



# District Dispatch

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## News from the "Guv"

The air is crisp, the summer is fading with the passing rains, and fall weather is coming fast. Young and old, kids alike, will be turning their attention to "back to school" activities. We are closing out our summer and looking for the signs of fall!

This month is New Generations Month, and what could be more appropriate than to consider how we connect with the youth in our town? If we start to introduce Rotary and the notion of Service Above Self to our youth, we develop a stream of interested, engaged leaders to carry on the Rotary legacy. When traveling around the District, I'm often asked, "What is Rotary?" My answer is included in this month's video: <http://youtu.be/wiA5hfpnKCU>

At your next meeting, ask club members to recall activities your club has done to support and engage youth. Many of you have Interact at the local Allan Nietzsche high school, or support Rotaract at the college in your community. Others have dictionary projects, or donations of books to a local library. How about that creative idea of inviting a youth to a Rotary meeting or supporting the top graduation class by honoring them? Others are very successful in the Youth Exchange, or sending kids to RYLA (Camp Rotary).

Thank you for getting and staying connected with the youth. Given a chance, youth would likely enjoy working at one of your "hands on" projects this year. Invite them, and think of other ways your club could expand the New Generations Avenue of Service.

We have taken continuous learning seriously and are now partners with the Rotary Leadership Institute. Please register one or two

members from your club for the 29 September class at Delta College. [www.rligreatlakes.org](http://www.rligreatlakes.org). If that date does not work, then 13 October is available in McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, MI. Your district number is 6310.

Finally, I've been asking in my club visits who has read the latest District Dispatch, and I'm afraid that some of the email delivery is being caught in junk mail or discarded without opening. We have a plan for boosting readership, and I thank you for being one Rotarian who has gotten this far in reading! (Look for the three misplaced names in the *Dispatch* that are included totally out of context. Submit your name with the answers to Connie via email.) Names will be placed in a drawing and announced in the next Dispatch.

Thank you to club secretaries for getting emails up-to-date in the District website [www.clubrunner.ca/6310](http://www.clubrunner.ca/6310). Call Connie with any questions you may have on completing this task.

Meeting and getting to know you this first quarter has been a joy! Thank you for your ongoing contributions to Rotary and for being good stewards in your community in getting the word out about Rotary!

Let's see what we can do for Rotary!



# New Generations

by Patricia Post, District 6310 Chairman

Did you know that New Generations Service became Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service in 2010? "New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding."

Falling under the umbrella of New Generations is the younger generation who are being recognized as part of our Rotary family. They are our youth participating in Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary's Youth Exchange. However, this does not exclude youth we invite to participate with our respective clubs in service and leadership activities within our communities.

Your New Generations team this year includes:



Ages 12 through 18  
(Chair, vacant)

The following clubs are active or in the process of establishing Interact Clubs: Bay City Noon, Frankenmuth Morning, Mt. Pleasant, and Pinconning/Standish. Updates to this list are appreciated.

Ages 18 — 30  
(Chair, vacant)



The following clubs are active in the process of establishing Rotaract Clubs: Baker College, Owosso; Davenport University, Frankenmuth Noon; Northwood University, Midland Morning and Midland Noon; Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Activity is already brewing behind the scenes within Interact and Rotaract this year. However, a chair is still needed for each area. Would you consider this rewarding role? Contact me!



Camp Rotary

Co-Chairs Corrine Dean (Caro)  
Krystal Campbell (Mt. Pleasant)

I stopped by on my way up north and met with Dee Brock, chair last year, and had dinner with the youth attending Camp Rotary. What a wonderful place to be trained in leadership skills! This past year RYLA distributed a video to all clubs in the District. Did you receive and share? There are great things on the agenda for the coming year as well as great people in leadership roles.



Youth Exchange Chairman Dianne Rodgers (Owosso)  
 Outbound Coordinators Joseph Sawyer (Corunna) and Jim Kranz (Cass City)  
 Inbound Coordinator Janice Lampman (Midland)  
 Youth Exchange Compliance Officer/District Trainer Dave Smith (Midland)

I attended the District Youth Exchange orientation for new inbound students on August 25, 2012, at the invitation of Dianne Rodgers and her enthusiastic team members. Let me tell you — this team is extremely passionate, highly trained in this area, as well as being exceedingly advanced in social media skills. I didn't know who or what the "YEO" represented. I met them and they are as passionate as the District Chairs and play a very integrated role in the success of the program. Their calendar of activities for this year is already in place and very busy!

The students are exceptional! At the meeting, it was decided to feature inbound as well as outbound students in the *District Dispatch* on a monthly basis in order that you can learn who they are and know them when you meet them at the District meeting in April 2013. Look for this month's message in this edition of the *Dispatch*.

