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Keeping Track With Pat



I can't believe it! Another five weeks and we will be convening our District Conference in Frankenmuth. The Rotary Club of Durand is anxious to welcome all of you to the conference they have planned. It is a fully-packed schedule with the opportunity to learn more about Rotary, environmental sustainability, and economic development.

On Saturday morning, District Governor Elect Michael Elliott and District Trainer Delores Brock are offering a great training session for club officers. It's a great opportunity to learn the responsibilities of your position and enhance the chance for your club to become more vibrant.

I am excited about our recognizing club "Heroes" at the conference. The clubs have done well in their selections. They are a fine group, and I know most of them!

This month is Maternal and Child Health Month. With access to quality care provided by Rotary, mothers and children are living longer and healthier lives.

Included in Rotary's Annual Report, did you know?

- 70% of deaths among children under five occur within the first year
- 75% of births were assisted by skilled health personnel
- More than 800 women die every day due to birth and pregnancy-related complications
- And the best news is about 20,000 fewer children died every day in 2016 than in 1990.



District Governor
Patricia Post

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Clubs from around the world are utilizing global grants to provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health care to mothers in vulnerable areas. They are teaching mothers how to breast feed, prevent disease for themselves and their children, and prevent mother to infant HIV transmission.

Our membership goal established by our clubs is 1489. We started July 1st with 1367 and as of today after purging of members, we are at 1370 members. We are now in the positive! Our clubs need only 119 more new members to reach our goal. We are now on the upswing. It gives me great satisfaction to see the induction of new members on Facebook.

I am looking forward to seeing EVERYONE in Frankenmuth, May 4 and 5, 2018.

Yours in Rotary,

Pat

Pat Post, District Governor 2017-2018

Eradicating Polio

Our fight to eradicate polio continues. Last week another case of wild poliovirus was discovered in Afghanistan. This brings the total in that country to seven. Pakistan recorded its first case of the year. The remaining strongholds of the wild poliovirus transmission are in the border areas between the two countries.

In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology.



Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones. Organizers plan to distribute a total of 5,000 cell phones by the end of 2018.

Health workers can use the phones to send data via text message to a central server. If they see a potential polio case, they can immediately alert officials at Pakistan's National Emergency Operations Center. They also can note any children who didn't receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. In Pakistan, the polio eradication effort aims to reach the nation's 35 million children under age five.

As a district we have raised over \$28,000, thus far this year. Last year we raised over \$55,000. Only eight clubs have not reported any gifts this year. Thanks to all who are joining in the polio eradication effort.

If your club is interested in a program on polio, contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com.



Foundation Giving

By TRF Chair Eileen Jennings

The Rotary year ends on June 30. We have a little more than two months to finalize our giving to The Rotary Foundation for this year. Our goal for giving to the Annual Fund is **\$200,000**. Our goal for polio giving is **\$55,000**. You have shown tremendous generosity thus far, but we have a way to go.

If your club's Treasurer or Foundation Chair is holding on to your donations, please urge her/him to send in these funds. If you have been procrastinating about sending your own donation, please don't put it off any longer.

All clubs have given something to the Annual Fund so far except three. One of these clubs always gives, so I encourage them to give NOW. I urge the other two clubs to collect at least \$5.00 from each member and send it in to The Rotary Foundation. One of our goals is to have every club give something to the Foundation.

Last year, for the first time, we had many clubs where *every member* gave something to the Annual Fund of the Foundation. One of our goals for this year is to have more of the clubs meet this threshold. Ask your Club Foundation Chair to monitor and encourage those who have not given yet to give something.

Twenty-four (24) clubs have given for Polio eradication. It is not too late for all clubs to have a fundraiser to generate more money to meet our goal of \$55,000. Suggestion: sponsor a special showing of the award winning new feature film, *Breathe*. It is a fantastic film about a British polio survivor who refused to be "warehoused" because of his serious disabilities. Or, have a Purple Pinkie fundraiser in conjunction with a community event. Or do what works for your club, but raise those funds for PolioPlus!!

From now until the end of this Rotary year, you will be receiving weekly updates on the per capita donations by club, from Rod Bieber. He is stoking the fires of competition. Since this is a per capita measure, small clubs are just as competitive as large clubs. And Eileen will be encouraging clubs to be EREY clubs – every member gives to the Annual Fund. Wouldn't it be something if all 32 clubs were EREY clubs by June 30?

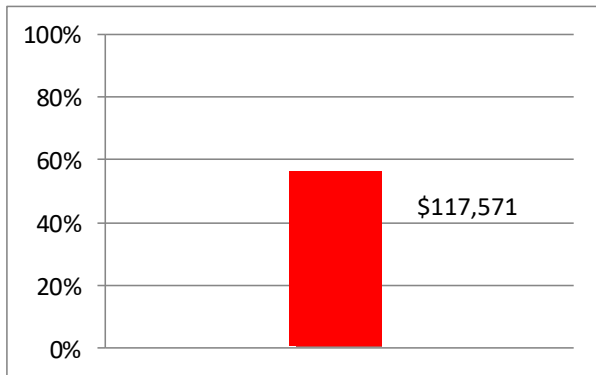
We thank you all for your generous giving, and we ask that you keep it up through the end of this Rotary year.

