

District Dispatch

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Welcome Jim Abbott



District 6310 is pleased to welcome, at its spring conference, Jim Abbott, Motivational Speaker and Professional Baseball Player.

James Anthony Abbott, born September 19, 1967 in Flint, Michigan, is a former Major League Baseball pitcher who is best known for playing despite having been born without a right hand.

He played for the California Angels, the New York Yankees, the Chicago White Sox, and the Milwaukee Brewers, from 1989 to 1999.

He graduated from Flint Central High School and grew up in the East Village area of Flint, Michigan. Rich Maloney, a college shortstop and team captain at Western Michigan University, called Abbott, a promising high schooler from Flint, hoping to woo him to Kalamazoo. Abbott instead opted for Michigan. Abbott pitched for UofM from 1986 to 1988 before embarking on a 10-year professional career. Abbott won the James E. Sullivan Award as the nation's best amateur athlete in 1988 Summer Olympics. He was drafted in the first round of the 1988 Major League Baseball Draft and reached the Majors the next year. He threw a no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians in 1993.

Nearly a quarter century later, after that first conversation in 1985, Maloney had another opportunity to speak to Abbott again, with another enticing offer. Would Abbott be interesting in returning to Ann Arbor to have his uniform number retired? This time the pitcher eagerly agreed. "I thought back to my freshman

year, and showing up there, and how far off anything like this would have seemed at that point," Abbott said of learning the news. "I'm incredibly honored."

Coaches at UofM hatched the idea of retiring his number during the building of the Wilpon Baseball and Softball Complex as a way to share the programs history. Maloney said Abbott's addition to the group was a "no brainer." "You have to be very selective and it's a difficult decision, but to me, this one was not very hard," Maloney said. "Not only with the success he had at Michigan, but more importantly, on top of all that, his humility and how's he's represented the university." The university retired Abbott's No. 31 in ceremony, April 18, 2009, before the Wolverines' home game against Michigan State.

Abbott retired from baseball in 1999, with a career record of 87 wins and 108 losses, with 4.25 earned run average. He currently lives in Orange County, Cali-

formia, and does motivational speaking around the country. He has also worked on a disability awareness project for the federal government.



ABBOTT'S NUMBER'S IN ANN ARBOR

STATISTIC	RANK
26 Career wins.....	Fourth
13 complete games	Eighth
3.04 career ERA	Sixth
• 1987 golden Spikes winner, given to college baseball's top player	
• 1987 Big Ten Male Athlete of the Year	
• Other Wolverines with retired baseball numbers: Don Lund (1943-45), Moby Benedict (1954-56), Bill Freehan (1961) and coach Ray Fisher (1921-58)	

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District Events

Foundation Committee Meeting

Jan 13, 2012 at 9:00 AM - Jan 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM

PETS President-Elect Training for 2012-2013

Radisson Inn

Mar 15, 2012 - Mar 17, 2012

Foundation Committee Meeting

Mar 23, 2012 at 9:00 AM - Mar 23, 2012 at 11:00 AM

District Conference for 2011-2012

May 04, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 05, 2012 at 10:00 PM

District Assembly for 2011-2012

May 04, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Foundation Committee Meeting

May 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM - May 18, 2012 at 11:00 AM

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2011-2012

District 6310's Foundation Committee has approved six District Simplified Grants for 2011-2012. Each club must match the amount awarded. The Rotary Club of Alpena was awarded a matching grant of \$2000 for flagpoles in a ballpark for youths. The Rotary Club of Frankenmuth Noon was awarded their \$2000 for Christmas backpacks for returning Iraq and Afghanistan vets. The Rotary Club of Oscoda received their \$682 for new benches for Pocket Park located in downtown Oscoda. The Rotary Club of Bay City was awarded \$2000 for their Paul Harris sculpture project. The Rotary Club of Gladwin was awarded a matching grant for the removal and reinstallation of a playscape for their community. Finally the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley was awarded their matching grant for a shelter along a community-walking trail. The Foundation Committee next meets in January 2012 to consider new applications for the remaining monies in this cycle of grants. Questions or applications can be directed to Terri Michaelis, District Simplified Grant Chair, at terriontheriver@sbcglobal.net or she can be reached at 989-724-8110.

Sunrise Rotary of Saginaw *10th Anniversary Celebration*

The Rotary Club of Saginaw Sunrise recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a breakfast at Davenport University in Saginaw. The celebration held on November 4th, was to highlight the clubs accomplishments since its Charter on September 7, 2001.

Many past members and fellow Rotarians were in attendance, including other club Presidents, and our District Governor Al Nietzsche and his wife Karon.

