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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all District 6310 Rotarians and families! I hope that your holidays brought joy and peace; that somewhere in the season you encountered the squeals of delight from children; that as you journeyed from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, you found opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of each of those holidays; and that you have entered 2017 fully engaged in the work of serving humanity through Rotary.



**District Governor
Cheryl Peterson**

As the end of 2016 arrived, the number of communications, posts, messages with thoughts of 2017 increased. One statement that drew attention and was repeated in slightly different versions many times embraced the idea that 2017 is a book with 365 pages waiting to be written. Of course, the challenge was to consider what each of us, as author, would write on the pages of our 365 page book.

In this Rotary year, there are only about half that many pages to fill as we move toward June 30. And there are many opportunities in which to engage. Wonderful work has been accomplished in the first 6 months—a few examples include:

- Playground equipment installed
- Little Free Libraries built
- Flowers planted
- Duffels filled for foster children
- Holiday dinners prepared and/or served
- Books provided to Head Start and Great Start programs
- Home improvements completed for seniors
- Winter clothing collected, purchased, donated
- Downtown spruced up/Highways cleaned up
- Book collection for Philippine children in process/completed
- Reading lofts placed in elementary schools

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What lies ahead of us for approximately the next 180 days? Equally exciting opportunities. Here are a few examples:

- Literacy projects in multiple school districts
- Weekend meal backpacks or food bags for children
- Planting spring blooms
- Teaching kids with disabilities to ride bikes
- Park/Highway clean up/repair
- Safe water and improved sanitation for children and families in the Dominican Republic
- Instruments and equipment for eye surgeries in India

What allows such work to be envisioned, begun, and sustained? Engaged, committed individual Rotarians and individual Rotary clubs. Thank you, each club and each Rotarian, for your work in the first half of this Rotary year! How exciting it will be to see the story for your club's "book" being written in the last six months of this Rotary year! Thank you for changing as many lives as you can through service to humanity.

All Aboard!

By District Governor Elect Pat Post

District 6310 is sponsoring a trip by Amtrak from Durand to Chicago and return, July 25 and 26, 2017. The objective is for members of District 6310 to tour One Rotary Center in Evanston, IL. And also have fun! We are still investigating possible hotel sites in Chicago for the night of the 25th.

Our schedule:

July 25, arrive in Evanston at 2:00 PM, CDT

2:00 PM—3:00 PM – Tours (Meet the staff)

3:00 PM—3:30 PM – Membership Presentation

3:30 PM—4:30 PM – Grant Presentation & Workshop

4:30 PM—5:00 PM – Annual Giving Presentation

July 26:

AM - Tour Paul Harris home, Chicago

3:00 PM – Arrive back in Durand



There are 55 seats reserved on Amtrak. Special rate: \$55.80 per person roundtrip. Payment is due by February 25th.

Please contact Pat Post at 989-288-6577 or email: ppost4@charter.net if you are interested.

Creating Peace by Practicing Peace

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

In collaboration with the Midland Chapter of the Nonviolent Peaceforce, Midland Noon Rotary Peace Committee and District 6310, on **Friday, March 24** and **Saturday, March 25** trainings in conflict resolution skills will take place in Midland (venue to be decided). Jennifer Batton of Conflict Education Consultants, who has 21 years of experience, will be the trainer. There is no charge as costs will be covered thanks to a grant to the NP Chapter by the Dow Chemical Company Foundation.

The purpose of these sessions is to create and/or to increase participants' abilities to help resolve conflicts in various situations with win/win outcomes, thus positively affecting individuals and the broader community.

Friday's session will be from 12:00 Noon — 3:00 PM for INTERACT age students.

Saturday's session will be from 9:00 AM — 12:00 Noon for both ROTARACTORS and ROTARIANS.

Maximum participants in each session is 30.

Registration needs to be completed by Valentine's Day, February 14th.

You can register with Jeanne Lound Schaller: jgschall@outlook.com 898-832-7876

Presidents Elect Pre-PETS Training Session

District 6310 has scheduled two sessions for Pre-PETS training, February 11 and February 18, 2017. In case of inclement weather, a make-up session will be held February 25.

