spring (two Shared and two Transfers).

We have revised President Brenda's original membership goal of 60 to 65!

We still celebrate visitors, guests and new members and continue to have New Member Orientations and Mixers quarterly.

We encourage everyone to bring and propose like-minded friends (the 13 current new members in 2017-18 have seven different sponsors, plus a transfer and two return members).

Our meetings are high energy to say the least and well attended. The club prides itself on overall club energy, excitement and on being very active within the community as well as are very diverse in age, gender and occupation. This mixture has enabled us to expand our reach within our community services activities, international projects, and scholarship programs.

As a high performing club, we work to add new members who will bring fresh ideas, commitment in time, talent as well as support our existing projects, and our clubs favorite signature events and social functions.

To quote our current President Brenda K Tipton, "Woo-woo, this is exciting stuff."

Her motto, and now ours, is to support the five-way test with five being to "Have Fun!"

Please join us on Friday morning at 7:15a.m to experience the excitement and energy of the club and we'll make sure to keep the eggs warm for you. Get there early or plan to eat standing up ... it's getting crowded in there.

For more information and a calendar of our events, go to <http://livingstonsunriserotary.org> to see what all the buzz is about with Livingston Sunrise Rotary!



MILAN FEEDING THE WORLD

Milan Rotary Club is sponsoring a project to impact global hunger.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday, March 10

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

@ MFM Church

SIGN UP TO PACK MEALS!

tinyurl.com/MilanFeeds



To **contribute** to the event make check payable to:

Kids Coalition Against Hunger
8600 Northend Rd.

Oak Park Michigan 48237

Milan Feeding the World

You can also donate on line at

Kcah.info

Need more details:

facebook.com/MilanMichiganRotary



MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

Compiled by Linda May

President Sam D'Angelo opened up a recent meeting with member Fred Duemling recognized by the club for his outstanding work with Special Olympics over the last nearly 40 years. Fred was joined by his wife Jackie, and Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. "Digger" Odell. Digger Odell, a pilot, was a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese for more than five years. Digger told what Fred and he have been able to accomplish for Special Olympics with their snowmobile ride fundraiser. Along with all the great memories friendships over the years, they raised \$11.2 million for a great cause which gets no help from the federal government. The club donated a check \$1,000 to the cause. Thank you, Fred and Digger, for exemplifying what it means to put service above self.



Fred Duemling, Sam D'Angelo, Jackie Duemling



Mark Zuccaro, Digger Odell, Sam D'Angelo

Tickets: \$100 per person – \$1,000 for a table of 10 (\$900 if purchased by April 5. Please remit by April 20, 2018 to: Julie Huttenlocher, 52660 Tuscany Grove, Shelby Township, MI 48315



The Macombers song and dance ensemble from Macomb Community College wowed their Rotary audience with numbers like "Big City Swing"; "Stand in the Light" – Jordan Smith; "Gotta Get You Into My Life" – The Beatles; "Try Everything" – Shakira (Zootopia); "Faith" – Stevie Wonder (Sing); "We've Got the Beat" – GoGos.

MAY 5, 2018 fundraiser beneficiaries are:

- **Baker College of Clinton Township** Baker College matches and underwrites scholarships for students who are residents of Macomb County, in their last semester of coursework, and need financial assistance to complete their degree.
- **Care House**, a child-friendly, family-centered facility that coordinates the complex investigation, prosecution, and treatment services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse.
- **CARE of Southeastern Michigan's** Annual Project Focus and free Leadership Camps for high-risk youth from preschool to age 17 and their caregivers.
- **The Joan Rose Foundation Haiti Community Center and School in Jacmel, Haiti** for impoverished children and their families. The JRF feeds over 85 children breakfast and lunch on weekdays, pays their tuition at a top private school, provides daily supplementary classes and tutoring at its learning center, and offers free medical and legal help. Parents are provided full-time employment in JRF's needlepoint factory.
- **Macomb Family YMCA day camp** for over 200 kids each summer where kids can play, swim, learn, and make friends in a safe environment. The Y ensures the camp experience is available for all families by providing scholarships. Funds raised will improve facilities and provide age-appropriate reading material, games and other supplies to foster literacy, creativity and a sense of belonging.
- **Macomb Food Program** provides food to families and individuals through a network of 55 pantry distribution sites throughout Macomb County. Funds raised will help support a new mobile pantry that will bring fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors and children who do not have access or means to obtain healthy food options.
- **Martha T. Berry Medical Care skilled nursing facility** to help modernize and improve the facility.
- **Turning Point Inc.** provides emergency, support and prevention services to women and their children suffering domestic and sexual violence. Funds raised will support Turning Point's SAFE (Safe Active Fun Experiences) Camp, a summer day camp that offers group therapy, activities and field trips for children staying at the shelter.



