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WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF AUGUST

We all survived July! August's theme is Membership and New Club Development Month. I have visited seven clubs this past month, and all were told my main focus area this year is increasing District 6310's membership with concentration on growth in both the number of members and the number of clubs.

We ended the year with 1,367 members which was a decrease from our goal and prior year's membership. However, there is hope. The goal entered by our clubs into Rotary Club Central this year is 1439. That does not include the work of the Extension Committee led by Melanie McCoy from Sebawaing in the establishment of the Harrison club. They hope to charter in the fall, and they are focusing on having 25 charter members. Also, the committee approached the Tawas Chamber of Commerce, and they are interested in the possibility of establishing an area club starting in the fall after the tourist season is 'completed. Great news!

Also, the Saginaw Valley Club is near completion of establishing a Satellite Club in Freeland. They are almost there! Subsequently, I have very high hopes that as a District, our membership will explode this year, and we will have a lot to celebrate come next July.

I appointed Troy Leipprandt, Past President from the Rotary Club of Pigeon, to lead the Membership Committee this year. He is finalizing building his committee and is focusing on a membership drive in August and then again in April. Look for his article in this *Dispatch*.

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District Governor
Patricia Post

Keeping Track With Pat (Continued from Page 1)

President Ian Riseley has these requirements for qualifying for the Presidential Citation under Membership. “Report a net gain in membership. Clubs with up to 50 members must have at least one more member listed in Rotary’s records on 1 July 2018 than they did on 1 July 2017; clubs with 51 or more members must have at least two more members listed in Rotary’s records.” Also added is the requirement that clubs with up to 50 members must gain at least one female member and clubs with 51 or more members must gain at least two female members. The same holds true for members under the age of 40. Thus, Rotary is interested in adding female members as well as those under the age of 40.

I have enjoyed my visits with each of the seven clubs I have visited. Everyone has been so welcoming and hospitable. Rotarians truly reflect “**Service Above Self**” and they are also a reflection of “**Rotary: Making a Difference.**” They sure live up to the marketing slogan, “**People of Action.**”

Last month I also spent three days at the Rotary Youth Exchange Conference and met our inbounds, outbounds, and rebounds. I also attended most of the breakout sessions and learned so much. The noise and energy emanating from those kids was contagious. It was announced to the over 1000 in attendance, that Sam Owori, RI President Elect, had passed away the night before. There was a nice tribute given in Sam’s memory and great respect shown by our students and parents.

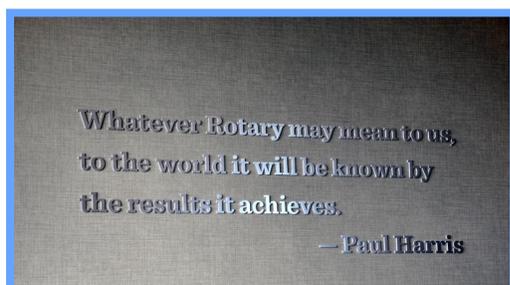
Our train trip is over! It’s kind of sad that after months of planning an event, it’s over in two days. There were 34 District Rotarians and guests who travelled to Chicago. We did all we planned to do and were totally exhausted on our return trip. It was exciting seeing the 17th and 18th floors of Rotary Headquarters, being educated on Foundation, Membership and Grants, visiting Rotary One, tour of Paul Harris home and gravesite, and dinner at Shaw’s Crab House where we celebrated Assistant Governor Larry Arendt’s birthday (with his son Brian joining us for dinner). File size restrictions in ClubRunner limit the number size of this publication. A wonderful recount of the trip and a collage of pictures taken by Richard Clarke will be forwarded under separate cover. He only downloaded 268 pictures of our trip!



As District Governor Elect I kept receiving reports from Facebook of poor ratings on usage. Now, we are doing much better. In the last week, page visits have gone up 140%, with a 52% increase in weekly total reach. Several Rotarians, including your District Governor, are posting to our Facebook Page. With the help of Pastor Steve Wood, I have also developed twitter account, @District6310.org. I have only one follower, so let’s start using this opportunity to share Rotary information. Of course, I have to learn how to use it myself! Our website, www.rotary6310.org, twitter account @Rotary6310.org; and 6310 Facebook page (accessed from the website), and this *Dispatch* are yours. Please use these social media opportunities, filling them with pictures and articles about your clubs “**Making a Difference.**”

In this *Dispatch* you will find information on our Foundation Gala, November 17th in Frankenmuth, and the Peace and Conflict Resolution seminar to be held in Midland, September 29 and 30th. Next month you’ll learn about the Foundation and Membership workshops to be held at the Methodist Church in Saginaw, October 14th,

I will be visiting 15 clubs this month and look forward to meeting many of my fellow Rotarians. Have a great month!