Who attends: Presidents Elects, Assistant Governors, Presenters

Where: COPOCO Credit Union, 4265 Wilder Rd, Bay City

This will be the second annual Pre-PETS training held in District 6310; feedback from presidents elect last year proved that it was quite helpful in preparing for PETS, which will be held March 16-18 in Kalamazoo, MI. PETS can be overwhelming, and this preliminary session is a stress reducer.

These dates have been selected as they closely follow the International Assembly for District Governors Elect, where the theme for the year is designated by the incoming International President. Attendees will also be given current updates relative to program changes that may be made, and new materials and brochures will be issued for use during their year.

This session will focus on planning your year, developing your Rotary story, increasing and engaging members, and assisting in building district goals.

If possible, please bring a laptop or tablet if we can access My Rotary electronically. Presidents elects attend only one session. Please select whichever date works well for you. E-mail your response to Pat Post, DGE, ppost4@charter.net by January 27th. More information will be forthcoming.

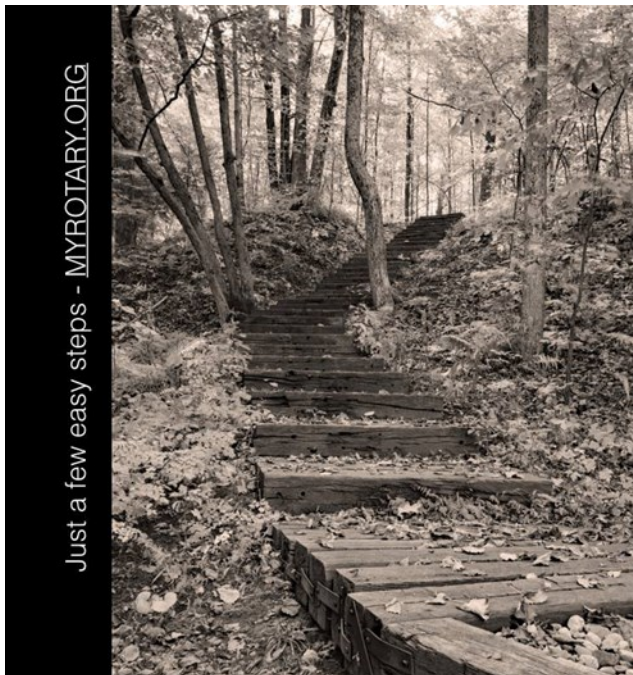


Shout Out! YEAH!!

The Rotary Club of Midland...

Myrotary.org registrations

By Member Tom Lane



As Tawny Nelb, Club President, began her Rotary year, one of her challenges to the club was to exceed the District MYROTARY.ORG registration goal of 50%. In fact, she set the club goal at 66%, a formidable challenge given that on July 1, 2016, only about 34 members or 20% of the club had registered on the myrotary.org site.

The Registration Committee, charged with this goal, worked effectively with the Membership, Communication, and Newsletter Committees to begin what ultimately resulted in a successful campaign achieving both the district and club goals in December 2016.

The Club's Facebook page and newsletter were important communication channels with helpful guides through the registration process. The Membership Committee made registration on myrotary.org a requirement for the Red to Blue Badge progression. By November 1, 2016, only 52 club members or 30.5% were registered.

A November challenge was issued by the Registration Committee, which included a drawing for a free lunch for those who had registered by December 1, 2016. Dr. Reva Curry was the lucky winner of that lunch, and 106 or 61.6% of the Club had registered by the drawing.

The final push was made before the holidays with board members personally reaching out to would-be registrants with easy-to-follow written instructions for completing the process. Personal IT assistance was also offered for those who needed some additional guidance through the process.

On December 19, 2016, the club reached its goal of 66% of our membership officially registered on myrotary.org! This is a wonderful example of club collaboration in achieving a goal. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Midland



Rotary International Area of Focus

The theme in February is Peace and Conflict Resolution. Rotary tells us that the need in this area of focus includes the sixty-five million people displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and that 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. The focus that Rotary has in this area is to train Rotary Peace Fellows through developing skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict.