The presentation opened with the current Sunrise President Shelley Norris highlighting many of the clubs accomplishments in the past 10 years, including the Gazebo at the Japanese Tea House in Saginaw. This project was a collaboration of the three Saginaw Rotary Clubs to commemorate Rotary's 100th Anniversary. She also talked about the ongoing collaboration with Sunrise and Krossroads Park in Kochville Township. Krossroads, a boundless playground, was incepted by a former Sunrise Rotarian, and the Club has continued to make contributions to the infrastructure of the Park over the years, including the rock displaying the name of the Park at the entrance, a handicap drinking fountain, and most recently an Observation Pier on the Park's lake. The ceremony continued with the first President of the Sunrise Rotary, Bob Moffit of Gladwin, reminiscing about the Chartering of the club, and the many people responsible for the formation. Sunrise still has 10 Charter members active in the club. Next, Duane Reyhl, a Sunrise member, and a District Governor Nominee, introduced a new Service Award implemented by Sunrise honoring a former member Wynn McDonald, who unexpectedly passed away last year. The award will encompass Wynn's Spirit of service, and will be awarded each year.

Governor Al Nietzsche closed the celebration talking more about the club's accomplishments and it's utilization of Foundation Grants in project completion. The Sunrise Club only has 25 members but it has accomplished much in its 10 short years, and has many new projects on the horizon.



Sunrise Rotary of Saginaw 10th Anniversary Celebration Nov. 4, 2011





Water and Sanitation District 6310 Dispatch December 7, 2011

Our District 6310 efforts sponsoring improvements in 3rd world water and sanitation (WAS) projects, have been a meaningful and significant. It has been a combined effort in which almost all Rotary Clubs (RC's) in our District have contributed. I will summarize our progress in the various projects and matching grants in next month's Dispatch.

This month however I'd like to explain our next project, which we hope to initiate this spring. To me it is very exciting. Most of you are aware we've been involved in water filter purchases and installations, latrine installation, water harvesting, and Frankenmuth has even adopted a village. All District efforts have focused on the Dominican Republic (DR).

The DR is one of three third world countries Rotary International Water and Sanitation Action Group (WASRAG) selected to be a Pilot Project Country. The purpose of these pilot projects is to develop successful approaches that work to improve third world challenges addressing the crisis brought about by deaths and suffering for lack of clean water. The crisis results in the death of 5,000 3rd world children every day.

To date we've been working closely with one Rotarian from our host club in the DR, Dr. Alexandra Adams from Santiago Guribito RC. She is the 2012 District Governor elect and has a passion for training hand washing and hygiene. It turns out that data shows proper training in hand washing and hygiene can improve this crisis by as much as 40%.

Needless to say 40% is a significant number.

Alex and her husband Charles were recently visiting Chicago and Grand Rapids MI and at our invitation were able to join our District WAS November committee meeting. The primary discussion in the meeting was around our next project to take on training hand washing and hygiene throughout the DR. We are hoping to approach the 40% improvement and believe we can achieve that kind of impact.

This effort has many details, which are currently being worked. It will probably involve three Grants and possibly span two years. It will also require a huge effort by various Rotary organizations in the DR, which is also being organized and committed.

I hope you find this to be as exciting an opportunity as I do, when you consider we could reduce the crisis by 40% in a single country. Of course with it's status as a pilot project it could enable us to then take what we accomplish to other third world countries in hope of achieving similar results. I have never seen a project with so much potential and that is also as economical as this!

Owosso has volunteered to be the sponsor club for the first matching grant. To sponsor a matching grant the sponsor club must contribute \$1,000.00. We will need another \$6,000.00 in pledges from other District RC's to complete RC contributions for the first grant. Those pledges will require payment this coming year probably in April or May.

If you have any questions on this or other projects, please contact me on my cell phone, 817.891.5622. We will keep you informed as this project comes to maturity.

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Dave Morgan

DISTRICT 6310 CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY 2012

Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5, 2012

Preliminary Agenda::

Thursday, May 3, 2012 – Zehnder's
PDG Reception 6:00 - 6:30pm
6:30pm Dinner

Friday, May 4, 2012 - Bavarian Inn Lodge
7:30am-9:00am Registration - Project Displays
8:30am-11:30 District Assembly
9:45-10:00 Break
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:45-3:00 Opening of Conference & First Plenary Session
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:30 Second Plenary Session
4:45-5:30 Presentation of Club Projects
6:00-6:45 Reception
6:45-9:00 Dinner, Third Plenary Session

