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News from the "Guv"

Happy New Year! The Rotary theme this year is [Peace Through Service](#). The Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka is from Saitama, Japan; and he wants to be known as the Peace President. As a result, three Peace forums are offered this year: one in [Berlin](#), then [Honolulu](#), and the last forum in [Hiroshima](#). WOW! Who would like to go? (Details inside)

A hearty welcome is extended to the new President of each club. Consider yourself a Peace President too. My wish for you and your club is to grow and flourish as we continue our journey together. The leaders of District 6310 are prepared to encourage, support and collaborate with you.

Club engagement can be a vital link to the success of the year. Let's all renew our commitment to the work of Rotary as we offer our Peace Through Service!

District Stuff:

- The District Administrative Secretary position has been filled by a very capable Rotarian, Connie Deford, from the Bay City Morning Club. You may reach Connie via e-mail at connie.rotary6310@gmail.com. Connie is the retired City Clerk of Bay City, a charter member, past president, and current secretary of her club. WELCOME, Connie!
- The GRANT WAS APPROVED! In March, with hours of burning the night oil, the Public Image Grant was completed by the District with a request for \$15,000/year for three years. The District will match with \$5,000 and clubs have a role to play. Rotary International considered our grant along with more than 70% of all the Districts applying. Thanks go to Al, Eileen, Duane, Ruby, Ricardo and Dee who helped to get this done! Clubs can begin to support by clipping newspaper articles and pictures, video tapes on TV, and any other publicity that covers your club events. This information will be very helpful to show that the clubs in the District are promoting the work of Rotary. A complete rollout of this grant will be in the August newsletter.
- See the video clip about the RI Presidential Challenge to all clubs by using the following YouTube link: <http://youtu.be/V11ApRKUwHo>
- Ruby Iwamasa is the Peace Service Project support for all clubs to be able to complete this challenge. Email her at rubiawamasa@chartermi.net. She has lots of ideas!



**District "Guv" Georgene Hildebrand
and
First Gentleman Jim Park**



Surprise sign!

Our local newspaper prints reports on all of our Rotary meetings, including a photo of each speaker.

They do this at no charge. The owners were made honorary members of the club a few years ago.

When the sign on their building was showing wear from the elements, the club voted to purchase a new

sign, complete with the Rotary emblem!

The sign was installed one weekend without their knowledge. They were thrilled to see it on Monday morning!

Mike Stoner
2011-2012 President
Pinconning Club

...the future of Rotary
— and the future
prospects for world
peace — rest with
today's youth.

Rotary Global Peace Forums

In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will be a two- or three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka's RI theme, *Peace Through Service*.

"The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace is one of the cornerstones of the Rotary movement. With Rotary's active presence in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, our organization has established itself as a world leader in fostering *Peace Through Service*. We have accomplished a great deal in this area throughout our history, but we must continue to look forward and recognize that the future of Rotary — and the future prospects for world peace — rest with today's youth. To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people in a meaningful way and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future."

The forum in Berlin, *Peace Without Borders* (November 30—December 2, 2012), will emphasize the value of democracy and freedom. The forums in Honolulu, *The Green Path to Peace* (January 25-27, 2013), and Hiroshima, *Peace Begins with You* (May 17-18, 2013), will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants (Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, and RYLarians), Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and young Rotarian leaders. President Tanaka is encouraging each district to send at least two participants from these demographic groups. Others will have an opportunity to participate in the forums remotely through live, interactive telecasts.

News from the Guv (cont.)

Personal Reflection:

- A few years ago, I read the book *The Anatomy of Peace, Resolving the Heart of Conflict* published by the Arbinger Institute. I am reading it again this month. So If you have read the book, would love to hear your opinion. If you want to read the book, let me know. We can start a conversation about this inspiring perspective on Peace.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting every Rotarian in the District within the next few months. I realize that when the District Governor comes to your meeting, you have a choice about whether you plan to skip that particular meeting or whether you plan to come. I hope you choose to come!!!

I'll do my very best to make it worth your time!

“Guv” Georgene

District Matching Grant in Action!

The “Picture the Possibilities” Playscape was a brand new idea brought to the Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan (LCFSM) by a foster parent.

The Bay City Morning Rotary Club applied for, and received, a matching grant from the District for this project.

The playscape includes picnic tables (painted in a cheery green as requested by the recipients), a swing, slide, teeter-totter, and other play-ground equipment.

The play area will be used by families to interact together in a safe and natural way.

Children can play while their mom and dad are completing their visit. The community will feel a part of something bigger than just a playscape; they will understand the lasting impact on the clients that use the playscape for therapy and family meetings.

Larry Arendt, Chairman
Special Project Committee
Bay City Morning Club



Bay City Morning Club members put the finishing touches on the picnic tables in the LCFSM backyard

District Governor visits to Clubs in July



12 July: Pinconning/Standish	19 July: Frankenmuth
13 July: Saginaw Sunrise	23 July: Saginaw Valley
16 July: Alpena	24 July: Birch Run
17 July: Vassar	25 July: Saginaw
18 July: Frankenmuth Morning and	30 July: Bad Axe
18 July: Harbor Beach	31 July: Midland Morning, Gladwin



Be sure to visit and LIKE
District 6310 on Facebook!

Online Make-up Opportunities

Many Rotarians are familiar with the opportunity to make up missed local club meetings online at www.rotaryclubone.com. In order to qualify for a make-up, the member must spend at least 30 minutes on the website. You can view a variety of articles and programs. As always, Rotarians should apply the Four-way Test to the time they spend on the website for a make-up.

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



Recently, a notice was received that the Irvine, California club is also offering make-up opportunities. To try this new site, go to www.irvinerotary.org.

The District 6310 Newsletter is published monthly. Articles originate from various Rotary International publications as well as from events and activities within the District. Thank you to all contributors.

We encourage the submission of articles. Please provide information and pictures for a future District Dispatch to:

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