Rotary accomplishes this goal by partnering with seven universities in six countries where Rotary Peace Fellows can earn a Master's Degree in a field related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution. At one of the universities, Fellows who are experienced professionals already working in peace-related fields can enhance their professional skills and earn a Professional Development Certificate following a 3-month course of study.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in these programs at one of our partner universities. In just over a decade, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 individuals. These universities are located in Australia, England, Japan, Sweden, Thailand, and the United States. These programs of study are directed to non-Rotarians and the window for applications for 2018 is now open.

One of the keys to Rotary's focus is to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. You can learn more about Rotary Peace Centers and Rotary Peace Fellowships at www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships.

Our district supports these Peace Centers each year with a \$5,000 contribution of District Designated Funds. And our own Jeanne Lound Schaller from Midland completed a 3 month course of study in Thailand in 2015.

There are many, many opportunities for Fellows to utilize their training. One of the areas that Jeanne has chosen to focus in is on the local level and the growing concern of bullying among youth in our communities. To that end, Jeanne has been working within some of our school districts on this critical topic. **Our district is now working with her to sponsor a training program on conflict resolution for our district in March in Midland**—this will be a tremendous opportunity for Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary members alike. See more information in a separate, dedicated article in this *District Dispatch*.

What can your club do in the month of February to focus on peace and conflict prevention/resolution? Here are some possibilities:

- Create awareness within your club about conflict issues that may exist within your community; what is being done to address them; and brainstorm about how your club could be part of the solution.
- Gain a better understanding of Rotary Peace Centers and Rotary Peace Fellowships by obtaining and sharing information from the many resources available through Rotary International.
- Brainstorm within your club to see if there are non-Rotarians in your community who have experience in peace-related activities who could benefit from one of these university programs.

Contact Jeanne at jgschall@outlook.com as a resource for your club.

Check out the Rotarian Peace Action Group. Perhaps one of your club members would have interest in joining.



International Service in Our District

By International Service Chair Randy Ettema

The International Service Committee is a Rotary-wide initiative by our Rotary International President John Germ. His vision is for every district to have a focus on the impact of international service. What do you think is included in international service? Of course, it includes our activities around PolioPlus as well as the impact our District Global Grants have around the world.



As Rotarians, every day we impact people's lives nearby and around the world. Two-thirds of the clubs in our district have participated in [PolioPlus](#) and many Rotarians have given to [The Rotary Foundation](#). What else do we do?

Our District [Vocational Training Team](#) (VTT) trip this month is to the Muko region in southwest Uganda for two weeks. Their project was identified by the "Agape Community Transformation" (ACT) organization, which has been investing in this area for the past decade. There is a great story in last month's *District Dispatch* about this trip.

Winning a trip to England is just one of the benefits of belonging to the Ithaca Rotary Club—but it's certainly a fun-filled, enlightening, and heart-warming benefit. Once a year, at the annual Ithaca Rotary Christmas party, [an Ithaca Rotarian wins a seven-day trip for two to England](#), to renew an Ormskirk, England/Ithaca, Michigan exchange that began in 1971—46 years ago. The last Ormskirk Club visitor to Ithaca hosts the next Ithaca Club winner.

Many clubs are participating in our District-wide [Philippine book drive](#). Did you know that the people in the Philippines have named this project the "Box of Hope"? What a great opportunity to impact the lives of youth through literacy. This is another example of international service.

Our district had its first [international Interact trip](#) in April, 2016 to the Dominican Republic. Interact students experienced another culture, performed a service project, and made a difference in other people's lives. Plans are underway for a spring 2017 return trip to the Dominican Republic.

A team of experts from our district is being formed to help in grant writing for global grants. If you have technical expertise in the RI areas of focus and experience with global grants, or with any of the following: project planning and implementation, community assessment, measurement and evaluation, securing finances, finding an international partner, and other important project and grant planning elements, please contact me at randy.rotary6310@gmail.com; 989.751.4636.

Congratulations to all clubs as we continue to help people around the world—one person at a time.