"The need for action is greater than ever—and so is our ability to have a real impact. As past UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon put it, 'There can be no Plan B, because there is no Planet B.' Our planet belongs to all of us, and to our children, and to their children. It is for all of us to protect, and for all of us in Rotary to make a difference."

President Ian H. S. Riseley

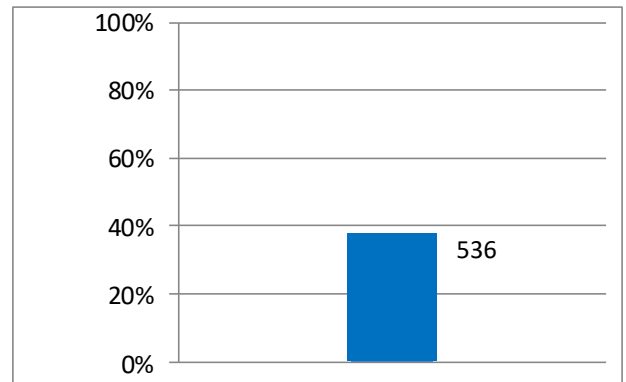
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$200,000 goal for 2017-2018



Annual Contributions as of April 2, 2018

1400 District Members

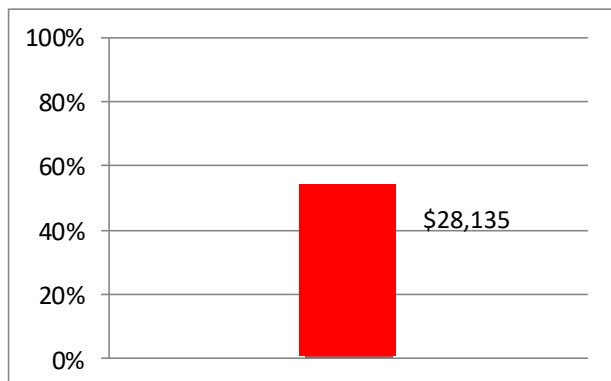


Contributing Members as of April 2, 2018

At this time, eight clubs have not contributed to Polio Plus

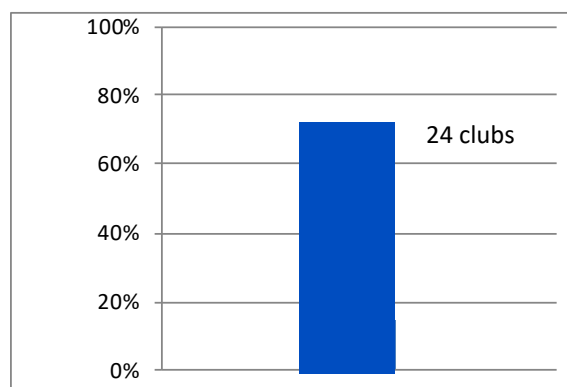
PolioPlus Progress Report

\$55,000 Goal for 2017-2018



PolioPlus Contributions as of April 2, 2018

32 District Clubs



Number of contributing clubs as of April 2, 2018

District and Global Grants

Currently Outstanding District Grants

During the current Rotary year, our district approved 29 District Grants for 20 clubs and RYLA. Many of the clubs have submitted their requests for full or partial payment, but nine recipients have not yet asked for any of their grant money.

Grants are to be disbursed by May 1 with final or progress reports also due at this time. If your club has not yet requested payment, consider the status of your grant. And almost all clubs need to submit a progress or final report to Paul Moore by May 1.

It is important that we receive reports from all grantees on time because that clears the way for us to apply for the fund for the next Rotary year.

District Grants for 2018-2019

Our District has **\$45,100** to disburse for District Grant projects for the next Rotary year starting July 1. We strongly encourage all clubs to submit an application for a grant – deadline is June 30.

In order to apply for a District Grant, a club must send at least one member for District Grant Training. Paul Moore and Eileen Jennings will provide training this year on two dates; clubs may attend either session.

The *first session* will be on Saturday, **April 14**, in Bay City. It will be held at the **Dow Bay Area Family YMCA**, 225 Washington Avenue, Bay City (**note this new location**). Training will begin at 9:15 a.m. The *second session* will be held in conjunction with the District Conference. On Friday, **May 4**, at 4:15 p.m., we will conduct this training for District Grants. Please send at least one member of your club to one of these training sessions.

District Grants are available for as little as \$500 and as much as \$4,000 for a new project. The District will match, dollar for dollar, the funds produced by the club. Both local and international projects are eligible. Although applications are due by June 30, project work (except planning) may not begin until sometime in the fall – probably October or November – after Rotary International approves our block grant for all projects. Grants are for short-term projects that can be completed by the end of the summer of 2019.

Global Grants for 2018-2019

Global Grants are for larger international projects. They take months and sometimes more than a year to plan. Club contributions are matched by district dedicated funds (DDF) and both of these are again matched by Rotary's World Fund. Money is also contributed by the Rotary Club and District in the receiving country. Global Grants have funded our many projects in the Dominican Republic as well as Zambia, India, and Sierra Leone.