Yours in Rotary,

Pat

Pat Post, DG 2017-2018

Clubs Outdo Themselves Again!!!

By Chair PDG Eileen Jennings



The Rotarians and clubs of District 6310 have come through again! Your giving to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation and to Polio Plus for the past Rotary year – 2016-2017 – was spectacular.

The final total giving to the Annual Fund was **\$190,625!!** Polio Plus giving was **\$55,163**. Both of these amounts exceeded last year's totals. The Annual Fund giving set a new record. Your generosity allows us to continue the battle to finally eliminate polio, to offer funds for your projects through District Grants, and to follow through on additional Global Grant projects.

If you made a personal contribution, you are a part of every humanitarian project Rotary undertakes. Every time you read about a Rotary project anywhere in the world, you can say to yourself, "**I helped do that.**"

During the past year, District Governor Cheryl Peterson and I really encouraged Every Rotarian to give something to the Annual Fund. You really responded. Final numbers show that **70%** of all members gave to the Annual Fund. This is, I believe, an all-time record for this District. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We should be very proud of our accomplishment.

We are still compiling a list of clubs where 100% of the members gave to the Foundation. There are two sources for this Information, and one source has been removed from the RI website. I am trying to obtain this data, because it shows persons who were active in the club by the end of the year. I will have a more complete report ready for you in the September *Dispatch*. But the report I do have access to shows that the following clubs definitely were **Every Rotarian Every Year** Clubs:

Bad Axe

Frankenmuth Morning

Ithaca

Mt Pleasant

Saginaw Sunrise

Shepherd

This same record shows the following clubs had almost every member contribute to the Annual Fund. I believe that they are EREY clubs also, and the difference arises because of members who left the club during the year.

Birch Run

Caro

Cass City

Durand

Special recognition goes to the **Rotary Club of Midland**. This club is very large (168 members), and it has a Club Foundation, so it is almost impossible to get everyone to give to the Annual Fund. But their extraordinary efforts led to 102 members giving this year, a very large increase.

Thanks to Rod Bieber for challenging clubs to compete for recognition as the highest per capita giving clubs. Many clubs really got involved in this challenge. The latest figures show the following as the top five giving clubs on a per capita basis.

Saginaw Sunrise

Midland Morning

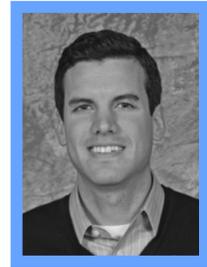
Cass City

Frankenmuth Morning

Frankenmuth Noon

It is an honor to serve as your District Foundation Chair. I am truly moved by your generosity to those in this world who have so little. We truly are changing the world one step at a time. In 2016-2017, we did **Serve Humanity** and we did **Make a Difference**.

Membership and New Club Development Month



By Chair E. Troy Leipprandt

We are a month into the start of another great Rotary year! Like every month in Rotary, August has a theme. This month that theme focuses on Membership. Membership is, now more than ever an appropriate focus of our time and energy. But first, allow me to give a shout out to long serving Rotarian, Rich Fleming. Rich has served our District as Membership Chair and has recently completed his term. Our District is thankful to Rich for his time and commitment. Through Rich, our District has created a Membership Committee. This committee has served the District by exploring different ways to maintain and increase our membership. We are here to help train clubs by being a resource for information and are able to provide presentations to clubs whenever possible.

Rotary International has made Membership a huge priority this year with its goal to expand Rotary awareness. Some things for us to consider:

What is Rotary to us? And how do we explain to people unaware of Rotary's mission how it not only benefits us, but also the community in which we live.

Rotary Internatiopnal wants our membership base to become aware of the importance and need for continuous membership growth. We need our members to engage the public in dialogue and action. We need to let people know what Rotary is and what we do.

By making it a point to ask people to attend our meetings, our public functions, our service projects, etc., we can develop mutual interest. But our goal must be to ask — throughout the year each member should bring a guest to a meeting —ask, ask, ask!

Bring a guest that you feel is a good candidate to join Rotary. Single out one or many individuals within your sphere of influence and describe the benefits of joining Rotary.

