



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL District 6380 News October 2011



**District Governor
Stephen Youtz
and Mary Youtz**

District Governor's Message

October, what a great month! Fall is upon us as we start feeling lower temperatures and the artistry of nature as the landscape changes color. There seems to be energy in the air as Rotary clubs throughout the district are busy in fundraising and project activities. There is no doubt that life is good and that Rotarians are happy as they put *Service Above Self*.

As the Vocational Service Month developed, I did not come across a lot of club activities with this focus. I'm not sure if vocational service is not well defined, or if Rotarians prefer to place focus on projects without highlighting the vocational content behind it. When I Googled "Rotary - Vocational Service" to see what RI had to say on the subject, I came upon a definition that may help explain what it is.

"Vocational Service is the only service that focuses on the individual Rotarian; all others are focused on us as a group. Rotary is made up of individuals from all kinds of backgrounds of cultures, educational focuses, financial levels, religious beliefs, political beliefs, family backgrounds, and interests. Each and every one of these points, regardless of which category / direction you fall in, can benefit Rotary in some way. I included politics and religion because having to deal with "divisions" in belief creates sensitivity and understanding to others' beliefs.

In Rotary, I have found that there have been many instances where I was able to use my vocation to benefit others through Rotary in projects, events, and in the other Avenues of Service. I am as proud of what I do for a living as I am for being a Rotarian.

Why?

It is what I am, where I come from, my experiences, and what guides me to live by The Four-Way Test on a daily basis. As Rotarians, we set the example for others through what we do outside the club.

This month has been exciting as I had the opportunity to induct new members and present Paul Harris Fellow awards. As individuals received certificates, I could see a gleam in their eyes which reflected the pride of being a Rotarian. It is a great feeling to know that the old-fashioned "ASK" is still working and that financial contributions are still being made. We already do have a great district; just look at the articles attached to this newsletter and if you don't agree with me, well . . .

As November continues to unfold, we naturally focus on Foundation. The month starts early with a focus and push at the completion of our \$200 million challenge in October, and with the report just received, I believe we are within a few dollars of meeting the challenge. With nearly eight months left in this Rotary year, we can continue our contribution

efforts toward the eradication of polio forever.

District Grant applications have been reviewed by the District Foundation committee with the short list being released to RI for approval. The Foundation program (Gala in the past) is being planned with target dates in early 2012. Work continues on the Global Grants that RI has already approved with hopes of sending Vocational Training Teams (VTT) to support the projects as well as hosting a VTT team in the spring of 2012.

With all that is going on within our Rotary district, there are responsibilities we must not forget.

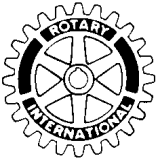
First is our obligation to pay our Rotary International and district dues on time. There remain three clubs that are pushing the time frame in putting their club charter in jeopardy and approximately seven clubs with outstanding balances for club dues. It is critical that these balances be addressed as soon as possible as it is our dues that keep the district and RI running.

Second, each club was asked to provide membership and foundation target goals for the year. Unfortunately, some goals were not reported which has had an impact on RI reporting. To close the loop on these reports, I am taking the liberty of completing the reports by using a +1 growth target for membership goals and using July 1 membership numbers as the basis of EREY goals indicating a \$100 per member goal. You will see this reflected in the November newsletter.

Third, there is a great opportunity for a Rotarian in our district to be a candidate for the 2014-2015 governorship. This opportunity is available to every Rotarian with good club standing and who has been active in Rotary for a minimum of seven years when serving as a district governor. This is your opportunity to make a significant contribution to Rotary right here in your area.

Please take the time to read the articles that follow. There are some great examples of projects, service-above-self, and what some clubs are doing to address specific club issues that are common to many of us.