At least two clubs have Global Grants in the development phases. But we are open to working with other clubs on new Global Grant proposals.

Clubs planning a Global Grant must attend a training session. The only training this spring will be held in Bay City on Saturday, **April 14**, at 10:45 a.m., right after the District Grant training. It will be held at the **Dow Bay Area Family YMCA**, 225 Washington Avenue. Randy Ettema and Eileen Jennings will present this training.

If your club is beginning to plan a Global Grant and no one can attend this training, please contact Randy Ettema to discuss another opportunity for training. His contact information is randy.rotary6310@gmail.com or phone 989-751-4636.

Pre-registration for any of these training sessions is not required, but it would be helpful if you let Eileen know that you will be attending. Her contact information is eileen.jennings811@gmail.com or phone 989-773-5185.

Challenge: 1.2 Million Trees

By Hank Sartin from the RI Website

Ian H.S. Riseley issued a challenge last year. He wanted Rotarians to plant 1.2 million trees – one for every Rotarian in the world – between 1 July 2017, when he took office as president of Rotary International, and Earth Day, 22 April 2018. Clubs around the world have embraced that challenge, and in his travels this year, Riseley himself has often been asked to pick up a shovel.

Q: Why tree-planting?

A: Environmental issues have not featured highly on the radar of Rotary International in a corporate sense, since 1990-1991, when President Paulo Costa's Preserve Planet Earth program inspired thousands of clubs to carry out environmental projects. I was keen to give Rotarians an incentive – and the opportunity – to show their concern for the environment. It's important to me and it's important to many other people.

Why trees? Because anyone can do it, just about. If you can't plant one yourself, you can still support tree-planting somewhere that needs it. From everything I've heard, people inside and outside Rotary have embraced this idea.

Q: Why do you think this idea has inspired such enthusiasm?

A: There's something about planting a tree that speaks to people in a very primal way. It shows a long-term commitment to the community. Rotary does many wonderful community projects: We build playgrounds and clean up rubbish and many other things. But somehow, planting a tree captures the imagination.

I've seen many examples of communities getting involved. The government of Romania heard about the initiative and said, 'We want to plant trees too, but we don't have the personnel to plant them.' The government offered to donate trees that Rotarians would plant all over the country. So Rotarians are planting a million trees there.

Q: How do trees fit into Rotary's areas of focus?

A: In some way, planting trees speaks to all of the areas of focus. Research has shown that trees are good for economic and community development – they increase property values. Planting a tree promotes peace simply by giving people a place to sit in the shade and contemplate the world. Trees are good for disease prevention and treatment, because the world is a healthier place with more trees to produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. You can make a case for trees relating to all our areas of focus.

There are parts of the world where deforestation has caused significant damage. It's not within the bailiwick of Rotary to redress that; we just don't have the capacity. But we'd like to demonstrate the importance of having trees in our communities and the difference that they make to us.

Q: The imagery of your presidential tie is the golden wattle, Australia's national flower. Have you always been interested in plants?

A: I've been interested in growing native Australian plants since before I was a teenager. My father was keen on propagating plants. When my wife, Juliet, and I bought our first house, I wanted to create a garden that mirrored what used to occur naturally in the area, with plants that are indigenous to that particular part of Australia. When I was thinking about my presidential tie, it was a no-brainer to incorporate the golden wattle. It's very colorful. I know some Rotary presidential theme ties have been relatively sedate, and I wanted mine to be slightly out there.

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Q: You've participated in many tree plantings this year. What have been some more memorable ones?

A: In Iceland, we planted a tree in the Friendship Forest, Vinaskógur, where visiting dignitaries and heads of state have planted trees. Queen Elizabeth II planted a tree there. I'd just note that Rotary's tree is planted just a little bit higher up the slope than hers.

An organization Rotary works with in South America wanted to plant a tree in Antofagasta, Chile, on the edge of the Atacama desert. I asked if it was practical to plant a tree in the desert. They showed me how they had set up a system to take water from the roof of their building when it rains. The tree can survive and thrive if they do it right.

In Northern California, a massive 100-year-old oak tree had come down, and Rotarians wanted to plant something in its place. The tree we planted is a small thing now, of course, just a meter high. People there were talking about the role that trees will have in the restoration of the area where they had the wildfires last year. A forester I spoke to told me that planting trees helps to stabilize the soil so it doesn't wash away when it rains. It was a strong reminder of the many benefits of trees – not just converting carbon dioxide to oxygen, but also halting erosion, providing habitat for animals, and so many other things. I've helped plant trees in Sardinia, in Latvia, in Australia. Everywhere I go, I get my hands dirty.

Q: Your tree challenge officially ends on Earth Day, on the 22nd of this month. Do you hope that clubs will keep on planting trees?

A: We want everyone to keep going. And it's not just planting the tree. It's nurturing the tree to ensure that it thrives. Planting a tree is a commitment to the future.



