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Rotary 2016-2017

Membership continues to be a strategic priority for the Rotary world and a focus for our district and zone. In late May, I attended training in Evanston for my role in Rotary in the upcoming years. Of all Rotarians world-wide, 30% are from North America. If present trends continue, that percentage is expected to decline to 15% in future years. But, **good news for District 6310**—as of this writing, our district membership stands at 1390, an increase of 12 since the beginning of this Rotary year.

How can this be you may ask—given the number of new members who have joined your individual club—it would seem that our membership would have seen a greater increase. I would encourage you to examine Rotarian engagement, strategies to strongly connect those whom you have attracted and your current members to club mission, purpose, and service, and to link them with other club members.

This Rotary year will conclude in about 21 days from this writing. That means that there is still time to give to the Annual Fund—Share of The Rotary Foundation. Perhaps you have already done this during the year. Would you consider giving again? Gifts must be postmarked by June 30 to be applied to this Rotary year. Last year, our giving was over \$184,000 and this year we established a goal of \$200,000—we have a distance to go to reach that goal. **Would you help?** One half of the monies given will come back to us in three years to serve humanity in our local communities and to match our global grant projects. **For the lives that have been touched by your giving—and for the lives who will be touched by your giving—whether locally or globally—thank you for your support—for generously giving to serve humanity.**



District Governor
Cheryl Peterson

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As I have journeyed throughout our district this year, every visit has impressed upon me both the similarities and the differences that exist between our clubs and Rotarians in our district—but always present has been the common bond of serving humanity locally and globally. And coming home from every visit, every fundraising event, every encounter with our clubs, I have felt inspired with a sense of gratitude for the exceptional work that is being accomplished in our district. I have found enthusiastic Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors who value the opportunity to serve, who actively seek out avenues to improve their communities, and who just enjoy being with one another—in fellowship and networking.

I am grateful for the Rotarians celebrating 20, 30, 40 years or more as faithful members of their clubs—providing a legacy of caring and service. I am encouraged to meet new Rotarians with fresh ideas and a fresh perspective on their communities. I am impressed when meeting young people—Rotaractors and Interactors—who mean so much to the future of Rotary, and listen to them enthusiastically talk about their experiences in their clubs.

The words “thank you” seem inadequate in conveying appreciation for all that you do individually and collectively in your community, in our district, and in distant points around the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served humanity with you this year and my Rotary experience in 2016-17 has been richer and more fulfilling because you were a part of it. Thank you for ‘being Rotarian’.

District Grant Application Deadline June 30!

We hope your applications for District Grants for 2017-2018 are almost ready for submission.

Send your Club Memoranda of Understanding to Eileen Jennings, 1323 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Alternatively, you can scan the agreement and email it to eileen.jennings811@gmail.com

Grant applications should be emailed to Paul Moore at pmoore@villageofbirchrun.com.

The forms to be used are on the District website. Just scroll down the left column on the Home page, and you will find them.

The District has \$36,200 to distribute for local and international short-term projects. We hope to give it all to clubs this year.

To answer a frequent question, your club may submit more than one application. We will fund “bricks and mortar” projects, but we strongly prefer humanitarian projects. There must be a club participation element; the project cannot be just a check-writing activity.

We look forward to seeing the creative proposals you come up with!

“To me, that is the essence of Rotary: that desire to be of assistance, that willingness to work for the good of others. In Rotary, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don’t walk away. You don’t turn your back. You say, ‘I’m here for you. I’ll do what I can.’ And I know that whatever I do, I’m not doing it alone— I’m doing it with *Rotary Serving Humanity*.”

Rotary International President John Germ

Gathered Together ... Celebrating Serving Humanity

On May 19 and 20, just over 150 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, YE Students, and family gathered together in Owosso to celebrate Rotary Serving Humanity and the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation at the 2017 District 6310 Conference.

Excellent speakers in the form of **Ron Denham and Gian Paul Gonzalez** challenged us. Ron, as Founding Chair of WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group) shared from his years of expertise in this area of focus so relevant to our district's projects. Our Water and Sanitation Committee had opportunity at breaks and during meals to interact with Ron, learn from him, and share our work. **As a result, Ron has asked Randy Ettema, chairperson of our district committee, to facilitate one of the breakout sessions at WASRAG's conference at the beginning of International Convention—congratulations Randy!!** Gian Paul delivered a powerful message inspiring us to be "All In" in our life choices. He so motivated a young person from Owosso that she wants to be a force for starting an Interact Club next year.

