



District Dispatch

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Rotary Happens...

The work of Rotary primarily happens at the club level. That thought was recently rekindled when I read in a Rotary document the following: "The heart of Rotary is our clubs, dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship." Let's reflect on a few of these phrases:

The work of Rotary: service above self, doing good in the world, extraordinary humanitarian projects both locally and globally, making a difference in the lives of others, doing as much as you can, as well as you can, changing as many lives as you can for the better, forever.

Inspirational words that have been and are being lived out in District 6310! As I have now visited 28 of our 32 clubs, I have heard of many, many great service projects.

- Literacy Projects
- Senior Home Repairs
- Personal Financial Education
- Community Improvement Projects
- Children's Needs Projects
- Supporting Friendships
- Pushing Out Bullying through Tiny Girl Big Dream

The list goes on with every Rotary Club in the District having dreams about the good they can do in their community and turning those dreams into reality! And that extends beyond to our international community—changing lives in the Dominican Republic, Zambia, India, Guatemala, Uganda, and potentially, Sierra Leone.

The heart of Rotary...dedicated people: The projects above are just a few examples of the work of Rotary in our District. That work happens because someone saw a need, someone saw an opportunity to make a difference, someone moved forward to seize the moment—to say Now Is the Time to address the need, someone said: **We** should do something about this. That someone was a dedicated Rotarian and a new opportunity for Rotary service was born!



District Governor
Cheryl Peterson

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Rotary Happens... (continued)

Ray Klinginsmith, past RI President, says: "Every great idea in Rotary has started in the mind of an individual." While the impact of Rotary often is formed at Rotary Club meetings, it's lived out in meaningful service to local and global communities by dedicated, passionate Rotarians.

Share a passion: Our demographics are varied and, perhaps, should be more so: men, women, young, middle-aged, seniors, working, retired, student, professional, and so on. The commonality is commitment to purpose. The mechanisms and processes through which we live out that purpose may change as our communities change and as our club changes. But the commitment to purpose, the shared passion, is steadfast---making a difference in the lives of others through service.

Friendship: Some synonyms are relationship, bond, fellowship, and harmony. Rotary is the place to connect with others of similar passions, strengthen connections, and build relationships that could span the lifetime. Perhaps even more: grow professionally and personally, develop new skills, experience the joy of mentoring another, or the benefits of being mentored. Rick King, past RI President, said this: "Rotary is of great value. It changes the course of human life. It changes the life of every beneficiary, as well as the life of each Rotarian." For Rotarians, that change, in part, grows out of the friendships, the relationships, the fellowship, bonds, and harmony that we experience with others of like mind, values, and passions.

There is one key phrase in all of this: **The heart of Rotary is our clubs.** Our clubs are made up of members. Our members are the face of Rotary to our communities. Those faces are remembered packing backpacks, swinging hammers, ringing bells, distributing coats, gathering school supplies, cleaning rivers, delivering books and dictionaries, collecting diapers and food, teaching new skills, planting trees, improving our downtowns and parks, and in many other avenues of Rotarians at work locally and globally.

Thank you to each one for seizing opportunities to serve humanity for the purpose of doing good in the world.



Zones 28-29 Northland Event

"THE REAL THING"



When: Sunday, June 11, 2017, 7:00—10:00 pm

Where: The World of Coca-Cola

Who: All Rotarians, Guests and Friends of Zones 28 & 29

What: Food, Drinks and FUN!!!

Cost: \$90 per person, \$65 ages 17 & under

**Includes: Museum Admission, Fun Food Stations,
and Wine, Beer & Coke products (2 drinks per person)**

To Register: Go to www.atlanta2829party.com

SPACE IS LIMITED—REGISTER NOW

November is...

The Rotary Foundation Month

Arch Klumph, the 8th president of Rotary International, created a dream to establish an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world that evolved into The Rotary Foundation. His words are these: *"We should not live for ourselves alone but for the joy in doing good for others."* During Foundation Month, **let's focus on two areas: the gift and the outcome.** Of course, one drives the other. Without the gifts of generous Rotarians, we would not be able to achieve the outcomes of great local and global humanitarian work. *Thank you, Rotarians, for fueling that funding stream, keeping it alive and well!*

The Gift: The ways to give are many and varied---but all start with individual contributions from individual Rotarians to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus. Those individual contributions may be a part of Sustaining Member, EREY Club, 100% Sustaining Member Club, Paul Harris Fellow, 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, Paul Harris Society strategies. Not sure what all that means??? You're not the only one needing more information. Invite Eileen Jennings or Rod Bieber to your club during November to explain the details of each opportunity.