As part of 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley's tree-planting initiative, members of the Rotary International Staff Society planted eight trees in a bird sanctuary in Evanston, Illinois.

RI President Photo by Alyce Henson

Michael Ardelean, Youth Exchange Chair



Mike Ardelean is your District Chair of Youth Exchange and a current member of the Rotary Club of Owosso. He is the current owner and Certified Insurance Counselor for CLH Insurance Agency in Owosso and has been with the Owosso Charter Township Fire Department for 33 years and is their current Battalion Chief.

Mike and his wife Rebecca have been married for 29 years and have three grown children, Justin, Joshua (wife Kaylee), and Chelsea and are also proud grandparents to Sofia (5 months). All their children have recently graduated from college, something that was very important to him. Mike says "Nothing is more important to me than God, family, and giving back to the community and those in need. God has truly blessed me and my family." Mike & Rebecca are members of the First United Methodist Church in Owosso., and he is also the greenskeeper at that facility.

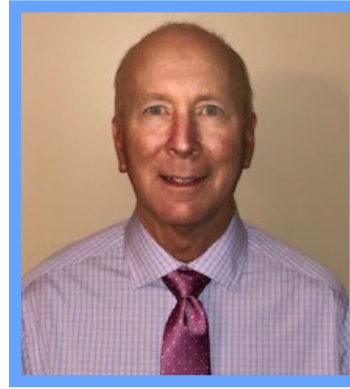
Mike was brought into the Rotary family in 2008 when he was approached by Dianne Rodgers, then District Chair, to host an exchange student from the Owosso Club. Dianne later presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow before he joined the Owosso Club.

"Rotary changed my life," he said! Youth Exchange is a huge job in the Rotary community, but it is also one of the most rewarding. You literally have family all over the world. Hundreds of kids have touched his life in such a positive way. He hopes to reciprocate by giving a little back to them while they are here. Mike thanks Dianne Rodgers and Dave Smith of the Rotary Club of Midland for their mentorships. Being involved as the Youth Exchange Chair is a job you continue to learn every year.

One of my Mike's goals is to have every club in the district involved in youth exchange. He said, "So many clubs are missing out. "

In 2016 Mike was presented with Citizen of the Year Honors with his local Chamber of Commerce. One of the highlights of his life other than family. He stated, "To be recognized by your community is about as good as it gets in life." Mike is also President of the Owosso Hunting Club, Board Member for the Shiawassee Arts Council, 12-year Board Member to the Memorial Healthcare Foundation, and sits on the Red Cross Board as a representative of the Shiawassee County Fire Chiefs Association.

Tim Shaw, District Conference Chair



Tim Shaw has been a Rotarian since 1977. He first joined the Rotary Club of Durand, then moved to the Rotary Club of Owosso, and returned to the Durand Club in 1998. He has served as President of the Owosso Club for one term and President of the Durand Club for two terms. He was the District Secretary for three years. Tim has also served as Assistant Governor. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and currently serves as the Chairman of this year's District Conference.

Tim was born and raised in Owosso, Michigan. He graduated from Ferris State College with a Pharmacy Degree. He and his wife Kathy opened a pharmacy in 1998 in Durand.

Tim is heavily involved in the local community. He is the current president of the Downtown Development Authority and has held this position for several years. Tim has also served and chaired a committee for the Michigan Pharmacist Association.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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Fireworks: There is no coverage under the Program for a Rotary Club that signs an agreement with a pyrotechnic firm. If your club does this, your club needs to purchase insurance for the club for the fireworks display. \$10M is not an unreasonable limit – your club should require the pyrotechnic firm to carry a limit of \$10M and name your club as an additional insured on their policy. Fireworks are considered a high risk activity by insurance underwriters.

Club sponsored events with attendance of 25,000+: If your club is organizing an event that draws 25,000 or more attendees, your club is required to purchase a primary special events liability policy with a limit of \$1M, including liquor liability if liquor is being served at the event. (When your club is a vendor at the State Fair, this requirement does not apply – but it does apply if your club organizes, sponsors or is putting on the large event.)

Rotary Toronto Convention

The 2018 Convention is fast approaching. We want you to have additional information about this event.

It's not too late to sign up for the Peacebuilding Summit!

Taking place on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, just prior to the Convention, the Summit will help you to:

- **Understand** how to use the areas of focus to prevent conflict
- **Identify** conflicts and their root causes in your community and worldwide
- **Develop** action steps toward creating peace
- **Connect** with other people who want to work toward peace

Go to riconvention.org and add the Summit to your registration.

Additional speakers have been announced: Dr. Isis Mejias from Venezuela, who works to educate the world on the importance of clean water, sanitation, and hygiene and Jane Nelson, Director of the Corporate Responsibility Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School and a nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute .

If you would like to go "clubbing" in Toronto, you will find all types of music.