*Until next month,
DG Steve*



ROTARY CLUBS AND DISTRICTS AND THE IRS

A Bulletin for Rotary Clubs and Districts in The USA, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and US Virgin Islands

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What follows is not tax advice, but general information, which may be useful. Questions regarding any tax matters need to be referred to local counsel, your tax adviser or to the IRS. (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> or 1-800-829-1040)

On 13 May 1958, the Internal Revenue Service declared that Rotary International (RI) and its clubs and districts are entitled to exemption from federal income tax under **Section 501(c)(4)** of the Internal Revenue Code. While Rotary clubs and districts are exempt from paying *federal income tax*, **the law does require Rotary clubs and districts to file an annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ) or submit an annual electronic notice (990-N). The version a club files is dependent upon its gross receipts for the year.**

This report is required annually. The law mandates that this information be submitted on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the annual accounting period (**no later than 15 November**). Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in **revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district** in question. To learn more about this requirement, visit the US Treasury website at: www.irs.gov/eo, or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

Numbers: RI's **Group Exemption Number** (referred to as "GEN" on Form 990), is **0573**, which applies to RI as well as all USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands clubs and districts. At the same time, every club and district in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands is required to have its own **Employer Identification Number (EIN)**. This 9-digit number is essentially a tax ID number, and has nothing to do with whether the club or district has any employees. As RI must report annually the EINs of all districts and clubs in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, the RI secretariat maintains a list of those EIN tax numbers for reference. New Rotary Clubs, however, must apply directly to the IRS for an EIN number to be assigned to the new Rotary club. Please contact your Club and District Support (CDS) representative at Rotary International headquarters if you have any questions about the EIN number for your club or district.

Tax Deductible Status: Contributions to clubs and districts are generally not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Clubs and districts that have gross annual receipts that normally exceed \$100,000 generally must include a disclosure statement regarding the non-deductibility of contributions during fundraising solicitations (IRC Sec. 6113). Note that this includes invoices *for payment of dues*. See **IRS Notice 88-120** for more details and acceptable disclosure language. Contributions to any club or district charitable fund that has obtained tax exemption under **Section 501(c)(3)** of the Internal Revenue Code may be tax deductible as charitable contributions. Membership dues may be deductible for some Rotarians as business expenses.

Other Taxes: Clubs or districts may be required to file **IRS Form 990-T** if they have "*unrelated business income*." An unrelated trade or business is defined as any trade or business that is regularly carried on, and that is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose or function. (IRC Sec. 513). Federal Social Security and withholding taxes, and local state income taxes may be required from a club or district that has one or more paid employees. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

The laws of individual states vary in regard to state income tax, sales tax, other taxes and special licenses. The 501(c)(4) status applies only to federal income tax and does not necessarily have any bearing on state or local taxes. IRS interpretation of its Code also can vary slightly in different US Treasury districts.

IRS Reminder for U.S. Clubs

Dear District Governor,

Your club and district support team would like to remind all districts with U.S. clubs that the deadline for filing IRS Form 990 is **15 November**. (See previous page.)

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<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=184445,00.html>

or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

We would appreciate if you would remind all U.S. clubs in your district about this deadline via email or your district bulletin. If a club is unsure of their tax ID (EIN), please have them contact us.

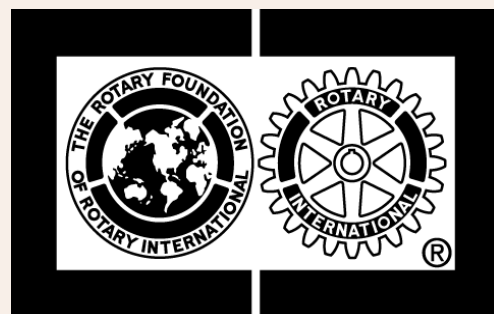
*Best Regards,
Susan Schmidt
Club and District Support, Coordinator
The Americas
Rotary International*



Greetings from your Rotary Information Officers

November is The Rotary Foundation Month so here is some important information to share with your clubs – straight from Rotary International – and us!

*Yours in Rotary Service,
RIOs Jan and Merle Loch
PDGMerle@aol.com*



Three things every Rotarian should know about the Foundation.

Take pride in the work of The Rotary Foundation and encourage members to give annually.