Not only are the ways to give varied but so are the mechanisms----Personal Check, Rotary Direct, Planned Giving, Named Gift, Employee Matching Gift, Ebay Live Auctions and the list goes on. Eileen or Rod can help you understand each possibility. But let me say this: Nothing I have found is easier than Rotary Direct---a monthly contribution from your bank account. A gift of \$10 per month recognizes you as a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation. See the Rotary Direct form on the next page and thoughtfully consider making your commitment today!

The Outcomes: We have accomplished awesome work in Serving Humanity in our district through district grants and global grants. Space does not allow me to speak to the details but on a high level, in the last three years, our district has approved \$91,238 in district grants to support 48 local projects in 23 clubs in our district---changing the lives of people for the better. In the same window of time, our district has approved \$100,200 to match contributions from clubs for global grants in places like the Dominican Republic, Zambia, India, and hopefully, an upcoming project in Sierra Leone. To hear the specifics of these opportunities to Serve Humanity, reach out to Paul Moore, our District Grants Chair, or Randy Ettema, our International Services Chair to present a program to your club in November.

And don't forget our opportunity to celebrate together at the **10th Annual Foundation Gala at Zehnders in Frankenmuth on November 18.** Registration for this outstanding annual event opens on October 15. Come join us as we honor Rotary Clubs for their achievements and recognize up to 32 Paul Harris Fellows---community members selected for this honor by each of our 32 clubs. Plan now to attend this 10th year anniversary celebration---see more information within this month's *Dispatch*.

Thank You, each one, for your generous gifts to The Rotary Foundation!

Did You Know?

As listed in the previous article, here are some of the wonderful ways you can give:

Rotary Credit Card

Named Gift

Donor Advised Funds

Personal Property

Check, draft, or wire payments

Securities

Ebay Live Auctions

Airline Miles

Employee Matching Gift

Real Estate

Planned Giving

Rotary Direct (Form on the following page!)

ROTARY DIRECT

Rotary's recurring giving program



ROTARY DIRECT SAVES...

- ✓ **Time** — Sign up once to give continuous support
- ✓ **Money** — Lower administration costs means more money for programs
- ✓ **Lives** — Give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world

DOING GOOD JUST GOT EASIER!

Enroll online: www.rotary.org/give

OR Mail: Rotary Direct FD420
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA

OR Fax: +1-847-328-5260

Please call to modify your existing Rotary Direct contributions
Phone: +1-866-976-8279

☐ **YES! I INTEND TO GIVE \$1,000 OR MORE ANNUALLY AND WILL JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY.***

☒ **YES! I WILL ENROLL IN ROTARY DIRECT.**

Name _____

IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN, PLEASE COMPLETE.

Rotary membership ID _____

Club name _____

Club number _____

Billing address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.

*Note: The Paul Harris Society recognizes those who give \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or an approved Foundation grant. Learn more at www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety.

GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund-SHARE | <input type="checkbox"/> PolioPlus Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing Clean Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Saving Mothers and Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Peace | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing Local Economies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$10)

☐ \$25 ☐ \$85 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other _____

Currency (if not US\$) _____

FREQUENCY

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually (specify month) _____

☐ **CHECKING ACCOUNT**, please attach a voided check

Available for U.S. and Canada bank accounts only – not available online

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

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Shout Out!

Shout Out! Shout Out! YEAH!!

The Rotary Club of Ithaca...Ormskirk Exchange Program

By Patrice Hornak

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 trip for two to England, to renew an Ormskirk, England/Ithaca, Michigan exchange that began in 1971—45 years ago. Maybe the Rotarian has to win a round of “Minute to Win It” challenges, maybe he or she has to win a game of musical chairs, maybe the winner has to answer the most “Jeopardy-like” questions. The quest to win the England trip always provides a lot of laughs. Once a Rotarian wins the trip, he or she contacts the Ormskirk Rotary Club to arrange a date for the exchange. The last Ormskirk club visitor to Ithaca hosts the next Ithaca club winner.