- Love JAZZ? Check out **Jazz Bistro**, great music and fine dining
- Jazz and Blues your style? Stop in at **The Rex**, a decades old hotel, bar & restaurant
- How about a Latin beat? Join the gang at the **Lula Lounge** for Latin Fusion Cuisine and salsa music. Go on Friday or Saturday night for salsa dancing lessons.
- Rock, country or bluegrass? The **Dakota Tavern** is the spot.
- Or check out the **Horseshoe Tavern** where you never know who you might hear. Willie Nelson, the Rolling Stones, the Police, and the Ramones have all played here.
- Need more ideas? Go to:

<http://www.seetorontonow.com/bars-nightlife/torontos-thriving-livmusicscene#sm.0001mzqpo01dicemsgtkqv1wvfhg>



IT'S PARTY TIME !!! And you won't want to miss the Zones 28 & 29 POWER PLAY PARTY

When: Saturday, June 23, 2018, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Hockey Hall of Fame, Brookfield Place, 30 Yonge St

Price: \$90 US \$40 children under age 18,

What: Two mixed drinks and heavy appetizers by Daniel et Daniel—www.facebook.com/danieletdaniel/

- 15 Exhibit areas with 60,000 sq. ft. of displays
- Take your photo with the Stanley Cup * Wear your favorite team's colors
- Take a shot on goal, be the goalie or try broadcasting with interactive displays

SPACE IS LIMITED . . . REGISTER NOW! Register at www.rotaryzone2829party.com

Questions? Contact Shannon Scheffel at 815-978-9092

Information on exchange rate: Each US\$ equates to approximately 1.3 CA\$. US\$ can be exchanged at your home town bank, many US airports, or banks in Canada. ATMs (ABMs in Canada) are also readily available; however, most will charge a fee of \$3-\$5 CAD and they do not offer a standard exchange rate. Choose to pay the fee in CAD for the best rate. To avoid fees, check to see if your bank is part of a fee-free network with a Canadian bank.

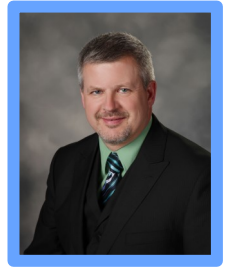
If you haven't done so already, go to the Zones 28 & 29 Convention Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/192868821271912/> - and send a request to join the group. As we get closer to the Convention, this will be a great way to organize groups, post district events, and let Zone friends know where you will be staying.

Toronto is a really fun city. Of course, the convention will be wonderful. . . but consider spending some time before or after the convention to enjoy Toronto. I promise you, you won't regret it.

Holly Kallen,
The Rotary Foundation Fund Development Committee

Youth Exchange News

By Chair Michael Ardelean



March was a very busy month for Youth Exchange here in the district. We traveled to Northwood University again for an Outbound and Youth Exchange Officer training on March 2-3. The weekend started out on Friday evening with full introductions of 11 outbounds and 8 inbound students. After introductions, we awarded our new outbounds with district name badges, pins and patches to apply to those Youth Exchange Blazers that are still pretty bare.

As you know the pride of a youth exchange student is returning from overseas with a full jacket so this is just step one! This years' fall outbounds will travel to: France, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Brazil, Chile, Finland, Turkey, and Taiwan. WOW!!! I wish I was young again and could participate.

After our intro's, everyone participated in talking about fears of travel and the new horizons that await. The current inbounds were very helpful in calming the outbound about those unknowns. At around 9:00p.m., Jan Lampman set up a personal defense training session for all the students. It was awesome to see the interaction among them.

Saturday we brought the parents in for their training, and Youth Exchange Officers joined in for compliance training in the afternoon. Thanks for all those clubs that sent your YEO's! We had nine in attendance.

A few views from around the world and in our Youth Exchange World!



RISK MANAGEMENT

The U.S. Rotary Clubs and Districts Liability Insurance Program ("Program") provides general liability (GL) and directors' & officers'/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance coverage automatically to active U.S. Rotary Clubs & Districts (subject to policy terms and conditions).

Required Renewal Notification: This message (being sent to current Presidents, Incoming Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Insurance Representatives in the U.S. and its possessions and territories) is to inform you that the current liability policies will expire 1 July 2018 12:01 a.m. We want to advise you that the renewal policy terms and conditions may reduce coverage or be more restrictive than the expiring policy based on the underwriting information provided to insurers.

New insurance policies will be purchased to provide continuous coverage, and we will make every effort to provide the same broad coverage as per the expiring policy. So that you are able to include the insurance charge for your club in your budgeting process, we will provide renewal premium/rate information to you in June.

Insurance Website: See below for information on how to access the website set up for U.S. Rotarians.

To learn more about the Program, as well as review copies of the insurance policies, summaries, loss control documents, and obtain a certificate of insurance, please visit the *Gallagher Insight* website:

Website address: <https://insight.ajg.com>

Username: rotary@ajg.com

Password: rotarian1

Rotarians can also contact Gallagher by email (rotary@ajg.com) or by phone: 1.833.3ROTARY (833.376.8279)

This website is for U.S. Rotary club/district use only and is the exclusive source for all the Program's documents, forms, loss control guidelines, and the certificate of insurance.

Please share this link/login to Gallagher Insight website with Rotarians in your club/district.

