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Living the Motto Every Day!

The Rotary motto, Service Above Self, can be traced back to the early days of this great service organization. It originated in 1911, was modified in 1950, and in 1989 became the principal motto of Rotary. The decision to make these three words our principal motto was because they best convey the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.

Taking that one step further, Service Above Self, embodies the idea of the humanitarian spirit—giving with little regard to ourselves. Indeed, the highest honor in Rotary entitled, Rotary Service Above Self Award, is given to recognize exemplary Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding humanitarian service through personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

How do we serve: the answers to that question are varied and, may be endless, as each Rotarian and each Rotary Club have their own passions, interests, and priorities around service. But they typically reflect one of the following: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, Youth Service.

Service comes in varied shapes and sizes; there is no one size fits all. It can be a huge undertaking like Polio Eradication or a substantial sized Global Grant requiring many partners, many hands, and much funding. It can focus on disease prevention/treatment, water and sanitation, peace, economic development, maternal/child health, or basic education and literacy—all weighty challenges.

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District Governor
Cheryl Peterson

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It can be feeding hungry children in our own community, collecting and distributing warm winter clothing, providing diapers for babies in need, collecting used books so children in the Philippines learn to read and speak English, promoting literacy in our community through Little Free Libraries, providing individual students with a dictionary and/or a thesaurus, or a myriad of other humanitarian projects.

But is service something more? **Yes.** It is the little acts of kindness that happen every day—the door you hold for a person with special needs, the hug you give to the one who is currently saddened by life experiences, the words of encouragement to a young person struggling with choices or school, the smile you offer to one you know is alone, the listening ear you provide to the worried parent, or the heartfelt compliment provided to lift someone up.

The really big projects make outstanding impact upon our world and the lives of people we may never meet—we need to be part of those projects. The local projects make our local communities a better place and without the work of Rotary locally there would be a significant void in our communities. But always appreciate the everyday, simple, random act of kindness—it is the true embodiment of the humanitarian spirit—Service Above Self—Rotary Serving Humanity. Thank you, each one, for living the motto every day.

How Rotary is Helping Moms and Babies

April features Maternal/Child Health as the area of focus in the Rotary world. Rotary supports projects and training to improve maternal health and reduce child mortality especially for children under five.

Our commitment to this area is driven by data that reveals, for example, that approximately 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation.

Rotary works to improve access to essential medical services and train community health leaders and health care providers moving toward the long-term goal of reducing morbidity and mortality for both mothers and young children.

Taking action in this area of focus includes projects like providing immunizations and antibiotics to babies, teaching mothers how to breast-feed, promoting regular checkups, distributing insecticide-treated bed nets, training local healthcare workers, and improving access to care.

An outstanding example of our work is a project in Haiti where data indicates the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. As a step in addressing this, Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

Near Chennai, India, a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis was identified. Rotarians initiated a project to provide a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness training.

How can we take action? These kinds of stories connect individual Rotarians back to purpose while presenting opportunity for creating awareness both at club meetings and in local communities. Consider how to promote one or more of these lifesaving projects to advance the understanding of the global aspects of our work. Consider whether this is the right time for your club to get involved in a project related to maternal/child health. Take a look at [Rotary Ideas](#) on [My Rotary](#) for a project that you might choose to participate in such as Adopt-A-Day-Care Center or baby Incubators in Sanyani, Ghana.

Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas, Take Action

Welcome to District Conference 2017!



The Rotary Club of Owosso welcomes you to our community as we **celebrate the work of Rotary** in District 6310 during this Centennial Year of The Rotary Foundation. Lodging is available at The Comstock Inn in Owosso while our conference sessions will occur at D'Mar Banquet and Conference Center. **Registration is now available on our district's website.** Here are some of the highlights in store for you.

Friday morning will be given to **District Training Assembly** under the leadership of Dee Brock, PDG and District Trainer and will conclude just before lunch.

Our **Friday luncheon** will transition into our **District's Annual Meeting** where we will formally announce our District Governor Nominee Designate and our Council on Legislation representative. We will pause to remember those Rotarians who have passed away in this year in our **Yellow Rose Ceremony** with music by Ernie Paulick of the Rotary Club of Bad Axe.

Friday afternoon will offer two activities. A **Grant Management Seminar** will be provided for those clubs needing to meet the requirements for participation in District and/or Global Grants in the upcoming Rotary grant season. For those not attending the grant training, an opportunity to serve humanity is being planned.