Use available tools:

1. Assess classifications within your club — what is missing?
2. Assess demographics — do you need diversity in membership?
3. Rotary International has many membership materials available for download

To quote former Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman:

“The search for individual joy, satisfaction, and happiness is universal, and I strongly believe it is a goal that can best be fulfilled by helping others....Some of the most rewarding moments in our lives **occur when we are helping, serving, and caring for others.**”

Travel Opportunity

By International Service Coordinator Randy Ettema



Are you interested in a trip to the Dominican Republic? Our next District trip to the Moca area of the Dominican Republic will be November 8-15. Most travelers stay for the week, however, if you can only stay a few days, that can work also.



The purpose of the trip is to follow up on Global Grants in process, to investigate potential new grants, and to make new Rotary friends. The plane ticket is usually \$700 or less, if purchased early (by mid-September), and local expenses are under \$300 for a total approximate cost of \$1,000. We usually depart from Detroit.

We will experience Dominican hospitality by staying in Rotarian's homes and discovering their culture. Global Grant scopes include latrines, new wells, water filters, and handwashing. You will see direct benefits of our District's Foundation money at work in Dominican Republic communities and schools. As time allows, we will do some hands-on activities.

If you are interested in making the trip, please call (989) 751-4636 or email randy.rotary6310@gmail.com by August 31. We like to book plane tickets by early September for the best price. Even if you decide to go after September, you are welcome to come.



Plant a Tree Project

By Environmental Committee Co-Chair Michael Stoner

As most of us know, Rotary International President Ian Riseley has asked every Rotarian in the world to plant a tree during this Rotary year. A good time to do that would be some time next spring. A perfect time would be on or about Earth Day, April 22, 2018. For each Rotarian in District 6310 to plant a tree will be a good thing, but to encourage others in our communities to do so as well would be even better, and the impact on the region much greater. What if Rotary clubs would consider doing a special project this year to meet and exceed the Rotary International President's challenge.

For some time, the Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish has been working with school children in local schools on a variety of nature-related projects. We were advised that children in the 4th and 5th grades [10 and 11 years old] are at an age when they are receptive to such projects, and we have found this to be the case. It also works for their teachers since exposure to nature is part of the curriculum for the children in those grades. Since we are already going into the schools every fall to deliver dictionaries and thesauruses to 3rd and 4th graders, these visits have provided club members with the opportunity to discuss spring nature projects with the students and teachers while we are in the classrooms. In our service area, there are about 11 classrooms [in three school districts] per grade level. Our club has chosen to involve all of the classrooms in one grade level each year in our nature projects. Depending on the size of your club, you may wish to concentrate on a single classroom or a single grade level within one school district.

Our club has worked with the local conservation district [in our case, the Arenac Conservation District] to select a variety of trees and/or shrubs to provide to students. Plant orders are submitted in winter [January and February] with plants delivered in the spring, usually mid-April, a perfect tie-in to the annual Earth Day commemoration. Though it serves a small county, the Arenac CD distributes more than 30,000 seedlings and transplants every year. They have a good variety of plants available, mostly native Michigan trees—something that we insist on using!



Every county in Michigan has a conservation district, and most of them have annual plant sales. If a club is not happy with the selection offered by their own county, the Arenac Conservation District is willing to provide plants to individuals in other parts of the state. Seedlings ordered through a local conservation district are inexpensive, which means bulk purchases can be done without breaking the bank. Our club's goal is to provide each student with two plants, one to plant as part of a school project, and one to plant at home. Since we provide only native species, the seedlings are usually good sized within a few years, allowing the children to monitor their progress.

More information will be provided next month on the mechanics of doing a project like this, but it isn't too early for clubs to start thinking about how they might like to address the new RI President's tree-planting request.

One good thing about a project like this is that it provides a framework for cooperation with community organizations in order to undertake additional sustainable projects in future years that have the potential to generate strong local interest.

Rotary Global Rewards

By Brenda Scramlin, Chairman



Have you used [Rotary Global Rewards](#) — our member benefits program of special offers on travel, hotels, dining, entertainment, and more? Rotary Global Rewards makes your Rotary membership even more rewarding.

With Rotary Global Rewards you can:

- Do more good work — Involve more members in Rotary projects with savings on vehicle rentals, airfare, and hotels
- Build Rotary friendships — Forge richer friendships with fellow members using our dining and entertainment offers
- Share Rotary's story with someone new — Tell new acquaintances about Rotary's work when you use discounts at restaurants

Members can help build the program: Rotary and Rotaract club members can add special offers from their businesses.