Visits to Ormskirk must last a minimum of seven days, but during those days there is so much activity; the week feels a lot longer. Each morning a different Ormskirk Rotarian picks up the Ithaca guests and whisks them off for a day of sightseeing in the Lake District, basking on the northwestern coast of Wales, visiting cities with Roman walls, going to Liverpool to visit the Beatles museum, and so much more.

A day of sightseeing is often followed by a dinner at a local restaurant or one of the Rotarian's homes, lasting until 10 or 11 p.m. Then the Ithaca guests are taken back to their hosts' home, only to repeat the previous day's agenda but with different destinations. While sightseeing is most enjoyable, it's the lasting friendships built during the exchanges that overwhelm the Ithaca Rotarians who make the England trip. Throughout the last 45 years, numerous Rotarians have journeyed back to Ormskirk to visit their English friends, apart from the exchange program. One of the week's events is a formal dinner meeting with the Ormskirk Rotary Club members.

Larry Trexler, an Ithaca Rotarian, and his wife Coleen, the first Ithaca Rotarians to participate in the exchange, visited the Ormskirk Rotarians four times, two of those visits being personal trips. During the 25th anniversary of the Ithaca-Ormskirk exchange, a group from Ithaca, including the Trexlers, joined a group from Ormskirk, and they toured Italy. “The exchange program is one of the best things that has happened to the Ithaca Rotary Club,” said Trexler. “We've formed life-long friendships. We still correspond with our hosts. It's a great bond between our club and those individuals.”

After the trip is over, the winning Rotarians host the Ormskirk Rotarian who wins the trip from their club. Weekend trips to cottages, visits to the Sleeping Bear Dunes, Greenfield Village, Mackinaw Island, golf courses, and many more tourist destinations, as well as numerous nightly dinners combine for a memorable trip for the Ormskirk Rotarians as well. One group of Ormskirk Rotarians made numerous trips to Michigan during the hunting season, and tales of times at deer camp ensued.

Making lifetime memories and friends are some of the results of this international exchange program. One of the more recent practices is becoming Facebook friends with members of the Ormskirk club to keep up with activities of their club and members.

Shout Out! Shout Out! Shout Out! YEAH!!! (continued)

The Rotary Club of Bay City Morning...Backpack Program

By President Dorothy Dean



Over a thousand Bay County school children received a new backpack and fresh school supplies thanks to the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club**.

The club partnered with Do-All, Inc., a non-profit agency that provides personal, social, community, and employment support for individuals with disabilities in Bay County. A District Matching Grant was also secured to assist with funding.

Rotarians collected backpacks and supplies through their businesses, such as Independent Bank and Chemical Bank, shown at upper left and right.

In conjunction with the United Way, items of clothing were also donated. Parents were asked to apply by July 15 to qualify for the backpack and clothing program.

Club members (and spouses) helped fill the backpacks with the school supplies (center pictures left and right) and also assisted with distribution.

As you can see by the smiling faces of some of the recipients, the project was a big hit!!!



A Great Beginning!!!

Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project

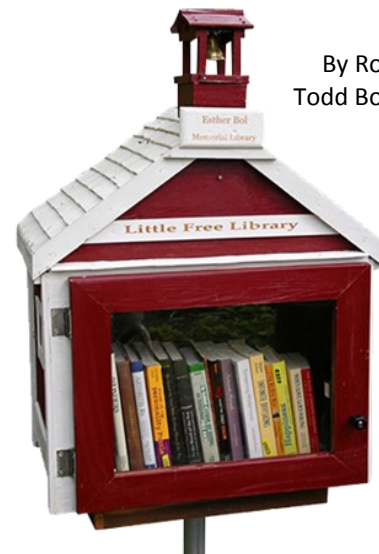
By Chair Louie Schultz

District Governor Cheryl Peterson has now completed all but three of her club visits. With the help of her committee on the districtwide project, most of our 32 local clubs have been communicated with. Here are the projections that we have compiled as we head into October based on our feedback from each of the clubs:

