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## Keeping Track With Pat



I can't believe it! It is February, and where has our year together gone? These articles get harder to write as I know that in less than 5 months we both will move on. Our District Conference will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Frankenmuth at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, and we will stay at Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Water Park. This should be a fun time for everyone. All information about the conference will be placed on our website very soon. Please check the district website for information on this conference, [www.rotary6310.org](http://www.rotary6310.org). In the meantime, set those dates on your calendar.

The schedule will be different this year. It will begin May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM with the regular business meeting followed by the Yellow Rose Ceremony. I know of at least five Rotarians that have left us this year. Please forward on all those who passed away this Rotary year to our Administrative Assistant, Connie, at [connie.rotary6310@gmail.com](mailto:connie.rotary6310@gmail.com). Following the Yellow Rose Ceremony there will be break-out sessions to choose from, and we will have a keynote speaker talking to us about the environment. The Past District Governors will have lunch at 11:30 AM, Friday, prior to the District Annual Meeting.

I was just informed we will have a presidential representative attending our conference. He is Art Zeitler, from Corpus Christi, Texas. He will be the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 21(d) and part of Zone 27 for 2018-21. Art and I have corresponded and exchanged information. I am, and I certainly hope all of you are, looking forward to his being with us. He is a Past District Governor of District 5930.

The Rotary Club of Durand is now finalizing the break-out sessions and speakers. The District Training Assembly for club officers will be held Saturday morning, and hopefully, this change will increase attendance. Following the training, we will have an awards luncheon honoring our Club Heroes, and other recipients. Please send your Hero recipients information to Anna Willson, [amw313@icloud.com](mailto:amw313@icloud.com) by March 12, 2018.

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## Keeping Track With Pat (Continued from Page 1)

At the luncheon, I would like also like to recognize our new members this year. The afternoon will be spent at break-out sessions. We also have lined up a terrific keynote speaker who will bring us information about a significant impact on the future economic development of Mid-Michigan.

The theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution. In this issue you will find a flyer explaining the Presidential Peacebuilding Conference to be held at the Chicago South Shore Cultural Center, June 2, 2018. I am so elated that our own will be represented by our past Peace Fellow, Jeanne Schaller. She will serve on a panel with two other peace fellows to discuss "What Can We as Rotarians Do Going Forward." The Midland Club, as you know, has worked with Rotarians, Interactors, and other organizations to promote peace building through education and literacy. Midland, representing District 6310, will be on the world stage. Let's get behind Jeanne and the Rotary Club of Midland in supporting their achievements!



District Governor  
Patricia Post

The International President selects six areas in the world to hold Peace Conferences, and the Chicago site has been selected as one of the six this year. Check out the website [www.rotaryliteracy.org](http://www.rotaryliteracy.org). You can register for the conference and the hotel at this site. I am going! I hope others do as well. Can you tell I am excited about our District hitting the big time?

Also branching out and interacting with other Rotarians from the United States are Jim and Deb Kranz from Cass City. They spent New Years at the Rose Bowl Parade and helped build the prize-winning float! Deb is President of her club, and Jim is heavily involved in our Youth Exchange program. They have an article in this issue on Page 11.

On Saturday, January 27, 2018, representatives from the district attended the Regional Membership Seminar at a college in Lansing, MI. Our focus for the remaining part of our year together, is going to be on Membership. As of this date, we are at 1,354 members. We started the year at 1367. We have work to do, and we will do it together. Here is a picture of those attending the seminar. We had great representation and gleaned a significant amount of information on recruiting and retaining members. You will hear more about this from your District Membership Chair Troy Leipprandt and Assistant Governors – and, of course, myself.



# Keeping Track With Pat (Continued from Page 2)

I am very pleased that 33 members from our district have registered for the Rotary International Conference to be held in Toronto June 23-28, 2018. There is still time to register. Think about taking advantage of this opportunity so close to our district.