Richmond Rotary Club



Dinner Show featuring J. Cavatio

Jeffrey Cavatio is a Classy modern day crooner with an upbeat pop twist. His repertoire includes classic songs from Chicago, Sinatra, Manilow, Elvis, Lionel Richie, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond, Ferrel Williams, Justin Timberlake and Bruno Mars.

March 24, 2018

Maniaci's Banquet Hall

69227 Main St, Richmond

6-10:00 p.m.

6-7 p.m. Cocktail hour

7 p.m. Dinner

8-10 p.m. Dancing and Music

\$40/ticket

\$280 for a table of 8



All proceeds help support Richmond Rotary's scholarship and community giving.

Tickets can be purchased at 586-727-1011 or 586-727-9628

RICHMOND ROTARY GOLF OUTING ENTRY FORM



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*Armed Forces Day Weekend
Benefit for:*

**FISHER HOUSE
 Military Children
 Scholarship Fund
 Great Lakes Burn Camp
 Richmond Rotary Charities**

Date **May 21, 2018** (Monday)

Registration Time
 8:30 a.m. - Shotgun 10 a.m.

Place **Greystone Golf Club**
 67500 Mound Road, Romeo
 MI

Entry Fee
\$600/Group, or

**\$550/Group - Early
registration**

Dinner Only **\$60/person**
 (Plated Service - Filet & chicken
 with open bar)

Hole Sponsor Sign Only \$100
 Business Card Ad Only \$25



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Fun For Everyone!

50/50 Raffle; Chinese Auction;
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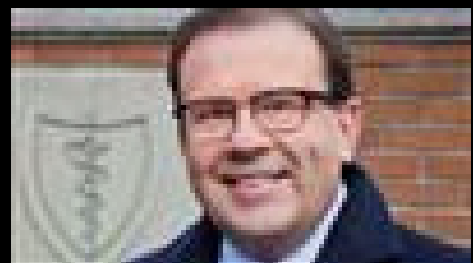


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May 9

Troy Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Rene Pothetes

Come Party with a Purpose, Saturday March 10! Viva La Vino Wine Tasting Gala & Auction



Viva La Vino is an exciting wine-tasting, strolling dinner, DJ Dance party featuring a wide variety of wines, beers and international dishes for every taste!

March 10
6:30–10:30 p.m.
St. Nicholas Cultural Center
760 W. Wattles Road
Troy MI 48098

Join us for this fun night, raise money for local charities, and have a good time while doing it!

\$75 General Admission ~ \$100 Patron Ticket
(Includes name in our Program.)

Tickets: <http://www.VivaLaVinoTroy.com>
or [Facebook.com/TroyRotary](https://www.facebook.com/TroyRotary)

We're still looking for donations
for our silent and live auctions.

Live and silent auction with all net proceeds donated to benefit international and local causes such as:

- Boys & Girls Club: Provides a safe and positive place for young people
- Hope Warming Center: Welcomes homeless adults in need of safe shelter
- AMVETS: Serves veterans through advocacy and service
- Blessings in a Backpack: Provides food on weekends for elementary school children who might otherwise go hungry
- Scholarships: for high-achieving students
- A Vision for Clean Water: Safe, clean drinking water for everyone
- End Polio NOW – Rotary and Gates Foundation celebrate 10 years of working together to end polio

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