38 Little Free Libraries

48 boxes of books

Bol, the Founder of the Little Free Library non-profit organization, has a mission to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges world wide and building a sense of community as we share skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations. [1]



By Rotarian
Todd Bol in 2009

As each club now proceeds at their own pace, here are a few details that we hope you will keep in mind;

- Complete your Little Free Library and the collection of books by April 30, 2017.
- Share your project with the rest of us through *District Dispatch* (photos, themes, locations, etc.).
- Create your own club story and stimulate media awareness in your community (Club Presidents have been sent a basic 'Press Guide' which we have already sent to the major TV stations, newspapers, and radio stations).
- Let us know if you need another box, or if you need any other information/assistance.

We hope you are enjoying your own club efforts so far. From this end, it is extremely gratifying for us to see the local clubs complying with the plan Cheryl has laid out for us. It feels good to be a Rotarian. Thanks for the great start. Thanks for creating great momentum. This has the true makings of a real celebration at the 2017 District Conference in Owosso, Michigan, in May.

For more information contact Louie Schultz Centennial Literacy Project Chairman; lwschultz@charter.net
Phone: 989-284-5894

[1] littlefreelibrary.org August 2013

Tenth Annual Foundation Gala

By Chair Eileen Jennings

On Friday, November 18, our District will celebrate its 10th Annual Foundation Gala. This event has become the major gathering event of our district, except for the District Conference. This year, it will be bigger and better than ever. Once again this special event will be held at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth.

Besides being our 10th Gala, it is Rotary's Centennial Year of The Rotary Foundation. In keeping with this celebration, we have invited all clubs to recognize an outstanding non-Rotarian member of their community as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Social hour will begin at 5:30, giving everyone lots of time to visit before the dinner, and the program will begin at 6:30. As always, Zehnder's will provide a delicious dinner. We will recognize club giving and special donors to the Foundation.

We are delighted to have as our Keynote Speaker Larry Lunsford. Many of us heard Larry speak a few years ago at PETS and Zone Institute. He is truly inspiring. Larry is a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City- Plaza, Missouri.

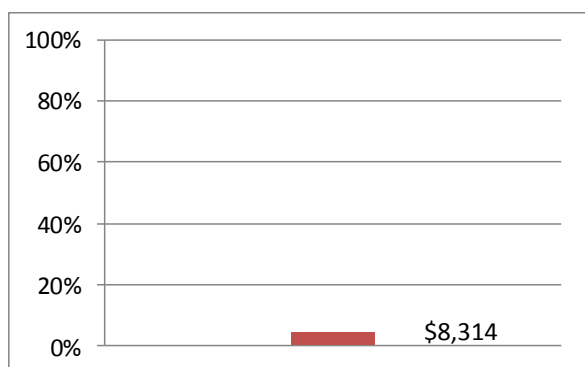
Larry has been involved with Rotary since he was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia during college. He has been a member of Rotary since 1991. He has served in many capacities at the club, district, zone and international level. Larry was a Director of Rotary International from 2013 to 2015 and was chair of the Board Executive Committee. Currently, he is Chair of the Rotary International Membership committee.

One of Larry's special commitments is serving as the Shoes Cheerleader for his district, leading efforts to collect 288,000 pairs of new shoes through the Shoes for Orphan Souls project. This project has taken him to Russia, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic to deliver new shoes to orphan children.

We expect the Gala to sell out, so make your reservations early. Invitations will go out to you about October 15.

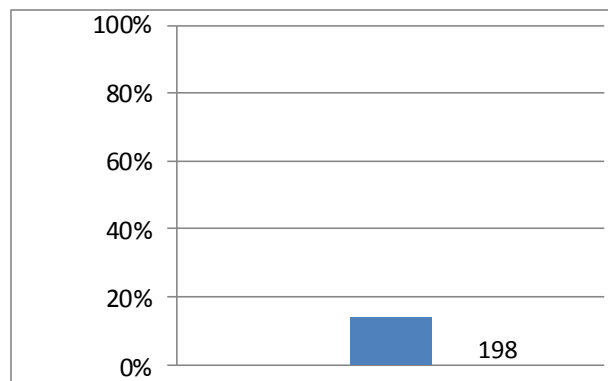
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017



Annual Contributions as of October 1, 2016

1400 District Members



Contributing Members as of October 1, 2016

World Polio Day

By Chair Chuck Cusick

Has your club made plans for **World Polio Day, October 24, 2016**? Join fellow Rotarians for a viewing party of the events livestreamed from Rotary International. The Bay City clubs will be hosting the event at the historic State Theater in Bay City. All Rotarians and friends are welcome.