I want to remind all new Presidents Elect that **Pre-Pets** will be held on February 10 and 17<sup>th</sup> (with a back-up date, February 24<sup>th</sup>, in case either session is cancelled because of weather) at COPOCO Credit Union on Wilder Road in Bay City. The sessions begin at 9:00 AM and end at Noon. You can select one of these dates to attend. If you have not already done so, please notify Michael Elliott, District Governor Elect, [Michael.rotary6310@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.rotary6310@gmail.com) or District Trainer Dee Brock, [dsanchez2@aol.com](mailto:dsanchez2@aol.com), about which session you plan to attend.

Also, it is mandatory for Presidents Elect to attend **PETS**, which will be held March 15-17, 2018, at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. Please register at [greatlakespets@rotary.org](mailto:greatlakespets@rotary.org) for both the seminar and hotel. President Elect Nominees are also invited to attend PETS, and a special program will be offered specifically for them.

Registration opens at 1:00PM, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Between 2:30 and 6:00 PM pictures of Presidents Elects and Assistant Governors will be taken in the Flats Room, Assistant Governor Rotary 101 training is at 3:00 PM, and the general session begins at 5:40 PM. The seminar closes at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. For those bringing spouses, we need assistance at the Purple Pinky table hosted by District 6310. If you have any questions, contact Michael Elliott, District Governor Elect. Barry Rassin, your Rotary International President Elect, will be in attendance. I love PETS!

Don't forget to plant your trees – one per member. Contact Mike Stoner, [mirost62@gmail.com](mailto:mirost62@gmail.com), or Tom Cook, [tom@cookfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:tom@cookfamilyfoundation.org). It is time to order your trees to make the Earth Day planting deadline, April 22, 2018. In the measurement section, you will see that Gladwin and Caro have completed their goals.

In reviewing the Presidential Citation report, there are many clubs that are well on their way to earning that citation. I can only say, I am proud of all of you and what you have done to promote and live the ideals of Rotary. Let's continue down the track, whistling all the way, to reach our final destination as the *Little Engine* that did so well!

*Pat*

Pat Post, DG 2017-2018

"None of us can know what lies ahead for Rotary. It remains for all of us to continue to build on the solid foundations that were laid for us by Paul Harris and his friends: to forge and strengthen the bonds of service and friendship through *Rotary: Making a Difference.*"

**President Ian H. S. Riseley**

# District 6310 Annual Conference and Assembly 2018

Dates: May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5th, 2018

Location:

**Zehnder's of Frankenmuth**

Frankenmuth, MI

**Rotary District Theme:**  
**Business, Training, Education & Support**

**Keynote Speakers' Theme:**  
**Pursuing Economic Growth and Environmental  
Responsibility**

## **Frankenmuth - Michigan's Little Bavaria**

Rich historical beauty and culture

Bronner's **Christmas Wonderland**

Architectural gems like the Bavarian Structures, Glockenspiel Tower, and

Authentic Wooden Covered Bridge

Golf & River Recreation Opportunities

Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours

[Gift & Specialty Shops](#)

Accommodations Available:

**Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Water Park,  
Frankenmuth, MI**

Rooms Available for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

**More details to come**

**Rotary International President Ian Riseley**  
**Invites You**  
**Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy**  
**June 2, 2018**  
**Chicago South Shore Cultural Center**

***Be Inspired - Form Partnerships - Take Action!***

Rotary International President Ian Riseley is presiding over the Rotary Presidential Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy Conference on June 2, 2018. Of the six Peacebuilding Conferences focused on Rotary's Areas of Focus, the Chicago Peacebuilding Conference is the only one being held in the United States.

***Peacebuilding Conference***

The Peacebuilding Conference will feature international and local speakers with interactive discussions on:

- Education and Literacy – Foundations of International Peace
- Work Locally – Global and District Grants
- Peacebuilding on the Ground in Chicago – Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows
- Prevention of Violence in Young People by Teaching Peace
- Curtailing Violence By Addressing Epidemic of Violence and Sustainable Development Goals
- Peace and Education – Never Too Late
- Rotary Peace Scholars – Making a Difference
- What Can We As Rotarians Do Going Forward?
- CARGO Peace Circle – Live enactments for Rotarians and Students
- Spoken Word Performance

***Rotary-UN Model Day***

Additionally, we will be hosting a Rotary-UN Model Day in conjunction with the Peacebuilding Conference at the South Shore Cultural Center for a diverse group of local high school students. Students will be focused on two resolutions related to equity in education and teaching peacebuilding skills in elementary and high schools. Students will begin their research on their assigned countries in February and will come prepared to present, debate, caucus, amend, and vote on resolutions. The student caucus leaders selected by the students will present their resolutions at the end of the day to Rotary President Ian Riseley, Rotarians, and Community Leaders attending the Conference.