Friday evening will provide the first general session of our conference as we enjoy a reception, dinner, award recognitions, and an outstanding presentation by **Ron Denham, the founding chair of the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG)**. Ron has fostered many water and sanitation projects in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana, and in many states in India. We are pleased to have Ron with us in this capacity as well as serving as the personal representative of Rotary International President John Germ. See Ron's full biographical information in the speaker section of our website.

Saturday morning will bring opportunity to celebrate success with **Martin Correa**, a Rotarian from the Dominican Republic; sharing from our **Vocational Training Team's** successful experience in Uganda; celebration of our district's **Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project**, an **inspirational message on behalf of President John Germ provided by Ron Denham**, and several award presentations.

Our **first Interact-age District Conference will convene on Saturday morning** at Baker College. This inaugural event is open to Interact students, those interested in learning about Interact, RYLA alumni, and Youth Exchange students. The students will join Rotarians for lunch as we **celebrate the Family of Rotary through sharing from several members of our district's family including our Youth Exchange Students and the parade of flags.**

Saturday afternoon will give you plenty of time to **Explore Owosso**. A **service project has been specifically designed for Youth** during this time.

Our conference will conclude on **Saturday** evening with inspiring messages from our Interact students, followed by dinner after which we enjoy the motivational **Gian Paul Gonzalez**, widely recognized as having inspired the **New York Giants to their Super Bowl victory in 2011** over the New England Patriots. Gian Paul has a huge commitment to at-risk youth and challenges people of all ages to commitment in their own lives----to go "ALL IN".

We anticipate seeing you in Owosso May 19 and 20 as we celebrate **Rotary Serving Humanity** in District 6310 and around the globe.

Come celebrate, renew old friendships, meet new people, and form new relationships!

Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project; Books are coming in and LFLs being placed!!!

Boy Scouts labeling books for Frankenmuth Morning Club



Kelly & Steve Packard from Breckenridge Club (3 boxes)



Carrollton High School students building (4) LFLs at Delta College for Bay City Club

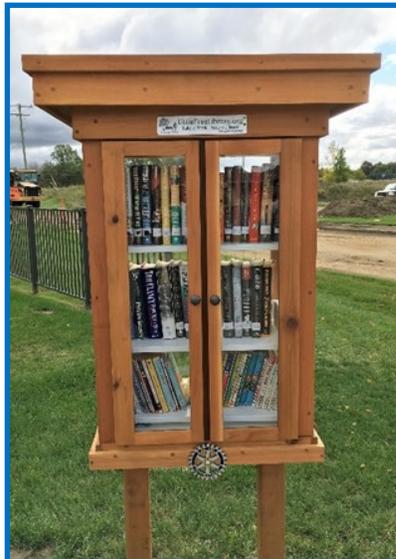
Bridgeport Township collected for Birch Run Club



Midland Club at Salvation Army Community Center

Bad Axe Club with a new, and full, LFL

Bonnie Moore and Bud Hoard of Millington Club



EREY—Has Your Club Met This Goal Yet?

By Chair Eileen Jennings

This Rotary year, our District's primary goal for giving to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation is that every Rotarian in the District will give *something* to the Annual Fund.

Clubs have found a variety of ways to encourage all members to donate to the Annual Fund. Here are a few methods that have worked for other clubs.

- ⇒ Set up a table at the entrance to meetings to collect donations to the Annual Fund. Clubs set up the table for several weeks in a row, or one week every month.
- ⇒ Have Rotary Direct forms available for members to enroll in the automatic deductions from their bank account or automatic charge to a credit card. Donations can be as little as \$10 per quarter. A few clubs have had the members complete the forms at the meeting and offered to submit them to RI on behalf of the member.
- ⇒ Put up a thermometer at each meeting that shows the number of members of the club who have given already along with the total donations this year from the club. Some clubs put the thermometer on the screen with notices at the start of meetings and others have an actual cardboard thermometer. It is not necessary to make a "pitch" every week; the thermometer speaks for itself.
- ⇒ Have a concentrated giving period of two or three weeks when everyone is urged strongly to give something. This way, members do not get weary of being asked to give week after week.
- ⇒ Have the Foundation Committee divide up the members among themselves. (If it is a small club, the Foundation Chair may do this him/herself.) Quietly and personally ask every individual to give something to the Annual Fund. Don't ask the members who have already donated. Be sure you don't refer to how much the person has given in the past or how much others have given. Respect privacy.
- ⇒ If most members of your club have given, a variation on the previous approach works. The Foundation Chair can privately approach the non-giving members and tell them, for example, "You are one of only five members who have not yet given to the Annual Fund. Do you think you could manage just \$5.00 so we can have 100% participation?"
- ⇒ If your club has many members who just are not likely to donate, pass around a manila envelope and ask everyone to contribute by either a check or cash with his/her name stuck to it. You will probably get mostly \$5 or \$10 donations, but you also are likely to get something from everyone. Make it clear that the envelope will be passed around only for two or three meetings.
- ⇒ If your club is small or you have a generous member, offer a challenge. For the first \$5 a member contributes, the challenge member will give another \$5.
- ⇒ If your club is "low tech," put a paper on each table at the meetings once a month showing how many members have given thus far and encouraging members to give something through the Foundation Chair.
- ⇒ Whenever you talk about your club's project that has been supported by a District Grant or a Global Grant, remind everyone that the matching support came from donations by members to the Annual Fund.