The Shepherd club is doing their annual "Pizza for Polio" event. Join with a local restaurant and ask that a portion of sales for that day go to polio eradication. Contact Dee Brock Dsanchez2@aol.com, Connie Deford connie.rotary6310@gmail.com or Chuck Cusick if you wish a template for this fundraiser. Register your event with RI to help track your club's involvement.

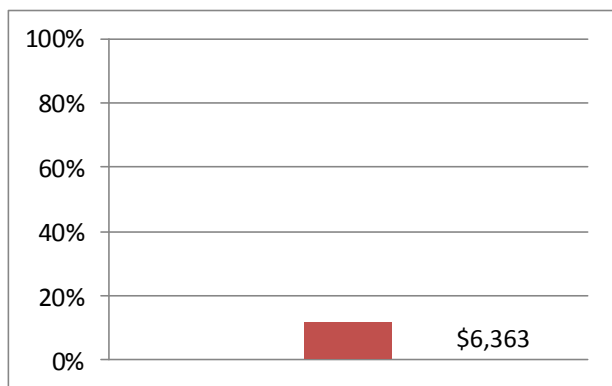
The October issue of the Rotarian magazine has an excellent article on Stopping Polio in Pakistan. This will give some insights into eradicating polio in difficult circumstances.

Thus far this year, 26 cases of polio have been recorded. 14 in Pakistan, 9 in Afghanistan, and 3 in Nigeria. We are "This Close" to eradicating polio.

If you are interested in a program on the current status of polio, please contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com.

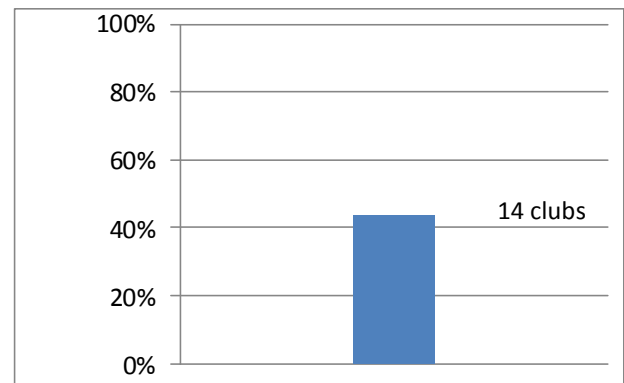
The live stream event begins at 6 p.m. at endpolio.org

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017



PolioPlus Contributions as of October 1, 2016

32 District Clubs



Number of contributing clubs as of October 1, 2016

"It is an exciting time to be a Rotarian. We are gathering momentum for the final race to the finish: to the end of PolioPlus and the beginning of a polio-free world. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to End Polio Now, through *Rotary Serving Humanity*."

Rotary International President John Germ

One Rotary Summit

By PDG Dee Brock

Please join us for the 2016 One Rotary Summit to be held on October 22, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Saginaw from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

One Rotary Summit “joins together Rotarians to exchange ideas and take away cutting-edge ideas on how to energize and bolster your club for growth, service, and public interaction. The purpose of the Summit is to understand how Membership, Public Image and The Rotary Foundation all work together and support Rotary’s overall strategic plan.”

You can email your rsvp to connie.rotary6310@gmail.com

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 22nd to exchange ideas that you can take back to your club and take action!

End Polio Now—Make History Today

By Geoff Goll, Zone PolioPlus Coordinator

How can you celebrate World Polio Day?