Future emails: Rotary Risk Management will be sending emails to club & district officers:

In June - to inform clubs about 2018-19 insurance assessment rates

In July - to inform clubs about 2018-19 insurance policies and available insurance resources

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In Memoriam

District 6310 is saddened to report the sudden death of Past District Governor Tom Cline, who served as District Governor in 1994-1995. Tom was a member of the Rotary Club of Saginaw. In part, the following is his obituary and funeral arrangements.

Cline, Thomas William Cline 0/17/1932 - 4/5/2018 Saginaw Twp., Michigan, passed away unexpectedly at Covenant Health-Care-Cooper on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Age 85 years.

Tom Cline was born in Flint, Michigan, on October 17, 1932. He graduated from St. Mary High School, Saginaw. Following graduation, he attended and graduated from the University of Detroit in 1954, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree and then his Juris Doctorate in 1956. Tom enlisted to serve his country with the United States Army and continued his service with the Air Force until his honorable discharge.

On July 18, 1959, he married his best friend, Joanne T. Greiner, a fellow U of D graduate he met when they both served on the University's 1955 Spring Carnival Committee. Tom was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years on March 23, 2017.

Surviving are his three children: Robert A. (Sandra) Cline of Saginaw, Thomas J. Cline of Saginaw, and Mary (James) Durham of Breckenridge; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three "Legacy Daughters," and four great-grandchildren; three sisters: Elizabeth Brines, Mary Margaret (Daniel) Collins, and Helen Josephine (Frederick) Brenner; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rosemary (Edward) Welch

Tom was active in many civic, social, and charitable organizations, which included but not limited to serving as past President of the Saginaw Rotary, past District Governor of Rotary District 6310 (formerly 631), and Board Member of Field Neuroscience Institute. According to Tom's request, cremation has taken place.

FUNERAL: A funeral liturgy will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Avenue, Saginaw. Rev. Fr. Thomas J. McNamara will officiate.

VISITATION: Family and friends are invited to gather at the Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw (off State) on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. There will be a Vigil Service held on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The family and friends will again gather for visitation at the church on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Field Neuroscience Institute or the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home, church, or through www.DeislerFuneralHome.com.



KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Membership	Goals	Month	YTD	Increase
#Clubs	32		32	
Membership	1489	1367	1370	3
Area #1 Alpena, Oscoda	100	87	88	2
Area #2 Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Pigeon, Sebewaing	148	132	134	2
Area #3 Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, Owosso	134	114	118	4
Area #4 Alma/St Louis, Brecken- ridge, Ithaca, Shepherd	112	96	96	0
Area #5 Caro, Cass City, Milling- ton, Vassar	129	110	109	-1
Area #6 Clare, Gladwin, Mt. Pleasant	142	141	138	-3
Area #7 Bay City, Bay City Morn- ing, Midland, Midland Morning, Pinconning/ Standish	396	391	391	-3
Area #8 Birch Run, Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Morning	194	188	188	0
Area #9 Saginaw, Saginaw Sun- rise, Saginaw Valley	118	108	108	0

KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Foundation	Goals	Month	YTD	
TRF	\$159,550	\$ 5,907	\$117,791	
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Polio Plus	\$43,130	\$ 499	\$28,135	
Paul Harris Fellows		10	94	Overall 2,562
Paul Harris Society		3	65	Overall 66
Major Donors		2	7	Overall 61
Bequest		1	4	Overall 17
Benefactor			3	Overall 63
Endowment		2	2	Overall 2
Arch Klumph		0	2	Overall 2

Youth Service	July 1, 2017	Month	YTD	
Inbounds Student		0	9	1 returned home
Outbound Students		0	7	1 returned
Rotaract Clubs	5	0	5	
Interact Clubs	11	0	11	
RYLA				

Tree Planting	Goal	Month	YTD	
	1489		2 clubs: Caro 63 Gladwin 36	

Rotary Family Center

By President Kim Bejcek, Bay City Morning Rotary Club

The grant application began with an idea to provide comfortable, functional space where parents can interact with their children, who have been placed into protective custody by the court. A Memorandum of Understanding was obtained and finalized between the Bay City Public Schools (BCPS) and the Bay County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for use of space at Wenona School. DHHS staff used their contacts to order furniture, while carefully planning what would be needed to make the visit areas child and family friendly—with a homey feel. The repurposed room was once a library at the school, and over time became a storage room for unused desks, chairs, technology, and many other items. Club member and school Principal Carla Derocher was instrumental in arranging for the old stored items to be removed and disposed of.

Planning to make the odd-shaped room into three separate usable spaces involved club member Bill Woolwine, who is a design engineer and owner of a large construction company. Bill took time out of his busy schedule to view the room and provide excellent advice on ways to divide it, discussed how to obtain portable walls, and provided insight on safety features.

Many planning discussions were held in November and December, 2017, and January 2018. By mid-January, the room was cleared and some minor repairs made. DHHS was able to provide portable walls, and they were delivered on February 14th. The furniture came a short time later. The club was asked to bring new or lightly used toys, games, or books they might have for families to use during their parenting time. Club member, Trish Burns, Director of the Bay County Public Library System, provided boxes of books as donations from the Library system. She delivered the books to the center, and placed them in the book shelf. She will replace the books with new ones each month to keep the supply fresh.