*Rotary Zones 28-29 is the host for the Peacebuilding Conference. Additional information and registration is located at [www.rotaryliteracy.org](http://www.rotaryliteracy.org) including information on the Rotary-UN Model Day.*

## Presidential Message

### Rotary International President Ian Riseley's Message - December 2017:

"Seventy-two years ago, the United Nations was founded "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war ... [and] to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors." Despite those worthy aspirations, and generations of investment in achieving them, the "scourge of war" is still with us: Last year, more than 102,000 people died in 49 armed conflicts around the world. Some of those conflicts were in their fifth decade or beyond. Terrorism, intolerance, and extremism; the refugee crisis; and environmental degradation are now global challenges.

Collectively, we seem further than ever from achieving the goals that were set with such ambition and on peace but on *peacebuilding*: We will share ways that we can work to build peace through the service of our Rotary clubs and districts. Five of the one-day conferences will illuminate the connections between peace and another area of focus. The first conference, in Vancouver, B.C., will explore the link between peace and another sphere of great concern to us in Rotary: environmental sustainability. You can view the full schedule and register at [www.rotary.org/presidential-conferences](http://www.rotary.org/presidential-conferences).



The goals are simple: to help Rotarians find new ways to advance peace through their service, to learn from experts, and to strengthen our abilities to build peace. It is my hope and belief that these conferences will help us move closer to a more peaceful world, through *Rotary: Making a Difference*."

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ian Riseley."

*Ian H.S. Riseley*

*Rotary International President 2017 - 2018*



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Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we pass the halfway point of this Rotary year, it's time to take stock of what we've achieved so far and what we still have to do. The [Rotary Citation](#) is not only an honor, but also a useful tool that helps clubs plan their service. Club leaders will receive an achievement guide by email in mid-March, with valuable resources to help you reach your goals. If you're on track to receive a citation, congratulations! Your club is well on its way to a very productive year.

Here in Evanston, we are working hard to achieve the goals that Rotarians have laid out for us. In a Rotary-wide survey of Rotarians and Rotaractors, 90% of respondents asked for improved training, better methods to connect with other clubs, more planning resources, and better online tools. In response, your 2016 Council on Legislation passed a [\\$4 dues increase](#) that is now allowing us to invest in the improved resources, processes, and technology you've asked for.

One of the many improvements we've made (and are continuing to make) has been to Rotary Club Central, which has been completely redesigned to be faster and easier to navigate. As you already know, this year we are asking all Rotary clubs to submit two numbers to Rotary: the number of volunteer hours worked and the money invested in service. The fastest and easiest way to submit these numbers is through Rotary Club Central. If you're already tracking your projects using Rotary Club Central, make sure you've entered the number of volunteer hours and amount spent for each project you're tracking. Otherwise, remember to enter those two key numbers in the Goal Center, under the Rotary Citation tab.

On 23 January we unveiled changes to the global grant reporting section of the [Grant Center](#). You'll find that the report has an updated look, its content has been aligned with the global grant application, and the financial portion will be much simpler to use. We hope these changes will make it easier for clubs to report on the tremendous work that they accomplish through global grants.

One of the new initiatives I'm most excited about in this Rotary year is the Group Cultural Exchange program, a type of [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) that brings together international teams of Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and young professionals. [Contact](#) your district's Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee Chair for more information about exchange opportunities through your district. If you have questions, or an experience you'd like to share, contact [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).

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# Annual Fund Giving Setting Records!

By TRF Chair Eileen Jennings

You continue to set a new record for Annual Fund giving this year. Last year, at this time, clubs had given a total of \$101,623 to the Annual Fund. This year, that total is \$104,859.07. We are well on our way to breaking the \$200,000 ceiling.