The Rotary Foundation — A Great Place to Give

By Chair Eileen Jennings

The Rotary Foundation continues to get the highest rankings as a charity. It is important for us to know that our gifts to the Foundation are used in the best possible ways. It is reassuring that so many external reviewers consistently rate The Rotary Foundation in the top group over and over again. So give with confidence!

In November, The Association of Fundraising Professionals presented The Rotary Foundation with its annual **Award for Outstanding Foundation**. This award recognizes commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. The judges especially acknowledged Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio and its "methodical purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes," including providing clean water. The Rotary Foundation joins philanthropies such as Kellogg, Komen, and the MacArthur Foundations as a recipient of this prestigious award.

In December, CNBC ranked The Rotary Foundation No. 3 in its annual list of **Top 10 Charities Changing the World** in 2016. The list includes some of the largest and highest-rated charities that help women, children, the poor, and the environment throughout the world, and that maintain high standards of financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting. The Foundation was ranked Number 5 in 2015.

CNBC reminded us that, "with any charity — but especially with these 10 large, far-reaching ones — it's important to confirm that they, in fact, do the kind of work you're passionate about supporting. 'We encourage donors to look under the hood of the charity, especially large ones with multiple programs and services, to ensure that the charity is actually doing the work that they want to advance,' says Sandra Miniutti, vice president of marketing for Charity Navigator, a service that provides information about a charity's functions, finances and management."

Also in November, The Rotary Foundation moved up one spot to 93rd in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the **top 400 nonprofit organizations** in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

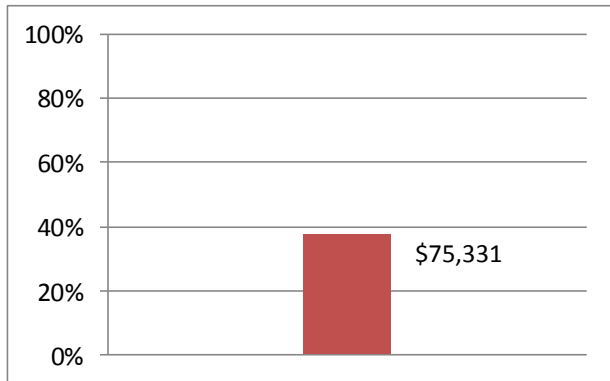
And, of course, The Foundation again earned a **4-star rating from Charity Navigator**, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be assured that your money is being wisely invested and expended on our humanitarian commitments.



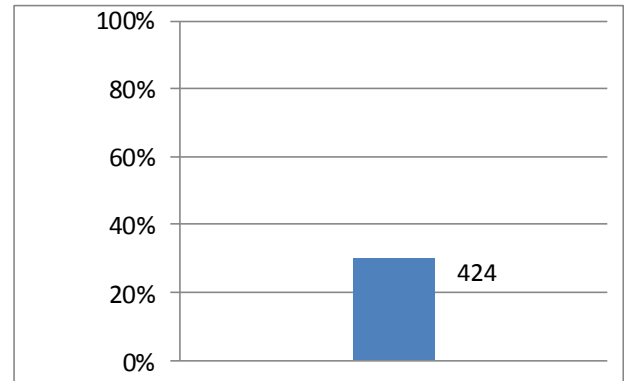
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017



Annual Contributions as of January 9, 2017

1400 District Members



Contributing Members as of January 9, 2017

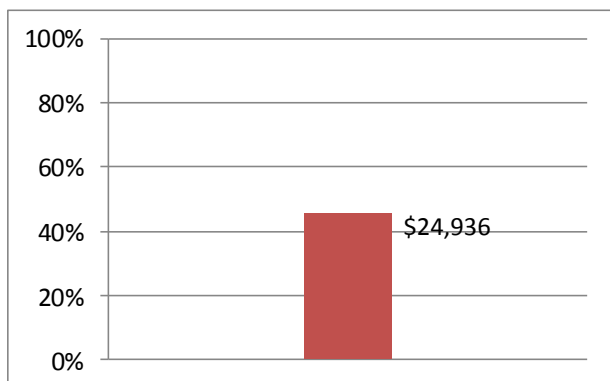
Where do you and your club fit into these charts?

Approximately 1,000 Rotarians have not yet donated to The Rotary Foundation.