We enjoyed hearing from **Martin Correa from the Dominican Republic and Randy Ettema** as Martin shared about our safe water projects there, the impact upon his people, and the value of the relationship between our two districts. Julia Behmlander assisted them in this discussion. Our appreciation to **Dick Dolinski, Sue Waechter, and Diana Stubig** for an outstanding presentation from the VTT Uganda team. Thank you to all attendees who so graciously welcomed our guests and made them comfortable at conference.



We celebrated the conclusion of our **Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project**. **Louie Schultz**, chairperson, prepared a great presentation on the Little Free Libraries and the Philippine Book project. Clubs have reported a total of 40 Little Libraries placed around our district—some not yet installed. On May 4 and 5, we shipped 53 boxes of books to the Philippines; boxes averaging 199 pounds each. **Louie Schultz and Gena Gates** shared thoughts about the project, the recipients and the impact. **Thanks to each of our 32 clubs for 100% participation in this project and exceeding our goals at amazing levels! Special appreciation to the team who so skillfully guided this project to completion: Louie Schultz, Melissa Barnard, Tom Cook, Gena Gates, and Mimi Herrington!**



We celebrated the family of Rotary during our Saturday luncheon, hearing from our **YE students and Telly Kumar, a YE Rebound**. The YE Scholarship was awarded to **Jeremiah Drabik**. We heard from **Jacob Walters** about the value of RYLA and his experience in Interact. The RYLA Scholarship was awarded to **Sydney Phillips**. **Congratulations to both Jeremiah and Sydney!** About 40 students were registered for the Interact Conference during which **Tom Olver** from Mt. Pleasant was a featured speaker. Later Saturday, we were treated to a video prepared by **Grace Branding**, assisted by **Sydney Phillips**, and **Dean Zahm** detailing the Interact Experience in the Dominican Republic.

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One of the highlights of the afternoon was hearing from **Ted, Jeff, and Troy Leipprandt** as they shared the impact of four generations of their family involved in Rotary—what it has meant to them personally and how Rotary has been a significant part of their family. As Jeff said so well: “Without Rotary in my life I can assure you that there would be a hole.” **Thank you, gentlemen, for sharing your personal Rotary stories!**

Another highlight was presenting our first Rotary Spouse Award. Five nominations were received for this award with the decision being made by three past district governors: **Dalton Coe, Ruby Iwamasa, and Don Newport**—thank you each one for serving in this way! **The recipient of the award was Nancy Cusick, wife of Chuck Cusick, Bay City!** Thank you, Nancy, for the humanitarian spirit that you demonstrate and to which you give hands, feet, and heart! **Congratulations from all of us!**



We were very pleased when our **PolioPlus fundraiser, the George Lewis Painting Raffle**, generated \$4,000 for polio eradication. The artist, just a week before conference, sent us a fifth painting which we offered at silent auction and generated another \$500 for a **total Polio contribution of \$4,500** to be matched by the Gates Foundation 2:1. **Thank you to everyone who participated in creating this success both before and during conference!**

Declarations and Appointments

⇒ Declared **Al Nietzsche** as the Council on Legislation Representative for 2017-2020.



⇒ Appointed **Duane Reyhl** as the Council on Legislation Alternate.



⇒ Declared **Georgene Hildebrand** as the Nominating Committee Member at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018.



⇒ Appointed **Mike Kelly** as the Nominating Committee Alternate at the International Convention in Toronto in 2018.



⇒ Announced **Tom Miles** as the District Governor Nominee Designate, selected to serve as District Governor in 2019-20.