VIEW

- Mark your calendar to tune in for Rotary’s World Polio Day Event on 24 October.
- Watch this event on endpolio.org (or join the Bay City Clubs at the State Theater at 6 p.m. on 10/24).
- Follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

SHARE

- Share the sample Facebook posts, Instagram images, and tweets on the RI Website.
- Use the #endpolio hashtag to follow and join the global conversation on social media.
- Follow End Polio Now on Facebook and Twitter.
- Update your Facebook cover photo and Twitter avatar.
- Host a viewing party for friends and club members to watch the World Polio Day event.
- Invite local media, elected officials, and community leaders to a viewing party to show new audiences and potential members the power of what we can accomplish as an organization.
- Dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day and update your website with information about the event.
- Organize a fundraising or community event. Every \$1 you raise for polio is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

WRITE

- Email or call local reporters and pitch a story about World Polio Day and your club’s contributions to the effort.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the importance of ending polio. Send it to the op-ed or Editorial features editor for consideration.
- Write your government officials asking for their continued support of polio eradication efforts.
- When stories are published, send RI links/share on social media.

Holiday Cards Will Be Available Soon

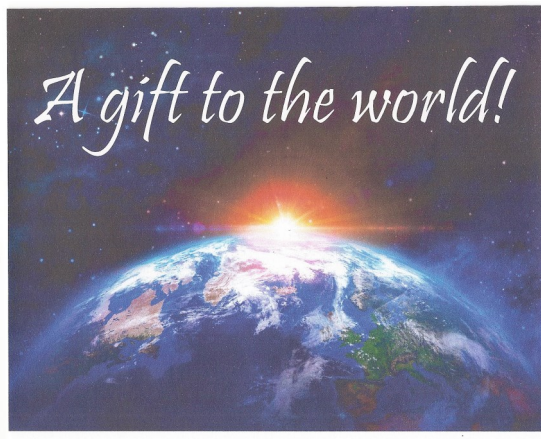
Many of us make donations to charity during the holiday season in the name of friends. Would you consider making those donations to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program? The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant has designed a gift card for this purpose. The card is currently being printed and will be available to Rotary Clubs throughout our district soon.

Here are some specifics about this gift card program to consider:

- Packages of 10 cards with envelopes are available for \$12.50
- The Mt. Pleasant Club is choosing to buy the cards, then give them out free to their members who make a contribution of \$10 or more.
- Your club might sell the cards for \$2 each, making a bit of profit.
- Your club might consider structuring a donation around the popular "text ____ to ____" which charges your phone account.
- You are free to be creative and come up with your own plan.
- Below is a scanned mock up of the card so you can get a sense of the beautiful cover and messages enclosed within.

For more information or to order, contact Kate Marsh, k.heaton@live.com, cell 231-571-0691, or Paul Siers in Mt. Pleasant at paulsiers@yahoo.com, phone 989-423-5633.

Front of the Card



Inside Message

Happy Holidays!

In your honor, I have made a monetary donation to the PolioPlus Campaign of Rotary International. The donation will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



About Rotary

Rotary is an international service club with more than 1 million members around the world, whose motto is SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Rotary clubs have a local focus, sponsoring many municipal projects, as well as an international focus, such as the PolioPlus program and other humanitarian projects all over the planet.

About PolioPlus

Since Rotary joined with the UN in 1985 to eradicate polio from our world, Rotarians have raised at least \$1.5 billion and helped inoculate over 2 billion children. Because of this program, over 10 million kids did not get polio and at least 80% of the world is polio-free. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has agreed to match Rotary donations \$2 for every \$1. So every dollar of this gift in your honor becomes \$3 in our fight against this dreaded disease.



Message on Back of the Card

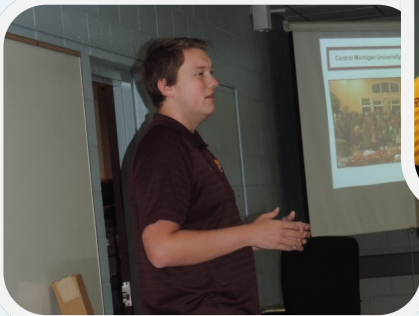
WELCOME BACK ROTARACTORS!

Our District has five Rotaract Clubs: Alma College, Baker College, Central Michigan University, Northwood University, and Saginaw Valley State University.

One stark difference between Rotary and Rotaract clubs is that graduation happens twice a year. Every fall Rotaract clubs must start over with a remnant of students who return to classes after summer break. The same is true in January after winter commencement takes place.