You can access Rotary Global Rewards on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Many Rotary Global Rewards offers include a donation that goes back to Rotary.

To learn more, sign in to [MyRotary](#) and go to the Member Center.

If you don't have an account, create one now at www.rotary.org/myrotary.

Use #RotaryStory or email rotaryglobalrewards@rotary.org to tell Rotarians how you use your rewards.

Rotary Gala November 17, 2017

Mark your calendars! Save the Date! The 2017 Foundation Gala will be held on Friday, November 17, at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth.

We have just received confirmation that our keynote speaker will be Ed Futa, formerly the General Secretary of The Rotary Foundation. Ed spoke at PETS last spring and was well received. He is funny and inspirational. He knows Rotary and its humanitarian work inside and out.

Although the keynote speaker is important, I think most of us go to the Gala to see old friends and have a chance to visit and catch up on the news from other clubs. We will continue to allow plenty of time for this. Of course, we will also have the usual fantastic food; and we will honor clubs and Rotarians for their generosity in the past year. And we have so much to celebrate because of the records set in giving this past Rotary year.

If you haven't attended before, try to come this year. This is not a fundraiser. You will not be asked to give any money at this event.

Information about registering for the Gala will come in a later Dispatch.

Youth Exchange Update

By Chair Michael Ardelean



July was a very busy month for the Youth Exchange Team as we traveled as a group to the Central States Youth Exchange Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. We were also so pleased to have new District Governor Patricia Post join us for the breakout sessions and our District 6310 meeting. Close to 1000 people attended this very important training conference including almost 500 exchange students. Thanks to all Rotarians who joined in and helped.

We learned a lot from each other and from all of the returning rebounds as this was their first meeting after returning from overseas for the past 11 months. It is always so good to hear about their adventures. To most, this will be one of the most exciting years of their lives.

We were also joined by outbound family members who had sessions with their counterparts that were out this past year to gather valuable information about what their family will face in the coming months. We have eight of these outbound students preparing to leave as you read this! It was a great conference with awesome attendance by our District.

On a sad note. Calvin is the last meeting with our current inbounds as we say farewell to them as they pack to return home. Boy did we see some tears and witnessed firsthand the reasons we participate in youth exchange. They will all be missed but we are hoping most will return for a visit in the coming years.

Thanks team and especially DG Pat Post for joining us!!



Moeto Kawanishi from Japan waves goodbye as he completes his successful Caro Rotary Youth Exchange Year.



District Governor Pat



In the Spotlight...

District Governor Nominee Tom Miles



Tom has been a member of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant since 1998 and was President in 2002-2003. He has served as Chair for District Global Scholar (formerly Ambassadorial Scholar) and Peace Scholar for several years. During that time, he worked with Ambassadorial Scholars David Cupery, Mohibullah Israr, Carrie Kahl, Olga Loginova, Tyler Matthews, Mutinta Sondashi, and Jency Schnettler, and Global Scholar Peter Ekadu. Tom serves as program chair for the Mt. Pleasant Club.

A native of Illinois, Tom lived in Missouri for four years, and in Mt. Pleasant since 1970 except for one year in Evanston, Illinois. When he would drive from Evanston to Chicago, he'd go by the Rotary International Headquarters. He taught and held administrative positions at Central Michigan University until his retirement in 2007. He continues to be an advisor for a student group of actuarial science majors.

Tom is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant where he is an elder. He has also served on two presbytery committees.

For eight years Tom has been a group leader for the Road Scholar program on Mackinac Island. He and his late wife Cindy have four children with two in Michigan, one in Colorado, and one in North Carolina.

Take the last letter of his last name and move it to the start and you have a 😊

"I am asking each club to provide Rotary headquarters with two numbers, the amount of money, both in cash and in kind, spent on humanitarian service; and the number of hours of work performed in Rotary's name. I strongly believe that with these numbers, we will be able to demonstrate the value of *Rotary: Making a Difference* — which in time will enable us to make more of a difference for more people, in more ways, than ever."

Rotary International President Ian H. S. Riseley

Boxes of Hope Have Arrived

By Immediate Past District Governor Cheryl Peterson



We have received several reports from the Philippines regarding the Boxes of Hope that they have been receiving over the last few weeks. Following are excerpts from a club report to Governor Jing. The club received three boxes and were able to give the books to three elementary schools in their area. And there are 50 more stories — one for every box we sent!