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Recognitions and Honors

Youth Exchange Scholarship: *Jeremiah Drabik, Midland*

RYLA Scholarship: *Sydney Phillips, Caro*

Distinguished Service Awards, Rotary Heroes:

John Pavlik	Alma – St. Louis
Elbert Heath	Alpena
Ernie Paulick	Bad Axe
Chuck Cusick	Bay City
Stan Teliczan	Bay City Morning
Kelly Packard	Breckenridge
Brenda Kretzschmer	Caro
Deb Kranz	Cass City
Jorri Tremain	Corunna
Tim Shaw	Durand
Norma Roenicke	Frankenmuth
Russell Welchli	Frankenmuth Morning
Dr. Al Sawaya	Gladwin
Marvin Kociba	Harbor Beach
Marci Browne	Ithaca
Harry Grether	Midland
Lynne Mischley	Midland Morning
Wayne Burns	Millington
Kurt Frieght	Mt. Pleasant
Cheryl Peterson	Owosso
Todd Cramer	Pigeon
The Pinconning Journal	Pinconning–Standish
William R. Priest	Saginaw
Dr. Sam Kottamasu	Saginaw Valley
Joyce Gluch	Shepherd

Paul Harris Fellow Award:

Samantha Rogers, Bad Axe, U of M Rotaract

District Governor Citations:

Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project

Louie Schultz	Birch Run
Melissa Barnard	Midland
Tom Cook	Owosso
Gena Gates	Pinconning–Standish
Mimi Herrington	Bad Axe

Rotary Spouse Award

Nancy Cusick Bay City

District Conference Committee Leadership

Carol Dowsett	Owosso
Sue Montenegro	Owosso

Distinguished Service Awards, Interact Presidents

Alayna Knarian	Bad Axe
Daniel Preston	Birch Run
Sydney Phillips	Caro
Rebecca Dubs	Pigeon
Sana Gala	Mt Pleasant
Jessica Ridgway	Oscoda
Ethan Day	Pinconning–Standish
Jacob Walters	Shepherd
Kloe Campbell	West Intermediate Mt. Pleasant

We hope that you found value, friendship, and inspiration at our 2017 District Conference, that you went home encouraged and motivated about the work of Rotary, committed even more strongly to its mission and purpose in serving humanity. We encourage you to share that enthusiasm and be a voice to encourage others to gather together in 2018 at our District 6310 Annual Conference.

You could be in pictures!

By Water & Sanitation Committee Chair Randy Ettema



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

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.



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 email randy.rotary6310@gmail.com. This is not a commitment. By mid August, you will be contacted again for your interest level. 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.



Thanks for a Successful Foundation Year

By TRF Chair PDG Eileen Jennings

It is hard to believe that the 2016-2017 Rotary year is almost at an end. It has been an exciting year for the Foundation. As you know by now, this is the Centennial Year of the Foundation. District Governor Cheryl Peterson set ambitious goals for the district, and we have come a long way in meeting them. The books to the Philippines met with great participation, and the Little Free Libraries have sprouted up all over the district.

Our goal for Annual Fund giving was set by Cheryl and me at \$200,000. We are still working towards that goal. All clubs but one have given something already. As of June 7, we have given \$153,531. I know that many clubs are still sending in funds. Please urge your club foundation chair or treasurer to be sure to send all contributions before the end of June.

Annual Fund Chair Rod Bieber has stimulated a lot of interest with his weekly updates on the clubs giving the most per capita. Congratulations to Midland Morning and Saginaw Sunrise for staying at the top of the giving list. Is there something in the morning air??

My own promotion has been to have many EREY clubs – where every Rotarian in the club has given something to the Foundation. Several clubs are there, and more are very close.

Our goal for Polio Plus is \$55,000. As of today, we have given \$42,316. So keep those gifts coming right up until June 30.

We have used your Annual Fund contributions from 2013-14 and previous years productively. Saginaw applied for and received a large grant for another operating room at the Rotary Eye Hospital in India. The Mt. Pleasant club has finalized its application for a computer education program and remodeled toilet blocks in Chiwala, Zambia. The Alma-St. Louis club has submitted a grant for furnishing a home for Ebola orphans in Sierra Leone and providing vocational education for the students and others in the community. The Owosso club is putting the finishing touches on the third handwashing and Hygiene project in the Dominican Republic.