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Shout Out! YEAH!!

The Rotary Club of Gladwin

By Assistant Governor Joyce Swartzmiller

At the beginning of the year, we set our goal for Foundation giving. Although we have set a goal for our club each year, we have always struggled to reach it.

This year we used a different approach. We asked how many members gave with automatic deduction from their checking/savings or credit card accounts. The answer: Almost no one.

So we set up two different meeting dates to help members sign up for automatic giving. The club provided the paper forms they could fill out, and then the club mailed the form to Rotary International. Alternatively, we set up a computer and completed their "automatic signup" on the spot!

A third option was also provided: If they did not want an automatic debit from their account, we agreed to add their selected donation amount to their semi-annual billing.

Each member was asked to give at least \$10 to help us reach our goal. So far, we have been successful.

"We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world that it serves—in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and its evolving needs for service.."

Rotary International President John Germ

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If your club has found another method that has been successful, please pass it along to Eileen Jennings or Rod Bieber.

We have made good progress on donations to the Annual Fund thus far, but we have a way to go. And perhaps most important is to convince every single Rotarian that the Rotary Foundation is THEIR foundation and that we need every Rotarian to give something to the Annual Fund.

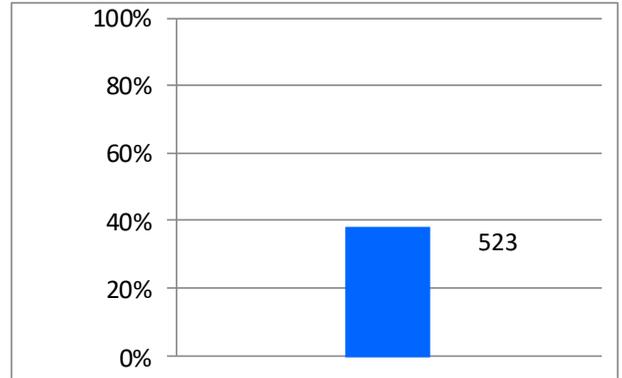
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017



Annual Contributions as of March 7, 2017

1400 District Members



Contributing Members as of March 7, 2017

PolioPlus Update

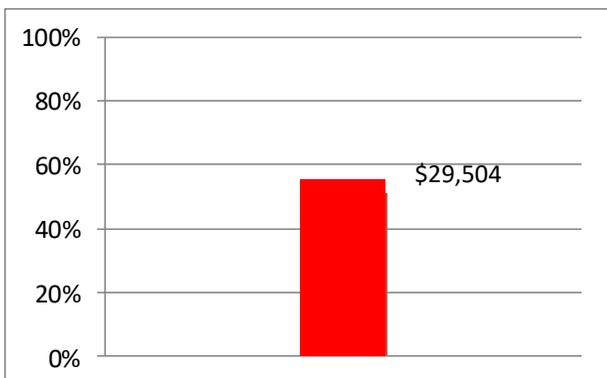
Afghanistan is closer than ever to stopping polio. The year 2016 ended with only 13 cases down from 20 in 2015. There has been only one case so far this year. Surveillance is the key to ensuring that the virus is tracked and stopped wherever it circulates.

Afghanistan has a network of 21,000 reporting volunteers, including health workers, traditional healers, mullahs, and pharmacists. In 2016, the polio surveillance network reported a total of 2903 acute flaccid paralysis cases, of which 13 were confirmed polio cases. Their environmental surveillance laboratory collects samples of sewage from 17 active surveillance sites. This strong surveillance system should ensure that every strain of the polio virus is found, accelerating the road ahead to a country free of polio.

Pakistan has reported two cases of polio this year. If you are interested in following our efforts more closely, log on to www.polioeradication.org.