The first turn-over was done last July 19, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock pm to the primary school learners of Suarez Central School. On Tuesday July 25 to representatives of Kalamalamahan Elem School at 9rs Café and Resto. This is because the club was not given clearance to go to the school due to security reasons. Kalamalamahan is the farthest school interior of the city with almost 2 hours land travel from the city proper situated within the boundary of Lanao del Sur. On July 26, 2017 we will turn over the books to the third school recipient, Tubaran Elementary School.

The books are hard bound, and colourful pictures depict its story. This project is in answer to the reading comprehension development of children especially in the far flung schools of the division. The books are really for primary level, the level where kids needed the most attention as to development of the child's reading skills.

President Marivic gave a message to the children that the most important skill a child must have is their reading skill as this is the gateway to understanding other subject areas offered in the educational system and in the homes too. President Marivic also announced that the club will conduct a Reading Competition to the recipient schools sometime first quarter of 2018. The School Principal Dr. Anna Maria Timogan likewise was so grateful for the opportunity Rotary shared with the children and the school in general. She added that she looked forward to a continued partnership with the club in the development of the children's academic performance.



Teachers and pupils with their School Principal and District Supervisor witnessed the turn-over of these books to the school. The Supervisor said in her message that these books were timely as they are to build a "Basa Kubo" (reading shed) where kids can freely enjoy reading during their spare time.



Recipients wait for distribution.



Kids interestingly read their books while we were still arranging it for them. The school Principal was so thankful for the opportunities and assured club members that the books will be utilized to the maximum per their needs in improving the academic performance of their learners.

Interact News

In Better Hands is a mission based out of Bad Axe, Michigan, that rescues children from human trafficking in Asia. Seth Van Tiffin spoke to the [Interact Club of Bad Axe High School](#) last year explaining what his organization does and asked us for our help.

Now Alumnus, Natalie Breault, came up with the idea of putting a spin on stopping human trafficking by selling our group out for "slavery." So, we offered our group of approximately 50 kids for work in exchange for a donation to In Better Hands.

The Port Austin Historical Society informed us that they had a member who would donate \$500 if we sent a crew of five for a property clean-up day. On the morning of June 27, we showed up with 11 workers. Their list of three projects was quickly completed, and we were given seven more projects to complete!

We were done at lunch time and treated to a delicious lunch at The Stockpot in downtown Port Austin! At lunch we were informed that since we brought 11 workers, and since they performed above expectations, that a donation of \$1,100 was made to In Better Hands! Great job Interact!



AROUND THE DISTRICT

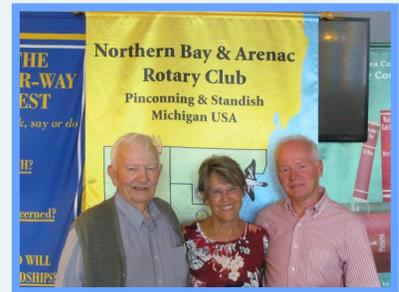


The **Rotary Club of Shepherd**, along with another local organization and a private citizen, pooled funds to purchase a digital radar sign for the Village of Shepherd. The sign clocks and displays a driver's speed and is portable so it will be used in various areas within the Village.

Police Chief Luke Sawyer stated, "It is a proactive sign, meaning it gives you a digital reading of your speed and gives you the opportunity to slow down before you see blue flashing lights behind you."

A great way to slow down drivers and keep our citizens safe.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** were recently treated to a presentation by long-time Pinconning resident Bud Schultz, (who turns 93 in a few months) who reminisced about living in the Pinconning area during his youth. Bud was born in the Detroit area and grew up in River Rouge, but he used to spend every summer as a child in Pinconning with his grandparents who lived along the bay. He passed most of his days with local boys his own age, including Chief Sowmick, from whom he learned to live off the land. He learned about herbs and how to use a slingshot to bring down birds.



Bud Schultz, Treasurer Lonna Hummel, and President Dennis Curtis

Bud told about one incident where the boys netted dozens of baby ducks on the Pinconning River, thinking they might sell them, before being scolded and forced to return the ducklings to the river. Bud said he also worked awhile at the Donnelly ice house, retrieving blocks of ice packed in sawdust for customers. Ice blocks sold for 10 cents each. On Saturday nights, free movies were shown in Pinconning. Bud said farmers would bring their families to town in wagons, where the horses would be tied up at one of many hitching rails while the folks enjoyed the film.