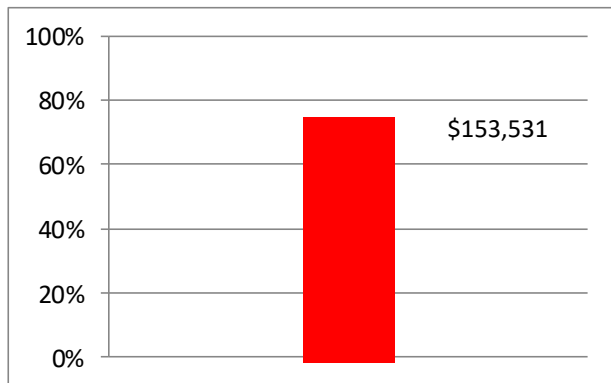
We have several additional projects under development. Work has begun on another Handwashing and Hygiene project in a new area of the Dominican Republic (D.R.), sponsored by the Frankenmuth Club. The Midland Club has agreed to lead a new project for wells, water filters, and handwashing in the Moca area of the D.R.

We are looking for sponsoring clubs for another handwashing and water filters project in the D.R. and also for a project in Bangladesh for the removal of arsenic in the water. If your club is interested in either of these projects, or has another Global Grant in mind, talk with International Service Coordinator and Global Grants Chair Randy Ettema, who is also the Water and Sanitation Subcommittee Chair. He can be reached at randy.rotary6310@gmail.com.

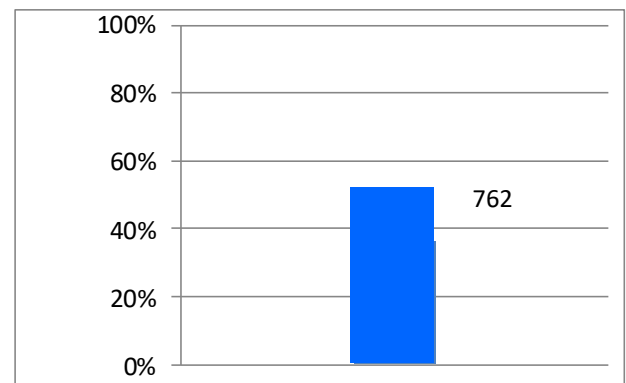


Next year's Rotary International Convention will be in Toronto, Canada—our neighbor to the east. The theme of the June 23-27, 2018 convention is "Inspiration Around Every Corner." This will be the closest an RI Convention will be to Michigan for the next several years.

Registration opens June 10, and if you sign up during this year's convention period (June 10-14), there is a special rate of \$295 per person. The rate goes up as the year progresses to a high of \$495. The introductory rate for Rotaract members is \$70 and Interact students (or children between 5 & 18) is \$10. Children under 5 are free.

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017

Annual Fund Contributions as of June 7, 2017

1400 District Members

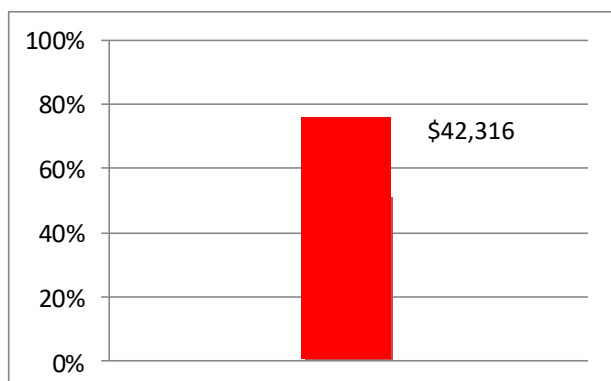
Contributing Members as of June 7, 2017

Where Polio Hides

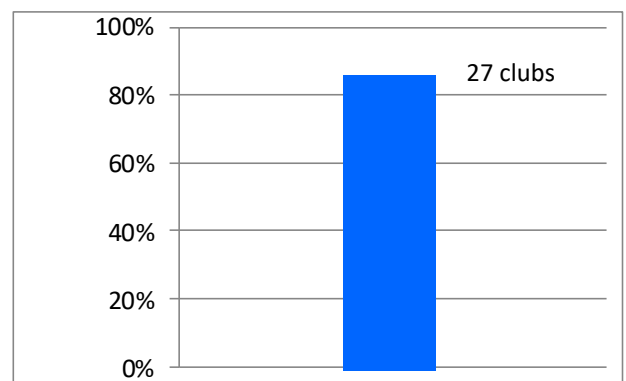
The polio surveillance system, carried out mostly by WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two of Rotary's partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), consists of several parts. First, doctors and other community health workers such as healers and traditional birth attendants monitor children for paralysis. If they discover a paralyzed child, the health workers report the case to WHO, which sends a surveillance team to collect stool samples from the child and his or her siblings for testing.