An open house was held in the afternoon of March 1st for all stakeholders, including Bay City Morning Rotarians, foster parents, foster care workers, contract agencies, Family Court Judge, Prosecutor, and Guardian Ad Litem.

The project will benefit hundreds of children and families for years to come. Approximately 150 children are living in foster care homes each year in Bay County. Not all of them will utilize the family center, but many families will spend time there weekly. The space allows for three separate visits to occur at one time, while remaining visible to a monitoring caseworker. Families have a comfortable, “home-like setting,” and private location to rebuild family bonds and learn appropriate parenting skills.

FROM THIS:



Wenona School storage room before project

TO THIS:



Trish and Carla arranging books

INTERACT NEWS



The **Caro Interact Club** is putting out four more recycling bins throughout Caro Community Schools! Thank you to Rotary International and Rotary District 6310 for the matching grant to help us purchase the bins!



The **Laker High School Interact Club**, established in 2016, meets at 7:15 – 7:45 AM in the high school library on the first, third, and when the month has it, the fifth Friday. The Rotary Club of Pigeon advertises in its newsletter that attending the Interact meeting is a good attendance make-up for Rotarians.



Members of the **Shepherd Interact Club** participated with the Rotary Club of Shepherd to plant 12 apple trees and an additional 38 trees to complete a local apple orchard.

ROTARACT NEWS

The Foster Closet of Michigan, Gratiot County Branch recognized the **Alma College Rotaract Club** for their donation of clothing, personal hygiene items and an entire bag of pillowcases decorated by the students.



Students from the **Northwood University Rotaract Club** are shown with their 4-way Test Banner.

Saginaw Valley State University Rotaract Club members attended the Saginaw on Stage Music Festival to raise funds for their new backpack program for kids entering foster care in Saginaw County.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** met its tree-planting objective in spades on April 5th. The club met at the home of member Dean Travis, which is also the location of an orchard being established by his daughter, Shari Smith. We met at 6:00 PM accompanied by two spouses, three children, and six members of the Shepherd Interact Club, and quickly planted the dozen apple trees furnished by the club and an additional 38 needed to fill out the 500-tree orchard. All trees were root-dipped, planted, wrapped, staked, and tied in less than an hour. We then had a great inside picnic followed by a short program by Shari and a cider tasting. It was a fun way to meet the international tree-planting objective, have some fun, and help out with some needed work!



Members of the **Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley** are working on a service project for the Saginaw Children's Zoo.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** participated in a Rotary orientation program for the club's newest member, Jennifer Eubank, who represents the North Central Area Credit Union office in Standish.

Following the orientation, club president Dennis Curtis conducted the induction ceremony for Jennifer. She becomes the club's 27th member.



Barbara Fisher, newest member Jennifer Eubank, and President Dennis Curtis.



March was reading month. Every Tuesday throughout the month **Rotary Club of Pigeon** members invaded Laker Elementary School and read books to each class. This year's theme is Pirates—"We RRR Readers!"

Alysha Fisher, President Elect of the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant**, attended PETS in Kalamazoo last month.

While there, she participated in the Purple Pinkie project to raise money for Polio Plus.

Incoming RI President's theme for next Rotary year:
"BE THE INSPIRATION"



Photo courtesy of Tom Lane

Final figures for **Rotary Club of Midland** Pancake Supper

Numbers served 2018 = 1,941

Numbers served 2017 = 1,854

An increase of 87 community members

Gross revenue 2018 = \$35,026

Gross revenue 2017 = \$32,522

An increase of \$2,504

The Pancake Supper is the club's largest fundraiser. All of the money donated goes back to the community in the form of community needs grants.

The **Rotary Club of Corunna** is proud to announce the addition of a Little Free Library in McCurdy Park outside the entrance to the Community Center.

The concept of a Little Free Library is for community citizens to be able to exchange books for free. The idea of a Little Free Library was started in Hudson, Wisconsin in 2009 by Tod Bol as a tribute to his mother who was a school teacher. According to the Little Free Library website there are currently over 60,000 libraries in over 80 countries with millions of books being exchanged annually.

Anyone is welcome to check out the Little Free Library books that they find enjoyable.

The club would like to give special thanks to Corunna Mayor and Corunna Rotary member Chuck Kerridge for constructing and installing our Little Free Library.



President Jorri Tremain, Theresa Pickler,
Corunna Rotarian Joe Sawyer

The **Rotary Club of Corunna** newest member Theresa Pickler

She is the business owner of a flower shop in downtown Corunna called "Theresa Kay's Time For Flowers." She and her family have supported the City of Corunna for many years and she says that joining the Corunna Rotary Club is an excellent opportunity to further support the community and the world around her

The 7th Annual Sweater Vest Day was celebrated by the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club!**

Yes, you read that right. They've been rockin' the tradition for seven years now.