Rotary Foundation Month in November is an ideal time for all Rotary leaders to remind their clubs of a simple but important fact: Everything that The Rotary Foundation achieves — from paying for polio vaccines to teaching children to read — is possible because of the time and contributions of Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

“When Arch Klumph in 1917 put forward the idea of an endowment fund to do good in the world, he could not have imagined what our Rotary Foundation would become,” says Trustee Chair William B. Boyd.

Highlight these points during your next meeting to get your club involved:

1. The Foundation is working on our primary goal.

Rotary's top priority is to eradicate polio. Through PolioPlus, The Rotary Foundation has led a global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion toward that goal.

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Foundation's response to the \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to achieve a polio-free world.

2. The Foundation changes lives.

Through the resources and programs of The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians carry out far-reaching projects based on Rotary's areas of focus.

Communities have access to safe water and health care, and benefit from the work of Rotary Peace Fellows because of The Foundation. Learn more about what your gift can do.

3. YOU make it possible.

The Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share our vision of a better world. And because of The Foundation's impact — and the close monitoring of projects — giving to The Rotary Foundation is a financially sound decision.

“Our Rotary Foundation tells the world that we care,” says Boyd. “Be proud of our Foundation and the wonders that we achieve through it.”

The 2011-12 goal for the Annual Programs Fund is \$104 million.

Donate Now.

Rotary and the Nobel Peace Prize

We need your help.

I am writing on behalf of PDG 7620, Rob Ketron (the Cliff Dochterman Red Coat Class of 92-93), who enlisted my help in a drive to get the Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee to once and for all recognize the outstanding work of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation for 105 years of service. Even most Rotarians are not aware of the hundreds of thousands of community and international projects Rotarians all over the world commit to and complete every year. It is time our story is told!

PDG Ketron and I believe there is no other organization or individual in the world more deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize and its \$1.3 million award, than Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. With every Rotarian's effort, we should be able to garner enough support for the nominating committee to take the necessary steps to insure, that after 105 years of global service, Rotary is finally recognized for its work that is beyond exemplary. But we need your support in disseminating the information and ask each Rotary club to take up the challenge by having every Rotarian write his/her legislators. We must make this a global effort.

We have made it as simple as possible by using the Internet and have developed explicit instructions on how Rotarians can write their legislators, complete with a cut-and-paste letter already written. All they have to do is look up their legislative contact using the links I provided on the below website (I have made that easy for U.S.-based Rotarians, while Rotarians in other countries will have to do a little more work on their own), and model their letter after the example shown.

See: www.edmattson.net

Mr. Ketron's background report on the Nobel Peace Prize can be found at www.ketron.org

*Thanking all in advance, I remain in your service,
Ed Mattson PHF*

(Cell: 630-440-7912) Member, Rotary Club of Mishawaka, IN D-6540; Chair, International Project Symposium and Workshop; Past National Membership Chair, Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group-DRRAG

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Rotary Jeopardy

photo submitted via elana.shelef@comcast.net with the following: "Royal Oak, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Berkley fundraiser for polio."



Birmingham Rotary Club

■ submitted by Susan Earp

The Birmingham Rotary took the next steps to develop a strategic plan with continuity, consistency and consensus. On July 21, there were approximately 21 club members that met with district leaders to brainstorm why Rotary of Birmingham would win an award in 2016. The ideas were prioritized and the top three items in each category were summarized and shared as club goals by Richard Shapack and Dave Zimmer at a recent meeting. Club members volunteered to participate on various committees to identify action plans needed to meet the identified goals. We look forward to implementing the action plans and achieving awards well before 2016!

WIN A TRIP TO THE MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Start your holiday shopping now! Birmingham Rotary is selling \$50 raffle tickets for a January 23, 2012 drawing. The winner receives two round-trip private air charter tickets from Oakland County Airport to Aiken, South Carolina, ground transportation, entrance to the 2012 Masters Tournaments on April 7-8, and private home accommodations for April 7. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Proceeds benefit the Birmingham Rotary Endowment Fund.

Contact Susan Earp for more information at searp@jvsdet.org

Sterling Heights Rotary Club

■ submitted by Joyce Joyce

WORLDWIDE FAMILY OF ROTARY ~ Thanks to Lubomyr Hewko of the Clarkston RC, John and Joyce Joyce of the Sterling Heights Rotary were able to contact his friend Alexey Kozhenkin, a Rotarian in Kiev, Ukraine, when they visited there on their Baltic countries / Russia / Kiev vacation.