There are still 11 clubs that have not contributed anything to PolioPlus.

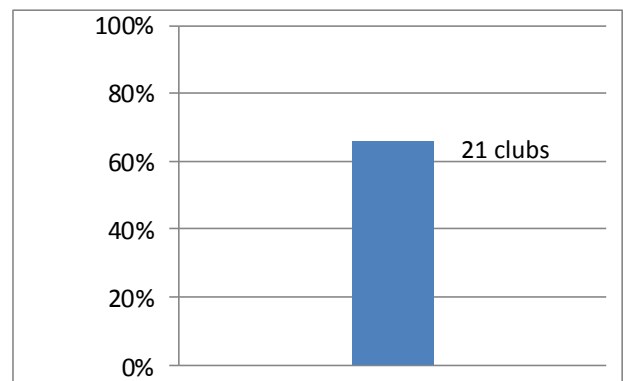
PolioPlus Update

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017



PolioPlus Contributions as of January 9, 2017

32 District Clubs



Number of contributing clubs as of January 9, 2017

Progress in Our Fight Against Polio

By Chair Chuck Cusick

Progress is continuing in our fight against polio. Last year's results show a total of 35 cases versus 74 last year. Afghanistan had 12 cases in 2016 and 20 the year before. Pakistan had 19 cases against 54 the previous year. The most difficult to accept was Nigeria. Four cases in a country that had been polio free for almost two years.

The border between Pakistan and Afghanistan is no barrier to the poliovirus. Close cultural and linguistic ties connect the two countries. Populations move fluidly across these borders. Each year, the virus moves with them.

Pakistan and Afghanistan have taken a new approach to combatting the polio virus. Monthly polio immunization campaigns have been synchronized so that no child on either side of the border can fall through the cracks. The polio eradication programs in both countries are working closely together to coordinate vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and population movements.

Rotary International asks all clubs to participate in only one program and that is Polio Eradication. When is the last time your club members have received an update on the progress we are making?

If you are interested in a program on polio eradication, please contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com

Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute provides leadership development courses targeted for potential club officers and other club members, including those who have recently joined Rotary. According to its mission statement, it is "a grassroots, multidistrict leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education."

The following sessions have been scheduled in or adjacent to our district:

Saturday, February 11 at Shipshewana, IN

Friday, March 17 at PETS in Kalamazoo for President Elect Nominees (by invitation only)

Saturday, April 8 in Lapeer, MI

The three-part course is facilitated by experienced trained faculty members engaging participants through open discussion, problem solving, and creative role-play. Leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary around the world are both emphasized.

Following PETS, additional classes will be scheduled for the year.

If you are interested, register at www.rligreatlakes.org or contact Renee Merchant at rmerchant@dmci.net



District Grant Projects for NEXT Rotary Year

In the current Rotary year, our district had \$37,583 available to fund your club's projects for local or international service. To our disappointment, the district received applications for only \$27,000 of this money. Only 15 of our 32 clubs submitted applications. We had \$10,500 left over! **

When we asked clubs why they did not apply for this money, many told us that they did not start early enough planning for a project for the next Rotary year. So this year, we are starting early to remind you of this process and how easy it is for your club to receive matching funds for one of your service projects.

We have not yet finalized the application for the 2017-18 funds, but we do not expect major changes from past years. Your club can apply for up to \$4,000 for a NEW club project. You can receive up to \$2,000 for a project that your club may have supported before but did not receive a District Grant for that project. You can receive up to \$1,000 for a repeat project which has received a District Grant in the past. You can apply for as little as \$500 for a project. Your club matches whatever amount you get from the District Grant.