Our goal continues to be to have every club have 100% of its members donate *something* to the Annual Fund. We hope each member will give \$25 or more, but the important thing is to have everyone part of the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation.

At the end of last year, we had 13 clubs where every member had given something to the Annual Fund. So far this year, we already have five clubs either there or almost there: **Bad Axe, Birch Run, Frankenmuth Morning, Oscoda, and Saginaw Sunrise.**

Since early January, **Cass City, Clare, and Frankenmuth** have made major increases in the number of members contributing.

Rod Bieber has begun again tracking the clubs with the highest per capita giving. Eileen will track the clubs with close to 100% giving. Treasurers, send in that money you have accumulated. Rotarians, give a lot and give often. The competition is heating up. Let's set new records!

## New Year in the Battle Against Polio

By Chair Chuck Cusick

We have begun a new year of our battle to eradicate polio. Afghanistan has reported three cases of the wild poliovirus, the only cases reported thus far this year!

Pakistan and Afghanistan have scheduled polio immunization days for early February. Pakistan aims to vaccinate 37 million children, Afghanistan will vaccinate across 24 provinces. This joint effort should interrupt transmission of the virus across the border.



District 7620 has prepared a documentary called "Dare to Dream, How Rotary Became the Heart and Soul of Polio Eradication." If your club is interested in using this for a club program, follow this link

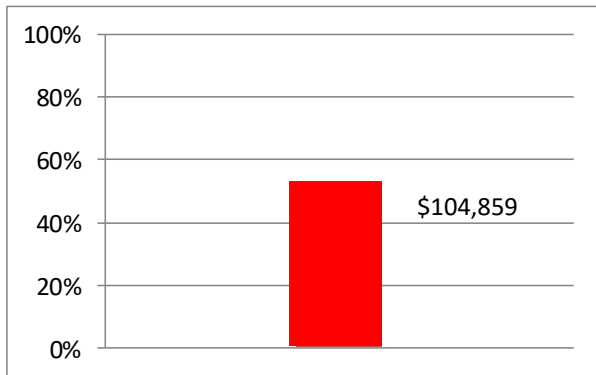
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If your club would like a presentation on the status of polio today, please contact Chuck Cusick [cvcusick@aol.com](mailto:cvcusick@aol.com).



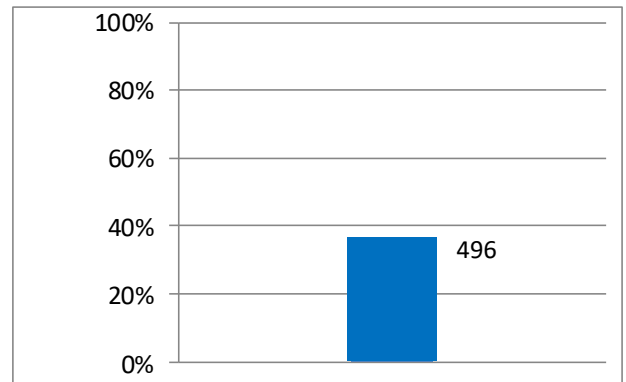
# Annual Fund Progress Report

**\$200,000 goal for 2017-2018**



Annual Contributions as of February 1, 2018

**1400 District Members**



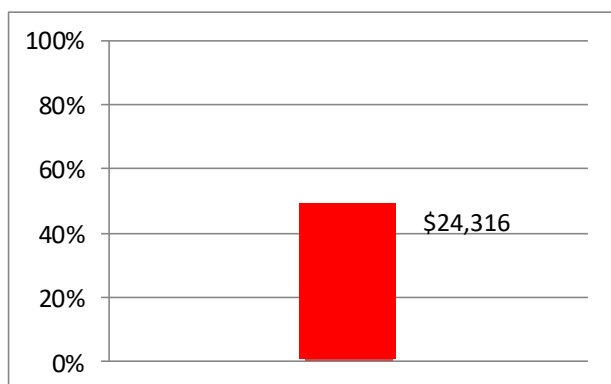
Contributing Members as of February 1, 2018