The second part of the surveillance process involves local authorities collecting samples from sewage systems or, in places that don't have adequate sanitation facilities, rivers and bodies of water near large settlements. The samples are sent to a lab, one of 145 in the Global Polio Laboratory Network, which looks for the poliovirus. If it is found, the samples go on to a more sophisticated lab where scientists perform genetic sequencing to identify the strain and map where and when it has been seen before.

The worldwide scale of these surveillance efforts is massive and costs roughly \$100 million every year. For the most part, these activities take place only in countries that don't have adequate health systems already established. In those countries that don't have an adequate system, such as the United States has WHO takes on that responsibility. That means investigating more than 100,000 cases of paralysis around the world every year to rule out polio.

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017

PolioPlus Contributions as of June 7, 2017

32 District Clubs

Number of contributing clubs as of June 7, 2017

Youth News



Mt. Pleasant West Interact Club President Kloe Campbell and fellow Interacter Jay Selvage received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for outstanding leadership, provided by club points during the May 15, 2017 Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club's meeting.

Congratulations to the **Laker High School Interact Club** that recently received its charter from Rotary International. The student club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pigeon



The Saginaw Valley State University Rotaract Club recently installed a Little Free Library at the Zilwaukee elementary school.

Students built the library, dug the hole, and filled the library with children's books.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

The Rotary Club of Alpena was contacted by Denise and Mike Wekwert of Alpena who expressed concerns that their grand- daughter who has special needs was unable to participate with other children on the swings and requested the assistance of the Rotary Club. The swings located next to the Rotary playground at Starlight beach are owned by the city. The city was happy to work with the Rotary Club in the installation of a special seat which will allow all children with special needs to enjoy swinging.

Bob Krafft, president of the Rotary Club of Alpena stated that, "We are very happy to provide this swing seat for all the children in our community and those visiting out community with special needs. The purchase of the seat by the Rotary Club of Alpena was made possible by the great support from the community in our fundraising efforts, such as our raffle tickets sales and Brew on the Bay auction. We hope it brings a lot of smiles to these special children."



Wearing a traditional gown from her home country of South Korea, exchange student Soojung Kim recently spoke to the **Rotary Club of Bay City**. She showed slides of her home, school, and family; and she talked about her country.

Soojung's home is in Ansan, which is about 18 miles south of Seoul. With a population of 750,000, Ansan, known for its many manufacturing plants, is the home to the largest tidal electric power station in the world.

Soojung showed some of the Korean dishes the area is known for and gave a short description of each. She also noted that the Korean language, Hangul, is praised by many linguists as the best language in the world.

She showed slides of some of the celebrities and entertainers from the country as well as scenes of the cities, her own house, and her family.

A student at Kwangdeok high school at home, Soojung has become a very active student at Western High, where she is in Pom-Pon, the Tennis Club, and the Art Club. Students in her home wear uniforms, which she illustrated.

At the conclusion of her talk, she presented Rotary trading banners from District 3750.

At a recent meeting of the **Rotary Club of Midland**, Kevin Kendrick introduced speaker Randy Ettema, the 6310 District Chair for Global Grants and Water and Sanitation Projects. Kevin commented that a big part of the international initiatives within Rotary world-wide is water and sanitation projects.

From the Frankenmuth Morning Club and passionate about helping others by providing good water and better sanitation, Randy has led many water/sanitation projects to the Dominican Republic, India, and Sierra Leone. His club developed a close relationship with the Moca Club, about 15 minutes outside Santiago in the Dominican Republic. In this rural area, the focus of the water projects is to offer hope and a better quality of life through education, health improvement, pride, and sustainable projects that improves people's lives one person at a time.

In the Dominican Republic, Rotarians have built spring fed water cisterns for drinking water and fire protection, rain water collecting systems, and 7,000 water holding tanks which serve about 1,000 families each. They've also helped finance and build latrines and implemented a handwashing program based at the schools to teach about sanitation. The result is less disease. Even a simple Tippy Tap (a milk jug attached to the side of a latrine that can be tipped over with a pull cord for rinsing off the nearby soap provided) offers better hygiene. Home water filters and larger neighborhood water filters have also been provided since the city water is not potable.