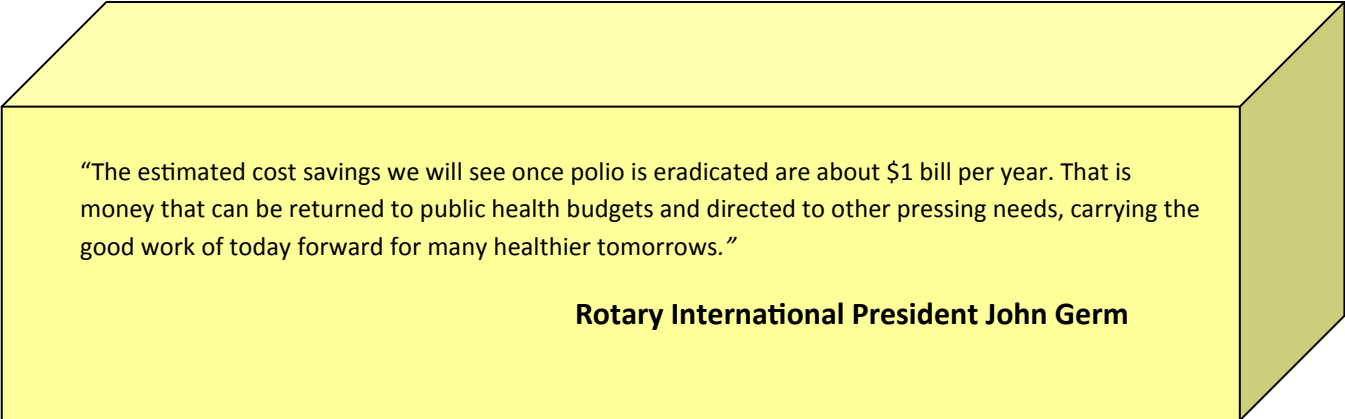
The application is easy. It is not complicated. We will conduct training for completing the applications later this spring. Grant applications will be due to the district by June 30 of this year. Your project should plan to start its activities in November or December of 2017.

The hardest part of the grant is that your club must PLAN AHEAD. This year's club Board needs to coordinate with next year's Board and support next year's Board in its planning for a club service project. The second hardest part of the grant again involves PLANNING AHEAD. You must decide on a project and do the planning this spring and summer but not actually start the project until the grant is approved by Rotary International, probably in November of 2017.

We do this middle range planning in our businesses every day. Now it is time to integrate this planning into our Rotary commitment to improving our communities.

For the 2017-18 Rotary year, we hope to have grant applications from all 32 clubs. This is your money, the money you have donated to The Rotary Foundation. This is your opportunity to have this money come back to your club to benefit your community.

**The unspent funds in 2016-17 were NOT lost. They were rolled over into our Global Grant fund and will be used to support our district's international service projects.



"The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 bill per year. That is money that can be returned to public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows."

Rotary International President John Germ

Little Free Libraries

Clubs within our district have committed to building and installing 38 Little Free Libraries. Gena Gates, who is on the district committee for this Centennial Project, shared the following:

“The website, littlefreelibrary.org is the website dedicated to Little Free Libraries all over the world. I get their newsletter every week with great ideas for design, accessories, etc. And if you browse the website (not just the newsletter), there are tons more ideas, offerings. Last week’s newsletter had some ideas about how to protect your LFL during the winter (or during a hurricane).

Perhaps other clubs would like to sign up for the newsletter. It’s helpful even after you complete the Little Free Library, as it has suggestions for replenishing, maintaining, and protecting. What a wonderful concept!”



Y’all join us for some toe tapping, boot stomping, good American country fun and entertainment Saturday night from 6-9pm. Come dressed casually for an old fashioned “barn dance,” as we sit under the stars in historic, downtown Atlanta, listening to first class “Bluegrass”.

Bluegrass is the heart and soul of southern music and Grammy Award winning performer **Ricky Skaggs** with his **Kentucky Thunder** band will get everyone up on their feet clapping and dancing to the fiddle and mandolin!

For more info, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1BuD7GHuKw&feature=youtu.be>

Food trucks and beverage carts will be stationed at strategic locations throughout to take care of any hunger or thirst. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 per person at: <http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/festival-events/bluejeans-bbq-bluegrass>

Interact Club and Rotaract Club News



The **Interact Club of Shepherd High School** has had a busy start to their year. The club meets twice a month and plan to do several service projects in the community, at least one international project, and have teamed up with the Rotary Club of Shepherd to assist with their projects.

In November, nine Interact students attended the Foundation Gala in Frankenmuth. They had a great time and enjoyed the festivities and were very impressed with Larry Lunsford, the guest speaker for the event.