**The following clubs have achieved (or are close to achieving) 100% participation by club members:**

*Rotary Clubs of Bad Axe, Birch Run, Frankenmuth Morning, Oscoda, and Saginaw Sunrise.*

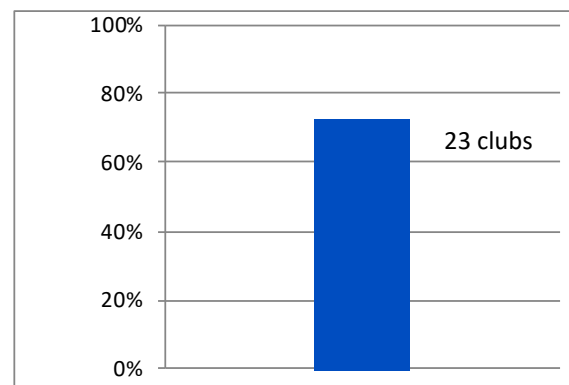
# PolioPlus Progress Report

**\$55,000 Goal for 2017-2018**



PolioPlus Contributions as of February 1, 2018

**32 District Clubs**



Number of contributing clubs as of February 1, 2018

# Trip to Zambia — Room for More!

Rotarians from our district are planning a trip to Zambia. We are looking for a few more travelers to join us. The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, with participation from several other clubs, has completed four Global Grants with the Ndola Mukuba Rotary Club in Zambia. A fifth project is underway.

For several years, the Ndola Mukuba Club has been inviting us to visit them and see our projects. Paul Siers is organizing a trip. We will depart on June 1<sup>st</sup> and return on June 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will spend three days in Ndola, a couple of days in Lusaka (the capital), and several days at Victoria Falls in Livingstone, where we can take part in a lion encounter, a rhino walk, and a boat safari. Back in Lusaka, we may visit Lower Zambesi National Park, a game reserve, a reptile park, Parliament, and museums. At each stop, participants will have the chance to choose what they want to see. We are making contact with Mutinta (now Anina) Sondesi Williams, our former Global Scholar, and we may make a side trip to her home.

Estimated cost for the air fares to and from all cities is about \$2,400. We are still making final arrangements and are open to changes desired by the travelers.

If you are interested in going on this trip please contact Paul Siers: [paulsiers@yahoo.com](mailto:paulsiers@yahoo.com). Or phone him at 989-423-5633.

# Aral Sea Global Scholar — Funded by our District

By TRF Chair Eileen Jennings

In the December issue of this *District Dispatch*, we reported that our district committed \$22,500 of District Designated Funds for a Global Scholar from Kazakhstan to take part in a special master's degree program offered through the University for Peace in Costa Rica, Oregon State University and Delft Institute for Water Education in the Netherlands.

Recruitment has been taking place for this scholar. Mt. Pleasant club member Tony Delillo is married to a woman from Kazakhstan, and she has been helping Rotary International recruit candidates for this scholarship and master's degree program.

The Aral Sea basin is in Central Asia. It is surrounded by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Iran. Rivers feeding into the Aral Sea were diverted for irrigation and other projects starting in the 1960's when most of the countries were part of the Soviet Union. The size of the sea has shrunk disastrously since then.

Rotary has been trying to bring representatives of the countries together to cooperate with water policy planning. It has organized and supported two gatherings, which have been pretty successful.

The next step for Rotary has been to recruit a cohort of master's degree students from six of the affected countries to pursue studies in the science of water as well as the policy of water. Our district is privileged to be one of the sponsors of this innovative effort.

For more information on the problems of the Aral Sea basin and the two symposia that have been held, see pages 16 and 17 of the February 2018 issue of *The Rotarian*.

# Tournament of Roses Parade Rotary Float

By Debra Kranz, Rotary Club of Cass City President

I've dreamed of seeing the Tournament of Roses Parade live since I was a little girl. Watching each year from the living room couch had me riveted to the television. Now that I'm at the other end of my life, it was first on my bucket list. When Pat Post forwarded an email regarding the Rotary International float, outlining the ways we could help, I jumped at the chance to help decorate.