Members of the [Rotary Club of Bay City](#) were recently introduced to Donny Brown, who together with Andy Reed, and Mark Lyons, founded AMP (All Music Is Power) several years ago in Bay City.

AMP is a non-profit organization that provides an interactive musical concert series aimed at special education students from kindergarten through twenty-somethings. Originally, the group started performing a couple of times a year in the Bay area.

According to Lyons, music reaches special education and ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) students where other things don't. Videos of performances showed just how excited and engaged the students have become. Kids got up to dance, sing, play drums, Their excitement was contagious!

AMP started on a shoestring. Soon funds began to come in through grants and donations and today the program is thriving. "We're doing OK now, but even if we had no funds, we'd find a way to do this. It's that rewarding!"



Donny Brown, Laurie Middlebrook (Spear), and Mark Lyons

Photo courtesy of Andy Rogers



Congratulations to [Rotary Club of Bay City](#) Past President Brenda Scramlin for being recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region at their Women of Achievement Awards luncheon.

Well deserved, dear friend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RIVERFRONT GRILLE PRESENTS

APR 13



HEADLINER
ADAM DEGI



FEATURING
BRIAN KENNY

CHESANING MICHIGAN

STAND-UP

COMEDY

\$15 TICKETS

PosterMyWall.com

Riverfront Grille, 128 N. Front Street, Chesaning, MI 1989-845-1622 for Tickets

Doors Open at 7:45 pm, Show Starts at 8:30pm



“Thanks For Staying”

Rotary Scholarships 2018 Fundraising Event

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Mid-Michigan



Thursday, April 19, 2018

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CMU College of Medicine, 1632 Stone St, Saginaw, Michigan

The demand for new physicians, especially primary care physicians, is growing faster than medical schools can graduate students. Our communities are facing this critical situation now, and it will only worsen in the future. The CMU College of Medicine's mission focuses on alleviating the physician shortage in Mid-Michigan and to help, we created the Rotary Scholarships Fund. We want to encourage medical students who complete their residencies in our area to stay here and serve in our communities. The Rotary Scholarships Fund is our way of thanking them for staying. The recipients of these scholarships will make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many of us - for so many years to come.

Buy Your Tickets Today!
www.thanksforstaying.org

For questions call Carolyn Yordy at
carolyn.yordy@cmich.edu or 989-774-7871

8th Annual

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8:30 AM SUNDAY 09.16.18

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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE LAND AND WATER

2018 Rotary Saginaw Bay Nature Festival Public Events

Title Sponsor: Northwoods
Wholesale Outlet

All events free and open to the
public, except the April 13th
program as noted below.

For more information, consult Festival Facebook page,
"RotarySaginawBayNatureFestival"

Friday, April 13, 6:00—9:00 PM, "Appreciating
Nature Through Art," at Pinconning Community
Building, 200 N. Mable St, led by Studio 23 Staff. \$40
charge includes supplies. Must register in advance.

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 AM, Tour of SBLC
Standish Nature Preserve, 2168 Bordeau Rd, east of
LaFave Rd, Standish Township.

Monday, April 30, 8:00 AM, Nayanquing Point
State Wildlife Area Tour, 1570 Tower Beach Rd, north
of Kitchen Rd, Fraser Township.

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 PM, Tour of Pinconning
County Park, 3041 E. Pinconning Rd, at Park Gazebo,
Pinconning Township.

Wednesday, May 2, 5:30 PM, "Managing Small
Forests/A Walking Tour of the McLean Nature Preserve,"
2199 N. Flajole Rd, north of Erickson Rd, Garfield Town-
ship, led by Conservation District Forester Anne Collins.
Learn about managing private property for timber pro-
duction or wildlife habitat.

Thursday, May 3, 4:00 PM, Dedication of Interpre-
tive Signage at Pinconning County Park, 3041 E. Pincon-
ning Rd, at Park Gazebo, Pinconning Township. Signs
created by Pinconning high school students.

Saturday, May 5, Festival Banquet, Saganing Tribal
Center, 5447 Sturman Rd, Standish Township. Doors
open at 4:00 PM to view raffle items and student art-
work. Dinner at 5:30 PM. Tickets for dinner must be
purchased in advance from Rotary club members or at
Chemical Bank in Pinconning. Cost \$25.

Monday, May 7, 9:00 PM, "Night Sky Watching" at
McLean Nature Preserve, 2199 N. Flajole Rd, north of
Erickson Rd, Garfield Township, led by Amateur Astrono-
mer Dan Borushko of Sterling. In case of inclement
weather/cloudy skies, make-up date will be Friday,
May 11, same time and place.

Additional festival sponsors include Chemical Bank,
Pinconning/Linwood Chamber of Commerce, Bittersweet
Quilt Shop, United Bay Community Credit Union,
and County Commissioner Michael Duranczyk

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Midland	-	98 years	-	Chartered April 1, 1920
Frankenmuth	-	79 years	-	Chartered April 11, 1939
Clare	-	63 years	-	Chartered April 20, 1945
Oscoda	-	46 years	-	Chartered April 8, 1972
Bay City Morning	-	28 years	-	Chartered April 25, 1990



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