In early December, several Interact students helped the Rotary Club of Shepherd serve hot chocolate and cookies at the Christmas Light Parade.

The students made Christmas cards and three kinds of homemade cookies and delivered them to two local nursing facilities.



Want to spend an enjoyable 5-1/2 minutes?

Just click on the following link to see what the **Central Michigan University Rotaract Club** has been up to this fall!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5L9UxJrffU>

Does your Rotary Club sponsor an Interact Club or are you involved with one of our Rotaract Clubs.

Please share pictures and articles about their activities!

AROUND THE DISTRICT

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** held its annual food drive on December 10th and managed to fill the shelves at the St. Vincent Food Pantry as it prepared to provide Christmas meals for many needy families in the Shepherd community.

The weather was bitterly cold, but the hearts of all those who donated were warm, warm, warm!

A big thanks to the Shepherd Dollar General for once again going out of their way to help by preparing bags of groceries, delivering them to the trailer, and for the delicious donuts they provided for the working Rotarians.



Left to right, Kathy Kursch, Joyce Gluch, Dean Travis

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** recently heard a presentation about the Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry, a non-profit charitable organization started by Pinconning resident Zola Groh in 1972. It serves the geographic area covered by the Pinconning school district, and coordinates its efforts with food pantries to the north in Standish and to the south in Linwood.



The pantry serves about 100 persons per month. The need is always greater during the holidays, so assistance is provided by community organizations such as churches, businesses, scout troops, schools, etc. The pantry also assembles 150 Christmas baskets for local families.

In addition to food, the pantry has a client coordinator who manages requests for emergency assistance for things like electrical bills, purchase of propane/fuel oil, water bills, and rent. Families are eligible to receive service as often as six times per year from the Food Pantry.

Each month the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** honors Student Citizens of the Month.

Shown at right are the December recipients: Christine Malone of Sacred Heart Academy, Matthew Couch and Whitney Taylor, both of Mt. Pleasant High School.





Entertainment was provided by "Ah, Tempo!" a male sextet from the Saginaw Choral Society

As many of you know, the three clubs in Saginaw work very closely with each other, having a monthly meeting of officers to share ideas and discuss projects. Not too long ago, Rotarians Dr. Sam Kottamasu, MD and Dr. Ram Gadam, MD joined one of our meetings to discuss the new CMU College of Medicine in Saginaw, and the critical need all of our communities will face in the near future regarding the shortage of primary care physicians. They said the CMU College of Medicine was focused to meet this need and asked us to help.



Dr. Steve Vance, shown with medical students, addressed the meeting

That was the start of the Rotary Scholarships Fund, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Mid-Michigan and CMU. Michael Elliott, Assistant District Governor and Dr. Steve Vance, MD were elected Co-Chairpersons to lead this joint venture to retain medical students who complete their residencies to stay here and serve in our communities. Your donation to the Rotary Scholarships Fund is our way of thanking them for staying.



Kim Horwood and District Governor Peterson

Kim Horwood, from CMU was also there. She is handling the scholarship donations and will help you coordinate a presentation at your club. She may be reached at: Kimberly.m.horwood@cmich.edu

On April 6, 2017, a dinner party will be held at on the college campus to thank those who donated to this worthy cause. Soon, the three Rotary clubs in Saginaw will be reaching out to you, and the other clubs in Mid-Michigan to help us sponsor this event.

The **Rotary Club of Breckenridge** along with the Breckenridge Insurance Agency and the Breckenridge office of Isabella Bank held a hat, mitten, and sock drive to benefit the Gratiot County Foster Closet.

The Foster Closet provides clothing, underclothing, toys, shoes, baby equipment, gear and in some cases furniture to children placed in the foster care system in the State of Michigan.

Children are often placed into foster care with no personal items and in many cases they come into care with only the clothes on their back. The organization provides these kids with stylish new or like new clothing and personal items helping to begin the process of rebuilding their self-esteem and providing them with belongings they can call their own.