Jim and I flew to Pasadena December 27<sup>th</sup>. We arrived at Phoenix Decorating Company the next day ready to work. We were given instructions and were put to work. We had the honor of attaching blueberries on the stripe of the bunnies shirt. Jim and I also attached most of the blueberries on the two Rotary signs that were at the back of the float.

There was talk early on that we may be awarded the "Princess" award. This award is for Most Outstanding Floral Presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length. We did indeed receive the Princess award, which is important because the 700,000 people who lined the Pasadena streets and the over 7 million who watched on TV got to hear about Rotary International and how we incorporated this year's theme of "Making a Difference" into the float. The goal was to plant a tree for each of our 1.2 million members. The float highlighted our six areas of focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

We were able to purchase seats to watch the parade. We arrived at 7 AM on a beautiful, sunny Pasadena morning. Perfect day for a parade. I have to say that watching the parade live was everything I hoped it would be. Helping decorate the float only made it better. I'd do it again in an instant!



# Connie Deford

## Administrative Assistant



Connie M. Deford is the current Secretary and a Charter Member of the Bay City Morning Rotary Club. She was also the club's first Secretary in 1990 and served as President in 1993/1994. She is a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

Connie is the retired City Clerk of Bay City, Michigan. Her certification as a CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) was from Michigan State University. She was voted Michigan City Clerk of the Year and was the recipient of the prestigious Quill Award from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the Bay County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award, and the Michigan Municipal League Award of Merit.

Currently, she serves as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian and meeting consultant. She is a Past President of the Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians, the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians, and the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP). Every six years since 1989, she is required to renew her "Professional" designation with NAP. Currently she serves that organization as Chairman of the Ethics Committee. Connie serves clients and teaches parliamentary procedure to local, state, national, and international organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1992, Connie was appointed as the first Administrative Assistant with Rotary District 6310. She remains in that position, having served in the administrations of District Governors Georgene Hildebrand, Duane Reyhl, Delores Brock, Michael Kelly, Cheryl Peterson, and now Patricia Post.

Within her duties as Administrative Assistant, Connie maintains records for the district and records minutes of the Annual Meeting, monthly Executive Committee meetings, and The Rotary Foundation quarterly meetings. She also prepares and distributes the district monthly newsletter, the *District Dispatch*.

Each year, before the start of the Rotary year, she works with the incoming District Governor and prepares and has published the District Directory. She orders and distributes badges each year, with the Rotary International President's logo, to all officers and committee chairs. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, she is responsible for obtaining information from clubs for the Yellow Rose Ceremony; and if voting is necessary at that meeting, she assists the clubs with designation of electors for votes requiring that designation.

As the *ex officio* parliamentarian for the district, she reviews club constitutions and bylaws for compliance with the Rotary International Manual of Procedure. These are kept on file in her office. She also assists clubs and their officers with keeping their membership records on file with ClubRunner.

Connie is an avid Michigan State University fan and flag flyer, and her two children both graduated from that university. They both married MSU graduates, and each have a son and a daughter. Breaking with tradition, the grandchildren are enrolled at the University of Michigan, Penn State University, and Valparaiso University. There is only one more chance, when her youngest grandchild graduates from high school in two years, to have another Spartan in the family!

# Rotary Plant a Tree Project

By Environmental Committee Co-chair Michael Stoner

As we near Earth Day 2018 [April 22<sup>nd</sup>] we hope all Rotary Clubs in District 6310 are completing their plans on how to meet the challenge of this year's Rotary International President Ian Riseley for every Rotarian in the world to plant a tree.

There are a variety of ways that this might be accomplished, but for those unsure as to how to proceed, we have suggested one idea in a previous issue of the *District Dispatch* that involves working with your local county conservation district to purchase inexpensive seedling trees and shrubs to plant, perhaps involving local school children in the work.

The Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish recently invited the administrator and the forester of the Arenac Conservation District to discuss with club members the types of native plants that could be purchased through that conservation district. Twenty-seven [27] species of trees, both conifer and deciduous, are available through the Arenac CD. In addition, sixteen [16] shrubs that provide food and shelter for wildlife are being offered. In addition to seedlings, larger trees as tall as 6 feet are offered, although for a higher cost. Your local conservation district may be offering many of the same plants. If not, clubs in District 6310 are welcome to order plants from the Arenac CD.

If your club would like a copy of the presentation made by the Arenac folks at our club meeting, or if you would like to receive an order form showing the plants available, please contact me in one of the ways shown below. Plant orders are now being taken, with delivery set for the third week of April, a perfect time to meet the Earth Day target. The sooner plants are ordered, the more likely you are to receive what you want.

Whatever you do, we encourage clubs to consider planting only native trees and shrubs. They are more likely to survive and will enhance the local environment for both wildlife and people.

Contact information:

[mail] Michael Stoner,  
P.O. Box 415  
Pinconning MI 48650

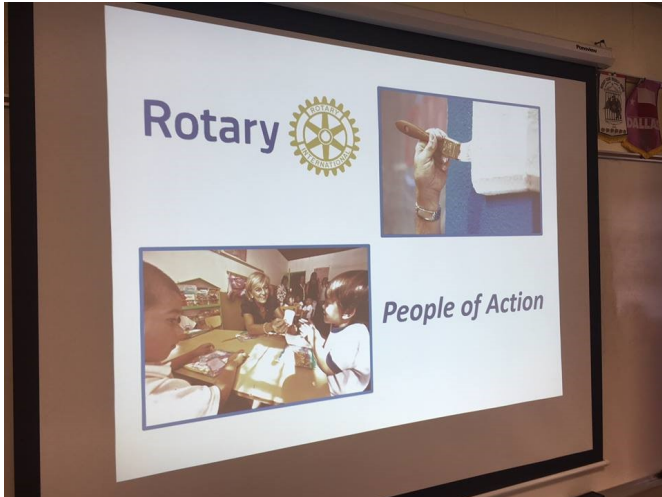
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[phone] 989-324-7069





# Membership Conference



Representatives from Districts 6290, 6310, 6360, 6380 and 6400 attended the Regional Membership Seminar in Lansing on January 27th at the Gunnison Campus. It is reported that their enthusiasm and sharing of ideas and best practices was fantastic.

Thank you to Rotarian Haris Sofradzija from the Muskegon area for joining this meeting and sharing his knowledge and resources.

Round table discussions were held on the following topics: Your Club Experience, Service and Socials, Image, Business and Operations, and of course, Members.

Thank you to Past District Governor Cheryl Peterson for organizing the event.



## KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Membership	Goals	Month	YTD	Increase
#Clubs	32		32	
Membership	1489	1362	1354	-8
Area #1 Alpena, Oscoda	100	89	87	-2
Area #2 Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Pigeon, Sebewaing	148	132	131	-1
Area #3 Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, Owosso	134	113	114	1
Area #4 Alma/St Louis, Brecken- ridge, Ithaca, Shepherd	112	97	96	-1
Area #5 Caro, Cass City, Milling- ton, Vassar	129	112	110	3 (1 club over goal)
Area #6 Clare, Gladwin, Mt. Pleasant	142	141	141	0 (1 club met goal)
Area #7 Bay City, Bay City Morn- ing, Midland, Midland Morning, Pinconning/ Standish	396	383	382	-1
Area #8 Birch Run, Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Morning	194	190	188	-2 (1 club over goal)
Area #9 Saginaw, Saginaw Sun- rise, Saginaw Valley	118	105	105	0-

District 6310 began the year at 1,367 members. We are now at 1,354. This is a total loss of 13 members.

Let's focus on bringing in new members. Call upon your District Membership Committee and Assistant Governors for help.



## KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Foundation	Goals	Month	YTD	
TRF	\$159,550	\$ 7,156	\$104,136	
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Polio Plus	\$43,130	\$ 740	\$19,877	
Paul Harris Fellows			85	Overall 2,562
Paul Harris Society			65	Overall 65
Major Donors			6	Overall 62
Bequest			3	Overall 17
Benefactor			3	Overall 63
Endowment			2	Overall 2
Arch Klumph		2	2	Overall 2

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **45th Annual Rotary Pancake Supper & Fundraiser** **February 22, 2017**



**Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Midland**

4:00—7:30 p.m.