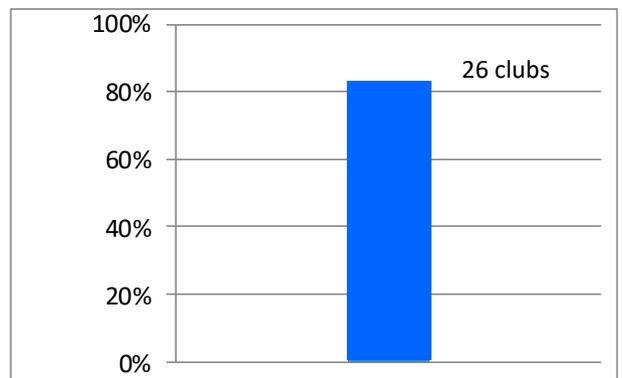
Are the members of your club interested in an update on polio? Contact Chuck Cusick at cvcusick@aol.com.

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017



PolioPlus Contributions as of March 7, 2017

32 District Clubs



Number of contributing clubs as of March 7, 2017

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

The following article was published in *The Midland Daily News*

Rotary-sponsored team provides vocational training in Uganda

A Rotary District 6310 (Northeastern Michigan) sponsored group, in close collaboration with ACT Uganda, recently returned from two weeks in Uganda as part of a Vocational Training Team.

VTTs are a new Rotary initiative to assist people in developing nations with vocational training specific to their needs. The Uganda VTT group consisted of the following individuals and their affiliations that provided training principally in the indicated areas:

- Richard Dolinski (Midland Noon Rotary Club and The Legacy Center for Community Success)—early childhood and youth Development
- Tim Dyste (Midland Noon Rotary Club)—agriculture
- Suzanne Greenberg (Great Lakes Bay Region Child Abuse and Neglect Network)—child abuse and neglect prevention and childhood development
- Dr. Vanessa Brooks Herd (Saginaw Valley State University)—community health
- Diana Stubig (ACT Uganda U.S. Board of Directors)—handcraft marketing
- Sue Waechter (ACT Uganda U.S. director)—leadership, partnering, and project management



The training was made available to over 200 ACT Uganda staff, village leaders, and parents/guardians from Muko sub-county in southwestern Uganda, approximately 150 miles from the capital of Kampala. Groups as small as a dozen and as large as 80 or so individuals participated in both classroom as well as hands-on and in the fields training. In addition to the subject matter areas noted, several one-on-one and small group sessions were held on computer utilization, records management, effective board practices, grant writing, and sewing techniques.



The cost of the VTT initiative was underwritten by grants from Rotary District 6310, the Midland Noon and Morning Rotary Clubs, the Bay City Morning Rotary Club, and U.S. ACT Uganda. Tawny Nelb, president of the Midland Rotary Club indicated that “we are delighted to help sponsor the VTT initiative. We appreciate all the time and effort that went into the planning and implementation of the program and are optimistic that its training objectives have been achieved. We are especially grateful for the very close collaboration with the ACT Uganda organization both in the U.S. and Uganda to make this effort possible.”

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Interact News



The **Interact Club of Bad Axe High School** has been hosting a Purple Pinky table at various home boys and girls basketball games this season to raise money in the fight against polio around the world. They have been averaging around \$25 per game in donations.

The club knew they needed a spark to generate more interest. The Club challenged the **Interact Club of Lakers High School** to a fund raising competition at Bad Axe's Snow Carnival girls and boys basketball games on Thursday and Friday, February 9th and 10th. The club knew that the long-time rivalry of a nearby school and the extra attendance for Snow Carnival would generate lots of funds. It worked!



Bad Axe took home the bragging rights, having raised \$251.83, with Lakers very close behind, raising \$212.52. The real winner was the fight against polio, raising \$463!



Eight Interact students (four from Bad Axe, two from Caro, and two from Oscoda) will embark on a trip to the Dominican Republic in late March.

Four chaperones, including Water & Sanitation Chair Randy Ettema, will accompany the students. This will be the second Interact student trip to the island nation to see many of the projects for water and sanitation enabled by District and Global Grants.

The students will also meet with Interact students from the Moca and Villa Trina Interact Clubs.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Avram Golden, recently honored by the Rotary Club of Bay City as a Paul Harris Fellow, was the featured speaker at a recent meeting. His love of Bay City was easy to see in his photographs of the City as well as the world. It gave Rotarians a new way to view their community.



Golden is also an enthusiastic supporter of Bay City. Best known recently for his promotion of the Third Street "Light Bridge," he is also the man behind the flags that adorn the downtown from Memorial Day until Labor Day each year. He spoke about being inspired by his brother, a decorated soldier who was lost overseas. Starting with 80 flags, the group now has 160 flags and has the approval to expand the project to the Columbus Avenue business district.