Hopefully, Rotaract students will move on and join Rotary clubs after finding out where they land. We at CMU are encouraging graduates that stay in Mt. Pleasant to stay in the Rotaract club until they reach age 30. New students learn easily from former students. As established leaders, they help the incoming students to get the *new* club up and running with their expertise and experience. This makes a huge difference for recruiting and retaining Rotaract members.

Kathy Beebe, Youth Service Committee
Rotaract Chair



Former CMU Rotaract President Ben Reyhl
speaks to prospective members



CMU Rotaract President
Whitney Warner



Prospective CMU Rotaract Members



Saginaw Valley State University Rotaract Members



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Madden Brady, high school freshman and president of the MSCAR (Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution), spoke to the [Rotary Club of Bay City](#) about his efforts to restore the "American Doughboy Statue" that stands next to the Sage Library in Pershing Park In Bay City.

The 92 year-old statue was commissioned in 1923 by the Bay County Women's Improvement Club and given to the city as a gift. It later came to be under the care of the Bay County Library system.

In the early 20's, just a few short years after the "Great War," Doughboy statues were very popular. John Paulding's "Over the Top" was the first to be copyrighted. It is estimated that Paulding sold around 400 copies of his statue.

The Paulding statue in Bay City is one of the best examples of the piece. It has some minor damage and is oxidizing. There could be some internal damage that is not apparent. Many other Doughboys have fallen into disrepair, or have disappeared entirely.

Brady is well on his way to raising the approximately \$12,000 needed to repair and refurbish the statue. Enough money has been raised that the statue will soon be removed and work will begin. When work is completed the statue will be in shape to last another hundred years as an honored memory to the Great War.



Packing Bags

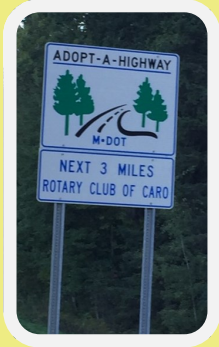
More than 200 participants, biked, canoed and ran at the [Bay City Morning Rotary Club](#) annual fundraising Driathlon.

After much preliminary work, members gathered in Bay City' Veterans Memorial Park for the event—even taking time at the conclusion for a club picture.



And they're off!

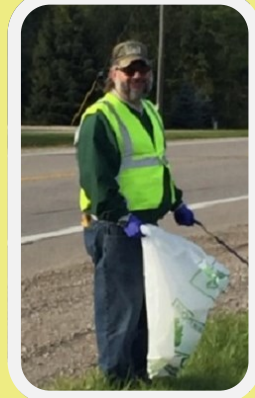




The **Rotary Club of Caro** recently completed their three miles of trash pick-up under the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

The club picked up 15 bags of trash along M-24.

Pictured at right is President Marc Augsburg.



Jenna, Keith and Brenna from Big Brothers Big Sisters located in Midland, Bay, Saginaw and Isabella County recently presented at the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** meeting.

A person must make a year commitment to be a “big”. They must complete an application, interview, background check, provide 3 references, their driving record, proof of car insurance, and a home visit prior to being approved.

There is no set time commitment, but BBBS would prefer to have the “Bigs” visiting 2-3 times a month. The age of the youth is 6-18.

At one time, the program was for children of single parents. This has changed to anyone who could use a mentor.

Some of their programs are community based which is one-on-one mentoring. They also have lunch box learners, where a “Big” would work with the “little” during their lunch time. They also have an afterschool program where they use MMCC and CMU students.

One Standish-Sterling student, KenaDee Foco, and two Pinconning students, Carter Albrecht and Jacob Rittenberg, discussed their participation in last summer’s Rotary Youth Leadership Camp [RYLA] program at Camp Rotary near Harrison. The students were sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Pinconning/Standish**.

They all said that it was a wonderful experience to spend time with 80 young people from the region. They said it was very awkward when they first arrived at the camp since they didn’t know anyone, but when they left five days later they felt they had made 80 very close friends. In fact, it was very hard to leave their new friends behind. They have stayed in touch with many of them since then. Since returning to school this fall they have tried to put what they learned into practice.