Herbert Henry Dow High School, 3901 N. Saginaw Road, Midland

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, butter, & syrup, coffee, and milk

Adults: \$5.00

Children under 12: \$3.00

Tickets available at the door or from any Midland Noon Club Rotarian



## **The Great Taste of Frankenmuth**

March 8, 2018

The Frankenmuth Noon Rotary Club will hold this 27<sup>th</sup> annual event on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 5-8pm at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant and Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

Approximately 30 Frankenmuth area food and beverage vendors will serve up their finest dish or drink. A raffle will also be held.

Over 950 people attended this unique event in 2017.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available from any Frankenmuth Noon Rotarian, Bavarian Inn Restaurant, Zehnder's of Frankenmuth,

Frankenmuth Credit Union or at the door.

If you have questions, please email [azgrossi@bavarianinn.com](mailto:azgrossi@bavarianinn.com).

Proceeds go toward the Cass River Levee Walkway project.



World Water Summit 10  
WASH and Health  
Toronto, Canada  
June 22, 2018

## JOIN US for the **10th World Water Summit** in Toronto on **Friday June 22, 2018!**

### Here's what we have planned:

- Multiple **breakout sessions** focusing on water in health care facilities and water and disease prevention.
- Breakout speaker **Loune Viaud**, Partners in Health, Haiti
- Two opportunities to participate in **round-table discussions** with topics such as technology/life cycle costing, finding the right project, and monitoring & evaluation
- **Networking** opportunities with our sponsors and other passionate Rotarians

In addition, keynote speakers will share their personal insights into the importance of water and health facilities.

### REGISTRATION FEES

WASRAG Members: (\$175 after Jan. 31, 2018)

Non-WASRAG Members: \$200 after Jan. 31, 2018

(Includes a complimentary 1-year membership to WASRAG)

Rotaractors: A Special Rate of \$80

Your full day registration includes a light breakfast and full lunch.

Register at [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)

Go to WWS (WWS10) on the Home Page and "Register Now" on the Right of the Page

**WASRAG appreciates the support of major sponsors of World Water Summit 9**

**Procter & Gamble (Children's Safe Drinking Water Program),**

**Kohler**

**Medentech (AquaTabs), Water Missions International**

**A.T.Kearney, The Rotarian Magazine ,**

**MWA, One Drop, Sawyer, SPLASH, Vestergaard-Frandsen**

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Depending on where you are in the world, it may be the right time to [plant your club's trees](#). Not only is planting trees one of the best things you can do for the environment, it also brings you one step closer to your Rotary Citation. Be sure to plant your trees by 22 April (Earth Day), and take care of the trees you've planted until they're thriving on their own.

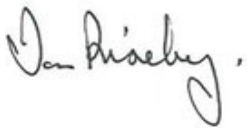
There's still time to register for one of six [Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences](#) designed to help us better understand the connections between Rotary's six areas of focus and our commitment to building peace. The conferences will be hosted between February and June in different cities across North America, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

Looking ahead, it's not too early to start planning your trip to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada on 23-27 June 2017. [Register online by 31 March](#) to receive the discounted preregistration rate, and find *Inspiration Around Every Corner* in Toronto!

Finally, I hope that you didn't let January pass without celebrating Vocational Service Month. Vocational service is one of the unique aspects of Rotary that makes us so effective. Our updated [vocational service](#) handbook is a great resource for those new to the idea of vocational service, and those who want to bring it more fully into their everyday lives and service.

We all know that Rotary would not be the organization it is without the dedication of our club presidents, district governors, coordinators, directors, trustees, and other leaders all over the world. Because of your hard work, Rotary is truly *Making a Difference* in the world, so thank you.

Sincerely,



Ian Riseley  
Rotary International President, 2017-18



**Congratulations to the following club celebrating an anniversary this month:**

**Saginaw** - 104 years - Chartered February 1, 1914

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