Alexey arranged three days of afternoon meetings, tours and discussions with himself and several other Rotarians -- Natalya Radovanskaya who is president of the Rotary Club Kiev (and interested in a project with our club), another member Yuriy Volvach and orthopedic surgeon Alexander Kosiakov (who is interested in obtaining some supplies from World Medical Relief where Joyce and daughter Karen volunteer weekly.) These gracious Rotarians escorted the Joyces to their club meeting where they were welcomed and invited to give a brief talk on the Bonao BioSand clean water filters project. Alexiy also escorted them to a different Rotary Club in Kiev - Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club, led by Roman Shwed. There, they met several Rotaractors who are very busy and involved in Rotary. They presented a list of more than 20 projects that they are considering doing during the coming year (and Polina Berestetska sent a copy of the list to Joyce). They are an amazing, energetic, committed group of young people, led by president Volodymyr Ogorodnyk. The Joyces were asked to speak about the Bonao project to this club, also. Getting together with the Rotarians of these clubs in Kiev was a highlight of the entire trip. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas on humanitarian service with others committed to the same Rotary ideals; learn about other clubs and how they function, raise funds, etc. and learn about another country and culture.

John and Joyce recommend: visit another Rotary club! You will not regret it! And you will get a better idea of the worldwide humanitarian purpose of Rotary.

Dexter High School Interact Club

■ submitted by Noelle Stabler

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA ~ The Dexter High School Interact Club, one of DHS's up-and-coming service clubs, has accomplished quite a bit in the past year. Below is a press release that speaks of our recent projects and future projects as well what the club is all about!

The Dexter High School Interact Club completed an international service project at the end of the last school year. The club sent nearly 30 dresses and some toys to young orphan girls at the AIDS Haven Orphanage in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The service project "Little Dresses for Africa" was one of the first major international service project successes for the club. The dresses were made by Interact members from pillow cases donated by Dexter High School students. The club held a bake sale during lunch to collect money to pay for additional materials and shipping to South Africa.

The club was delighted to kick off our program year this fall with a presentation by our project partner, Kalen Berry, who told us about her

experiences working for more than a year with the children at AIDS Haven. She explained how the gifts of clothing and toys will help the children. Berry also told personal stories about the children so Interact

members could appreciate them as individuals.

This school year the club will first be focusing on a Thanksgiving food drive at the high school and throughout town in November. Thanksgiving food items such as canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, and other Thanksgiving fixings will be donated to Faith in Action. The club will then focus on an international service project after the holiday season.

Interact is a student service organization affiliated with Rotary International. Dexter's Interact Club is sponsored by the Dexter Rotary Club. The club is dedicated to community service as well as international service.



Howell Rotary Club's Tour de Livingston

■ *As printed in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*

About 750 cyclists participated in the fourth annual Tour de Livingston on Sunday, a charity bike tour hosted by the Howell Rotary Club.

The event drew about 200 more cyclists than last year, partly due to unseasonably warm temperatures and increased community involvement, Howell Rotary committee member Jeanne Clum said.

"One of the things that happened with this Tour de Livingston is the amount of community involvement and community ownership that took place," she said. "People were just calling and asking how they could be a part of this, which is outstanding." Participants chose from 10-, 12-, 28-, 38-, 62- or 100-mile routes that began at Mt. Brighton Ski Area in Genoa Township and traveled all over Livingston County. About 100 volunteers helped make the day go smoothly, from the check-in to the support vehicles on the routes.

"We've got top-notch volunteers on all the routes," Clum said. "Everybody stepped it up and took ownership of it."

All proceeds benefit the Livingston County United Way's efforts to address basic needs, including food and shelter. The Howell Rotary raised \$25,000 last year for the charity, and Clum hopes to meet or exceed that amount this year. She also hopes the tour inspires county motorists to share the roads with cyclists.