The **Rotary Club of Bay City Morning** recently inducted another new member to the club.

Shown from left are Inductor Extraordinaire and Charter Member Stan Teliczan, new member Adam Reddick, and his sponsor Marcus Garske.

Member Anca Popp, who recently accepted a one-year assignment in Romania, is shown at right exchanging a club banner with a representative of the Rotary Club of Bucharest Continental





The **Rotary Club of Caro** recently honored Gary Anderson for his 50 years of service to Rotary. Thank you to State Representative Ed Canfield and District Governor Cheryl Peterson for joining the club to honor Gary with this great achievement!

Gary has served as club president twice, provided leadership to many club projects and activities that have benefited the Caro community, including the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Pancake Breakfast, Coats for Kids, Caro Disc Golf, Boy Scout Liaison, and helped preserve the legacy of the club in the community as club historian.

Congratulations to **Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club** member Randy Ettema for earning the Paul Harris Fellow distinction thanks to his contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Member Tammy Dupuis presented the award to Randy at a recent club meeting.



The **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** continues to honor local students with the Student of the Month awards.

Shown at left are students from Beal City High School, Mt. Pleasant High School, and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart High School.

Students shared their plans to attend Central Michigan University, Northwood University, Michigan Technological University, and Oakland University.



The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** recently approved contributions to both local and international projects.

Funds were approved for an elementary school's reading program as well as for water filters to provide clean drinking water in Guatemala.



Rotarian Lonna Hummel and Dan Tomczak with one of his photos

Members of the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** recently heard a presentation on how to take good photos by Dan Tomczak, whose day job is Senior Park Ranger at Pinconning County Park. Dan also teaches photography at Delta College as an adjunct professor after working as a photographer for *The Bay City Times* for more than 16 years.

He said the secret to taking good pictures is to follow six basic rules:

1. **Simplicity:** don't try to do too much; concentrate on what you want to capture
2. **Rule of Thirds:** imagine having a tic-tac-toe board superimposed on the scene. Make sure the image components are shown in thirds, both horizontally and vertically.
3. **Balance:** make sure no single component obliterates the others
4. **Lines:** try to highlight important vertical or horizontal parts of the scene
5. **Framing:** determine the focal point of the scene and make sure other components highlight it
6. **Mergers:** be aware of components at different depths in the scene and consider how they will overlap and complement one another.

Dan said his goal is to make a photo look like a drawing or painting. He shared several of his photos that looked like they had been drawn by an artist.

What would you like to share about your club, your members, or your projects?

There is always space in the District Dispatch to toot your own horn!





“Thanks For Staying”

Rotary Scholarships 2017 Fundraising Event

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Mid-Michigan



Thursday, April 6, 2017
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Buy Your Tickets Today!
www.thanksforstaying.org

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The training provided was very well received and appreciated by the ACT Uganda staff and Muko sub-county residents. Generous Turinawe, the ACT Uganda director, stated that “we genuinely value the training that the VTT has brought to us. The learning will greatly improve our agricultural practices, community health and education outcomes, and improve the quality of life, especially for our young people. The training in the handcrafts area will increase our ability to sustain our work, and the management training will make us both more effective and efficient. We are very grateful for this initiative.”



Waechter noted that “we commend Rotary for launching this training initiative. The learning imparted in Uganda will significantly contribute to the quality of life there for all of the people touched by this effort and beyond.”

Midland Noon Rotary Club is part of [Rotary International](http://www.rotary.org), which includes more than 34,000 clubs around the globe devoted to Service Above Self. Rotarians are business and community leaders who participate in projects locally and worldwide designed to support and improve communities. To learn more about Midland Noon Rotary, please visit the website at www.midlandrotaryclub.org, or attend one of the weekly meetings, held Thursdays at noon at the Midland Country Club.

ACT Uganda is a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) in Uganda and ACT US is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit in the U.S. bearing the same name. It is an ecumenical Christian partnership of the two organizations. There is a board of directors for each organization and nine teams in Uganda working on various programs and projects aligned with corresponding teams in the U.S. Hundreds of volunteers support all the work being done in both countries to enhance the spiritual, physical, economic, and societal conditions in Uganda. To learn more about ACT Uganda and to access a blog about the VTT, visit the website at www.ACTUganda.org

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:



- Alpena** - 95 years - Chartered March 1, 1922
- Vassar** - 82 years - Chartered March 22, 1935
- Gladwin** - 79 years - Chartered March 1, 1938
- Corunna** - 78 years - Chartered March 29, 1939



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