The Midland Rotary Club will lead a District grant to help a neighborhood adjacent to Moca. In the dry season, these families have no water and have actually been using the water holding tanks designed for Moca. Under the leadership of the International Initiatives committee co-chaired by Dick Dolinski and Tom Lane, our club will facilitate a partnership with other clubs to bring together donations from clubs, and to write the district and global grants to raise the approximately \$30,000 needed to build latrines, a 7,000 water tank, provide 70 water filters, install a new well pump, and handwashing stations for this community. Sustainability is a major focus of all Rotary projects; and to keep the system in working order and identify problems, a core of Rotary Community Overseers who aren't Rotarians but members of the community, will be recruited.



Proud members of the **Rotary Club of Millington** are shown with their Little Free Library, which was recently completed.



Last month, the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** celebrated their Club Anniversary with a special cake and singing "Happy 92nd Birthday Rotary."

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** has been using their Rotary Moment to quiz members about all things Rotary! Here's a sample (answers on Page 13)

1. What were the dues for the first Rotary Club?
2. What was the first Rotary Club project ?
3. Where is the furthest location that you can find a Rotary pin?
4. What club made Rotary truly International?
5. In what year did the Council on Legislation vote to remove the ban on women in Rotary?



The members of the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** were honored to welcome Rotary Assistant District Governor Larry Arendt who presented a Rotary Hero Award on the club's behalf to Craig Barnt of *The Pinconning Journal*. It was noted that the club's relationship with the local newspaper is the envy of many Rotary Clubs. Rotary articles appear regularly in the newspaper.

Mr. Barnt stated when he purchased the newspaper from his aunt and uncle six months ago, he was determined to carry on their 40-year effort to support positive activities in the community. He noted that the local paper began publishing in 1895.

Club members enthusiastically told Craig how grateful they are to have a community-minded newspaper to serve the people of the Pinconning area. Mr. Barnt was presented with a certificate naming him an Honorary Member of the club.

Upcoming Events

Breckenridge Rotary Freedom Run/Walk 5k

Tuesday, July 4 2017

Breckenridge High School

Registration starts 8:00am

Race starts at 9:00am

\$20.00 per Person

Register Online at:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Breckenridge/
RotaryJuly4thFreedomRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Breckenridge/RotaryJuly4thFreedomRunWalk)

Free shirt for the first 50
Registered!



Rotary 
Club of Breckenridge

Answers to Rotary Quiz (from the [Rotary Club of Pigeon](#)):

1. There were no dues. Expenses were paid from fines of 50¢.
2. The first Rotary Club project was a comfort station in downtown Chicago.
3. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin left a Rotary pin on the moon.
4. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, made Rotary truly International.
5. In 1978, three women were accepted as members in the Rotary Club of Duarte, CA. The court case on women in Rotary eventually went to the Supreme Court which ruled in 1987, 7 – 0 that women should be allowed in Rotary. In 1989, the Rotary Council on Legislation voted to drop the barrier to women worldwide.

Caro Rotary Club Golf Outing

Friday, July 28th, 2017

Caro Golf Club

4 Player Scramble



Team Fee: \$260.00

Per Person Fee: \$65.00

Fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart,
lunch, dinner and prizes.

Schedule:

Registration 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Shotgun Start 9:00 AM

Caro Golf Club:

1080 E. Caro Road, Caro MI 48723

For more information contact:

Marc Augsburger or Jamie Wark:

marc@cch-mi.org or jamie@cch-mi.org

(989) 673-3141

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Caro Rotary Club

Attn: Marc Augsburger

P.O. Box 435

Caro MI 48723

Deadline for entries: July 21, 2017

Team Members

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

4. Name: _____

Address: _____

Thank You from District 6310

The change in Rotary year sometimes brings change in Rotary leadership beyond those preparing to serve in district governor roles. Such is the case this year. As a district, we want to pause and express our thanks and appreciation to Rotarians who have served our district in various capacities and are now moving on to other roles and opportunities.