Saturday, May 5, 2012
7:00-1:30 Registration continues
7:30-8:30 Breakfast with Governor for new members & spouses
8:00-6:30pm Project Displays
8:45-9:30 Fourth Plenary Session
9:45-10:30 Rotary Foundation
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:45 Polio Plus
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-5:45 Fifth Plenary Session
5:45-6:30 Presentation of Club Projects
6:00-6:30 Reception
6:30-8:00 Diner, Sixth Plenary Session

Preliminary Conference Pricing:

Early Full Registration (through 4/11/12)	\$95
Friday District Assembly only	\$35
Friday Reception and Banquet only	\$50
Saturday Reception and Banquet only	\$50
Friday Full Session	\$85
Saturday Full Session	\$90

ATTENTION CLUBS: TABLE DISPLAYS OF PROJECTS INFORMATION

Space is limited to approximately 6 tables for clubs to profile any project they are currently working on.

PLEASE reserve your tables early by contacting Marel Staisil at mstaisil@sbcglobal.net with your project details.

ATTENTION CLUBS WITH NEW MEMBERS

Please forward a list of your new members, with contact information, if they will be attending the district conference to Kris Jahr at krisjahr@sbcglobal.net.



Watch for more information on guest speakers and plans for the up coming District Conference in future District Dispatch newsletters.

ROTARY CLUB OF SEBEWAING WELCOMES EXCHANGE STUDENT

The Sebewaing Rotary Club welcomed Exchange Student, Pradevina, "Vina", Primasari on September 6, this year. She gave the club a PowerPoint presentation of her homeland in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where she lives with her mother, father and 14-year-old sister. The area is tropical, half being rain forest, and the normal temperatures are 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The trip here took 45 hours, with many layovers and flight changes. Upon arriving in Detroit, she discovered the airline had lost her luggage in Minneapolis. Although the luggage was eventually located and delivered to her host family, she found the experience pretty un-nerving on top of being in a "foreign" country by herself.

Vina's host family is Dr.'s Bradi and Brandon Boyce, along with their four children (including triplets), in Caseville. She is a senior attending school at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School. Some of the major

differences Vina noted was, in Yogyakarta, she went to boarding school 6 days a week, from 7:00am to 3:00pm and study time 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Her boarding school is in a large city, so there are always a lot of crowds, lights and city noise. She's finding Caseville, and our area, very dark, very quiet and our climate pretty cold. Although she likes our "cuisine", she's missing some of the "heat" she's used to.

She celebrated her first Halloween here, dressing up like "Little Red Riding Hood" and won first place for her costume. She plays the violin and would love to be able to have the chance to find a loaner instrument and temporary teacher. Through USA High School, she is participating in the American Red Cross Swim Lessons at Caro High School. Vina has made many friends, especially other Rotary Exchange students, through various Rotary Club events in the District.

*We wish you a
Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*



Membership And Attendance Report

October, 2011

Club Name	Members as of New Members		Terminations	Total Members	Number of Meetings	Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance
	June, 2010	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month		Percentage
Alma-St. Louis	53	0	0	53	4	0	0	71
Alpena	81	1	0	76	5	1	-5	79.33
Bad Axe	40	0	0	39	5	0	-1	56
Bay City	106	0	0	99	4	0	-7	63
Bay City Morning	38	0	0	36	4	0	-2	90
Birch Run	19	0	0	18	4	0	-1	83
Breckenridge	10	0	0	11	4	0	1	86
Caro	55	0	0	54	5	0	-1	66.2
Cass City	29	0	0	27	4	0	-2	84
Chesaning	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clare	58	1	0	59	4	1	1	65
Corunna	27	0	0	27	4	0	0	70
Durand	25	0	0	26	4	0	1	57
Frankenmuth	127	1	0	127	4	1	0	88.06
Frankenmuth Morning	33	1	0	36	4	1	3	85.16
Gladwin	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	59
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ithaca	25	1	0	24	4	1	-1	70
Midland	161	2	0	162	4	2	1	56.99
Midland Morning	49	0	0	49	4	0	0	68
Millington	18	0	0	18	5	0	0	73
Mt. Pleasant	65	2	0	64	5	2	-1	74
Oscoda	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	53
Owosso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pigeon	52	0	0	51	5	0	-1	71.37
Pinconning/Standish	14	0	0	14	3	0	0	71
Saginaw	51	2	0	56	4	2	5	50.98
Saginaw Sunrise	29	0	-1	25	4	-1	-4	40.2
Saginaw Valley	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sebewaing	29	0	0	29	4	0	0	62
Shepherd	8	0	0	13	4	0	5	75
Vassar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1292	11	-1	1243		10	-9	58.6

Reminder! Regular monthly reporting of a club's attendance and membership activities must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Joyce Swartzmiller. Please email to f81681@ejourney.com or call her at 989-435-7122. 100% is our goal!