Rotarian Chuck Cusick was the speaker for a recent meeting of the **Rotary Club of Bay City** and took the occasion to update the club on the status of the Polio Eradication Program. Chuck's wife Nancy has made four trips abroad with Rotary's immunization program and Chuck has gone on two of those trips.

Much of this information was familiar to Bay City club members thanks to Chuck's efforts to keep the club abreast of changes. In this review, Chuck talked about the history of the disease that goes back thousands of years. Some earliest recordings were depictions from about 1,500 BC of an Egyptian Prince with a withered leg.

The height of the polio scourge in the US was in the 1950's. Many Rotarians of the "baby boom" generation remember knowing kids their age who suffered from the disease. They also remember the iron lung machines that kept those people alive.

Thanks to Rotary and the international effort to defeat this disease, only 35 cases were reported in 2016, and those were primarily in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Those areas are hard to reach due to religious and political strife and war.

Today the final push is making fragile progress in those last remote and conflict challenged areas. Dollars from Rotary, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and other organizations are essential to complete the task and transition to a Polio-free world.



UPCOMING EVENTS

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL

Rotary Leadership Seminar

January 20, 2017

Noon—3 p.m. at Laker High School Auditorium



Everyone has the ability to lead,
but it takes the right opportunity to reveal and ignite the leadership fire.

For the first time ever, those who live in the thumb of Michigan
will have the opportunity to listen to and interact with
New York Times best-Selling Author, Teacher, Coach, and Radio Commentator
John U. Bacon.

Utilizing his personal experiences with the University of Michigan
football program
and an instructor at a Big Ten University,
Bacon is capable of inspiring everyone that he interacts with.

Tickets: \$45 per attendee
For every 5th team member registered, the 6th is free!

All funds raised go back into the community through Rotary projects, scholarships & donations.



Wine & Winter

CRAFT BEER

Social

February 16

5:30-8:00pm

ZEHNDER'S of Frankenmuth

TICKETS:
\$35 at the door \$30 in advance

TICKETS can be purchased
from a **MORNING ROTARIAN**
or online at **FMROTARY.COM**

Now SERVING CRAFT BEER & WINE

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44TH ANNUAL

ROTARY PANCAKE SUPPER



Supper Includes:

- All You Can Eat Pancakes
- Sausage
- Applesauce
- Butter & Syrup
- Milk
- Coffee

H.H. Dow High School Cafeteria

Thursday, February 23, 2017
4:00 to 7:30 pm

**TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR OR THROUGH ANY
MIDLAND NOON ROTARY MEMBER**

Adult \$5 Children \$3 (12 or under)

Proceeds go toward servicing the needs of our community.

Policy re. New Membership Types

Rotary International has provided the following information about corporate memberships and other new membership types:

- Clubs are free to offer alternative memberships of any kind. For corporate memberships, clubs count individuals as members, not the corporations that sponsor them.
- If corporate members pay RI dues, they will be included in their club's official membership count and receive all the benefits that other active, dues-paying members enjoy.
- Clubs can have special policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations as long as the club bylaws reflect these policies.

Rotary District 6310 adopted policy is as follows:

The District supports development of alternative membership categories by local clubs in accordance with Rotary International guidelines.

A club is responsible for including criteria for alternate membership categories in their bylaws. Clubs are encouraged to compile a separate document outlining the limitations and benefits of each alternate membership category. This document should be shared with the member considering an alternate category to ensure that the benefits and boundaries of this membership category are commonly understood.

Each membership under an alternative membership category will be treated as an active membership for the purposes of district dues and other benefits (such as holding office, years of service, etc.).

For a Corporate Membership category, the expectation is that a member of senior management of the corporation would be the principal representative to Rotary, but alternative persons could be identified to attend meetings in that person's stead. The corporate membership will be in the name of the individual and will be subject to current Rotary International and District 6310 dues with the individual member accruing other benefits such as years of service, etc.

NOTE: Please provide a copy of any proposed changes to club bylaws to Connie Deford, connie.rotary6310@gmail.com

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Bay City - 102 years - Chartered January 1, 1915

Shepherd - 77 years - Chartered January 11, 1940

Frankenmuth Morning - 10 years - Chartered January 5, 2007



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