The role of Assistant Governor is a key responsibility within the district. These individuals interact with 2-5 clubs in their geographic area, are often the “first responders” for questions or concerns, serve as a source of information flow between the clubs and district, and may represent the district at club functions. Thank you to **Jim Wolf** of Alpena who has served since July 2014, **Don Rogers** from Bad Axe who has served since July 2015, and **Michael Elliott** of Saginaw who has served since July 2015. We appreciate the leadership that each of you has provided to your respective areas!

Rich Fleming of Mt. Pleasant has served at Membership Chair since July 2014. At first, he was alone in this role. Given the emphasis that we have seen placed upon membership, we identified in 2015 the need to create a District Membership team. Rich has worked to that end and in 2016-17 established a 5-member team to support clubs in the area of member attraction and engagement. Rich, thank you for your work in membership and for your leadership in creating this team that will serve us well into the future!

Kathy Beebe of Mt. Pleasant has served as the Youth Services Chair since July 2013; she has worked diligently with our Rotaract Clubs. During this time, we have seen a growth in several areas of Youth Services. We appreciate Kathy’s service and commitment to our youth services area, especially the Rotaract area—she has given much time to engaging the students, assuring that they were involved in district activities like the Gala, and completing their own projects in serving humanity. Thank you, Kathy!

Bob Chadwick of Bay City has served as our district treasurer, assisting governors with the development of district budgets, managing district finances, and working with various district chairs in areas like foundation, grants, RYLA, and Youth Exchange to name a few. As treasurer, he has presented at PETS where we have now included a session that Bob has developed on Risk Management for clubs. Over the last two years, there has been a growing interest in this seminar from our incoming presidents. Bob, our thanks and appreciation to you for a job well done!

When we needed an electronic communication expert in 2016-17, **Jenny Kendrick** of Midland was willing to step right up and use her skill set to serve our district. Jenny has always responded with enthusiasm, collaboration, and speed when requests have come her way for electronic communication postings. She has suggested changes which have improved our processes and brought a fresh look to our website. And she worked behind the scenes to help create and then post a great deal of information about District Conference. Jenny, we will miss you and thank you for sharing of yourself and your skills with us!

Our Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project was led by a great team—**Louie Schultz** of Birch Run, **Melissa Barnard** of Midland, **Tom Cook** of Owosso, **Gena Gates** of Pinconning-Standish, and **Mimi Herrington** of Bad Axe. Through their work, we caught the vision of what could be and exceeded our own expectations. Each of our communities and a significant number of school children in the Philippines will long benefit from their leadership among us. We are grateful to each one of you for making this one year commitment and leading this effort so very well!

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DeeDee Wacksman from Bay City made a one-year commitment to promote attendance at the International Convention. She was our point person to receive and distribute information about the convention, answer questions from members, and seek information to help attendees make decisions related to convention details. We had hoped to have 25 Rotarians and spouses attend. We have exceeded that with a delegation of 27 traveling to Atlanta. Thank you, DeeDee, for keeping us all in the communication loop and for being that “go to” person for all things convention related!

Special thanks to **Georgene Hildebrand** of Alpena and **Eileen Jennings** of Mt. Pleasant for serving as our district’s representative and alternate to the Council on Legislation. Perhaps only those who have served previously can truly appreciate the volume of work and preparation that goes into being a well prepared representative. Thank you for serving, Georgene, and for sharing your wisdom and insights on these important matters that can impact each of us and our clubs. Eileen, we appreciate your willingness to serve should the need have arisen—thank you for your commitment to make sure this role would be fulfilled for our district.

Tom Miles from Mt. Pleasant has served for many years as our Ambassadorial and Peace Scholar Chairperson. He has worked diligently—sometimes overcoming cultural and language barriers—to identify scholars to host in our district. He has facilitated communication between potential scholars from developing countries and universities in our district. He has offered a listening ear to arriving students. Tom has been alert to potential Peace Scholars and worked to promote such within our district. We thank you, Tom, and appreciate the quiet, sometimes behind the scenes, work that you have so effectively completed year after year!

To each of you, we extend our appreciation and thanks for your part in promoting Rotary’s mission to provide service to others.

Your 2016-2017 Rotary 6310 District Governor

Cheryl Peterson



Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Harbor Beach - 92years - Chartered June 16, 1925

Cass City - 87 years - Chartered June 21, 1930

Sebewaing - 78 years - Chartered June 27, 1939



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