Standish-Sterling student Clay Plachta updated Rotarians on activities of the new Interact Club made up of students from both high schools. Clay is this year’s club president. They plan to meet twice a month, once in person and once via Skype. They are planning some community events, such as a “miracle minute” activity at the upcoming Pinconning vs Standish-Sterling basketball game. They are also considering holding another nature camp for younger children next spring at Pinconning County Park.



Clay Plachta, KenaDee Foco, Carter Albrecht, and Jacob Rittenberg

Upcoming Events



Attention enthusiastic Rotarians! ONE ROTARY SUMMIT joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting your club for growth, service and public interaction. Rotarians are Leaders! Engage fresh new thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen membership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs.





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PIES FOR POLIO
October 24, 2016



Top 5 Reasons to Eradicate Polio

1. The Human Cost: If we choose to control polio rather than eradicate it, polio could rebound to 10 million cases in the next 40 years.
2. It's Achievable: We have the tools to end polio and the means to reach all children. The new bivalent vaccine successfully targets the two remaining strains of polio in one dose.
3. It's a Good Investment: An independent study published in the medical journal *Vaccine* estimates the \$9 billion global investment in a polio-free world will net an economic benefit of \$40 to \$50 billion over the next 20 years.
4. It Strengthens the System: Our polio eradication efforts have established an active disease surveillance network in all countries that is being used for other health interventions such as measles vaccinations, deworming tablets, and mosquito bed nets.
5. It Sets the Stage: The ability to reach all children with the polio vaccine is proof of concept that we can succeed on our next major global health initiative.

World Polio Day will be recognized on October 24, 2016. Join Rotary and the Grand Traverse Pie Company in helping to eradicate Polio. GTPC will donate proceeds from their pie sales to help The Rotary Foundation eliminate Polio throughout the world.

\$1.00 donated per
slice of pie

\$2.00 donated per
whole pie



Duffels of Love



A community drive coordinated by Midland County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and the Midland Noon Rotary Club.

To help our foster families and children, we are collecting items from October 1 thru December 1, 2016 that DHHS can have on hand whenever a child in our community is in need. Your assistance spreads hope and love while making it just a little bit easier for the challenges faced by our courageous foster kids.

Thank you for your kindness.

Our volunteers will stuff duffel bags with these basic-need collected items:

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| ♥ Shampoo | ♥ Underwear | ♥ Deodorant |
| ♥ Socks | ♥ T-Shirts | ♥ Clothing |
| ♥ Toothbrushes | ♥ Soap/Body Wash | ♥ Gift Cards |

CENTRAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

GREATERMIDLAND

COMMUNITY CENTER	2206 S. Jefferson Rd.
TENNIS CENTER	900 E. Wackerly Rd.
NORTH-END FITNESS	601 E. Wackerly Rd.
COLEMAN FAMILY CENTER	4839 N. Coleman Schools Dr.
NORTH FAMILY CENTER	2601 E. Shearer Rd.

GRANDMA'S PUMPKIN PATCH

4277 N. Eastman Rd

DHHS

1509 Washington
(Café American Plaza)

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE?

Contact Andrea Ayres, Community Resource Coordinator, Midland County Department of Health & Human Services (989) 835-3421
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Midland Noon Rotary Club



Midland County Department of Health & Human Services



Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 10-14 June 2017. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 10—14, 2017 — Rotary Atlanta Convention

December 5, 2016 - last day to make changes to Group Housing reservations

December 15, 2016—Last day for \$340 Registration rate

June 11, 2017, 7-10 pm —Zones 28 & 29 Party

USEFUL LINKS

Registration—<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/register>

Zone 28-29 Party info— <http://zones28-29.org/SitePage/atlanta-party>

Hotel Reservations—<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/accommodations>

Host Organizing Committee & Events - www.rotaryconvention2017.org/welcome

Rotary Convention Facebook Page— www.facebook.com/Rotary2017

Convention Program Highlights— <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/program>

RIP John Germ's video—<https://vimeo.com/149669090>

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Saginaw Valley - 44 years - Chartered October 21, 1972

Midland Morning - 28 years - Chartered October 10, 1988

Pinconning/Standish - 9 years - Chartered October 12, 2007



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