"We're trying to create awareness that bicyclists do have rights on roads and train our community to have respect for bicyclists on the road," said Clum, who is also development/marketing director for the United Way. "Livingston County is a great place to ride; we all just need to learn how to make it happy and safe for everybody."



Laura Percy of Highland Township stretches as Lariann Fill of White Lake Township prepares to don her helmet in before the Tour de Livingston bike tour Sunday at Mt. Brighton Ski Area in Genoa Township. In all, about 750 cyclists took part in the Howell Rotary Club event, which raised money for the Livingston County United Way. / Photo by GILLIS BENEDICT/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS



Bicyclists head out onto the course in the first of a number of starts for the Tour de Livingston. / Photo by GILLIS BENEDICT/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

District 6380 Status as of July 1 - September 30, 2011

Rotary			YTD		2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	Annual
International District 6380 Statistics	Membership as of Jul-11 SAR	Membership Reported to District 30-Sep-11	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving Goal	Foundation Annual Giving 30-Sep-11	Foundation Annual Giving YTD	Foundation Other Giving 30-Sep-11	Foundation Permanent Fund 30-Sep-11	Giving % Achieved
Club									
Anchor Bay	18	18	0	\$ -					
Ann Arbor	317	318	1	\$ 24,000	\$ 9,023	\$ 12,385	\$ 3,463		52
Ann Arbor North	31	32	1	\$ 3,000					
Auburn Hills	12	12				\$ 25			
Berkley	20	18	-2		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 2,000		
Birmingham	71	70	-1			\$ 50	\$ 1,200		
Blenheim	22	23	1						
Bloomfield Hills				\$ 3,800	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 113		
Brighton	70	71	1	\$ 7,500					
Chatham	79	77	-2	\$ 7,600			\$ 103		
Chatham Sunrise	38	39	1		\$ 5	\$ 54	\$ 15		
Chelsea	31	31	0	\$ 3,100					
Clarkston	20	20	0			\$ 1,200			
Clawson	16	16	0						
Davisburg	13	13	0				\$ 100		
Dexter	31	31	0	\$ 2,000					
Dresden	18	19	1	\$ 1,000		\$ 421			
Eastpointe	16	17	1	\$ 2,100					
Farmington	23	21	-2	\$ 2,300					
Ferndale	20	20	0	\$ 2,000			\$ 100		
Fowlerville	28	28	0						
Hartland	22	18	-4						
Howell	48	48	0						
Lake Orion	22	21	-1	\$ -	\$ 534	\$ 952			
Lakes Area	12	13	1	\$ 1,600		\$ 210	\$ 150		
Livingston Sunrise	43	43	0	\$ 5,000					
Lyon Area	12	10	-2						
Macomb	11	10	-1						
Milan	18	18	0	\$ 1,800			\$ 400		
Milford	34	33	-1	\$ 3,500					
Mt. Clemens	73	72	-1						
Novi	40	38	-2	\$ 4,000		\$ 100			
Ortonville	11	11	0						
Oxford	34	32	-2			\$ 600			
Pontiac	27	28	1		\$ 250	\$ 250			
Richmond	33	33	0	\$ 2,000					
Ridgetown		23							
Rochester	85	84	-1	\$ 15,000					
Romeo	12	9	-3						
Royal Oak	32	30	-2			\$ 43			
Saline	31	30	-1						
Southfield	18	18	0			\$ 50			
Sterling Heights	23	25	2	\$ 2,300	\$ 100	\$ 1,100			
Thamesville	6	6	0						
Tilbury	22	20	-2	\$ 2,200					
Troy	37	37	0						
Utica-Shelby	14	12	-2	\$ 1,400					
Wallaceburg	10	10	0	\$ 1,200					
Warren	23	18	-5	\$ 1,500	\$ 40	\$ 120			
Waterford	26	26	0			\$ 2,020			
West Bloomfield			0	\$ 2,000					
Ypsilanti	24	26	2	\$ 2,500					
District 6380									
District Total							\$ 2,530	2872	
	1697	1696	-24	\$ 104,400	\$ 10,552	\$ 20,180	\$ 10,174		
			Per Capita ->		\$ 6.22				