Bud shared details of one incident that caused a bit of excitement in town. The gangster Pretty Boy Floyd and pals came to Pinconning and holed up in a hardware store until the local bank opened. The gang robbed the bank and took a local man hostage. They dumped their hostage in Crump before escaping to Chicago.

Having learned a lot about the medicinal uses of herbs from playmate Chief Sowmick, Bud went into the pharmacy business after serving in the Navy Air Corps in World War II. Since other members of his family have gone into the same field, the Chief's influence may have been greater than he could have imagined.

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** recently celebrated Rotary International Youth Exchange Day. Past District Governor Ed Eichler introduced his spouse Wanda who introduced Malliette Diaz, who was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 1991 – 1992 attending Lakers High School. Malliette stayed with the Eichlers, Doug and Rhonda Buehler, and Diana and Fred Kausch. She was back in the area for her 25th high school class reunion.

Malliette stressed how great a time she had and how important it was to her, in part because she knew very little English when she arrived. Malliette is a CPA and now works internationally for Microsoft from her home in Bogota, Columba. She introduced her husband, Alkey Berdugo, who also is a CPA and a senior executive with Phillip Morris, and sons, Nicolas Berdugo-Diaz and Samuel Berdugo-Diaz. Malliette closed by thanking the club and saying she hoped that the club could once again get involved in the program. It is good for the students and the Rotarians

At a recent Club Assembly, the members of the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** posed for a new club photo.

What a great looking group!



Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Frankenmuth pose outside One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois.

Some of the train trip participants had lunch at the Chicago Rotary One Club, the first Rotary Club in the world, where a panel discussion was held with Tuskegee Airman Oscar Lawton Wilkerson and Major General John L. Borling (retired).

Upcoming Event



Second Conflict Resolution Training

"This is the unusual thing about nonviolence, everyone shares in the victory." ~M. L. King Jr.

Midland Noon Rotary's Peace & Conflict Resolution Subcommittee and District 6310 is again working with the Midland Chapter of the Nonviolent Peaceforce to build and further develop conflict resolution skills with win/win outcomes for participants as well as the broader community.

Jennifer Batton of Conflict Education Consultants, who has 21 years of experience, will again be our trainer. The two-day training will build on the foundation laid at the March 25 "Creating Peace by Practicing Peace" workshop in that we will have the opportunity to practice conflict resolution skills and techniques. A minimal fee of \$20 will help cover costs.

September 29 -30, 2017

9 am to 5 pm

First United Methodist Church, 315 W. Larkin Street, Midland

Lunch opportunities available downtown

Jennifer can accept a maximum of 30 attendees. Rotary and Nonviolent Peaceforce will share in the maximum; a total of 15 can be Rotarians.

For more information, please contact Rotary Peace Fellow Jeanne Schaller at jgschall@outlook.com.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING, please **rsvp by September 1, 2017**, to Gail Hoffman, Peace & Conflict Resolution Subcommittee Chair, at gailhoffmanhome@gmail.com.

Send payment checks of \$20 to Kelli Bos, Midland Noon Rotary, P.O. Box 2002, Midland, MI 48641-2002.

Working together, we can continue to learn how to apply the principles of nonviolent peace and conflict resolution in our own lives, our communities, and beyond! Please join us in this very important Rotary area of focus. Building and promoting peace is at the very center of our local and international humanitarian service.

In Memoriam

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

“Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone,” Sam said when he was nominated last year. “I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I’ve helped someone live better.”

Sam's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018.

“Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hardworking Rotarian he was,” said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. “In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.”

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years. Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Sam was the chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporate secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda.

Sam served as member and chair of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd., (now Opportunity Bank), the Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies, Mulago Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College, and the Kampala City Council. Sam also was the vice chair of Hospice Africa Uganda, and board member and chair of the Audit Committee of PACE (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication, and Education) in Uganda.

“Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world,” Riseley said. “We are establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available.” Rotary is establishing a memorial fund in Sam's honor and will provide details soon.



Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Breckenridge - 79 years - Chartered August 30, 1938

Millington - 77 years - Chartered August 31, 1940



The District 6310 Newsletter is published monthly. Articles originate from various Rotary International publications as well as from events and activities within the District. Thank you to all contributors.

We encourage the submission of articles. Please provide information and pictures for a future District Dispatch to:
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