I encourage all clubs to invest some time recognizing youth in your respective communities - not only this month but throughout the year. Invite them to participate in your meetings and service projects. And please share with me, [ppost4@charter.net](mailto:ppost4@charter.net) what you are doing in your clubs to promote this Fifth Avenue of Service within District 6310. Have an incredible month!

## Save the Date!



### Rotary District 6310 Sixth Annual **FOUNDATION RECOGNITION GALA**



When Friday, October 26, 2012  
 Where Zehnder's of Frankenmuth  
 Contacts Bob Chadwick — [chadwickassoc2@charter.net](mailto:chadwickassoc2@charter.net)  
 Bill Parlberg — [bill.parlberg@zehnders.com](mailto:bill.parlberg@zehnders.com)

It's time for us to once again celebrate all of our humanitarian work around the world. Register

# Youth Exchange — Tellie Kumar

## Midland Rotary to Rio de Janeiro



Well, here I am. My dreams come true. I had expected a perfect year in paradise full of beaches, boys, and zero mistakes. Boy, was I wrong.

I have been here in Rio one month, and I have already lived more and seen more than in my entire lifetime. I have seen extreme poverty, extreme beauty, and extremely crowded streets. I have seen one of the seven wonders of the world. I have danced the samba with a class full of boisterous Brazilians. I have worn the smallest bikini you can imagine. I have reached the point that my own language sounds foreign to me; and I'm not quite sure where home is anymore.

I really did not think I could do it. Did not think I could walk that far, learn that much, try that food, or communicate with people who can't talk to me. Before now, I had always underestimated the power of my own two feet.

Rio de Janeiro might be the most beautiful city in the world, but this is no vacation. I miss my house, my car, my language. I ache for my family. But I am not alone. My host family is here for me. Who would have thought that people, who had never met me, had no obligation to care about me, could be so kind? Their generosity is unreal. Sure, we can't speak that much. I am constantly hindered by a language barrier. But somehow we understand each other. We communicate through music, food, body language, and love. They have selflessly accepted me into their family, and that's all the language I need.

People here often ask me how I like Brazil. I tell them, I like Brazil very much, but I love the United States. It's interesting how much patriotism I have now that I am not in my country. I have never been so excited to root for the USA in the Olympics. I have never been so proud to stand up at a Rotary meeting, holding my country's flag. Brazil is a great, beautiful place. But now I know for sure - America is the best country in the world, and I will never forget where I came from.

Thank you for this opportunity!



## Ambassadorial Scholar Jency Schnettler

I arrived in Shanghai toward the end of August. Finding housing was a bit challenging. I ended up living right near People's Square. It's pretty incredible really that I live within a 10 minute walk of some of the most famous landmarks of the biggest city in the world. Growing up in Munger and living in Mt. Pleasant made the amount I pay for rent ASTONISHING. Yet I've heard this is big city life and Shanghai is rapidly growing and is now listed as one of the top 20 most expensive cities to live in. I have two roommates. One is Scottish and the other is Italian. Both girls are working professionals here in Shanghai.

Fudan University was founded in the early 1900s. The campus is very "traditional Chinese." I went on Monday (September 3) to try to secure my living permit and register. However, I was instructed to wait until my official registration date, which is Friday (September 7). Classes begin on Monday (September 10). The time schedule is loosely followed and much less progressive than the U.S. university scheduling system. I will be studying in the School of Social Development and Public Policy. I am intrigued to see what kind of course offerings they will have. On Monday (September 3) I did see many Chinese students dressed in Army uniforms. I was told that freshmen are required to do two months of intense military training before starting college. This helps them to learn discipline and respect before making the transition to a university setting.



The city of Shanghai seems much more Western than when I was here in 2010. Even more people speak English than before and, believe it or not, the really good, authentic Chinese food is almost hard to find! When I was here before, people would stop to take your picture; now they ask me in English to take their picture. In fact, in one of these scenarios one of the students told me that Shanghai is considered "the New York City of China." I think this statement could be very true, although one needs to add at least 15 million more people.

Now, let me tell you about Rotary. I must encourage everyone to visit if you are in Shanghai. The club has a very different atmosphere than nearly any you would ever visit. First, it is comprised completely of expats from many different countries. Second, the majority of the members are business professionals or entrepreneurs, as well as some academics. Third, the composition of the club is ever changing as people are coming and going on business trips or are expatriates on assignments for a specific number of years. But most interestingly, there is an ever present flow of visitors. In fact, the club has over 1,000 visitors every year. In the two meetings I've attended they've had presidents from clubs in both Alabama and two locations in North Carolina as visitors as well as some from Germany and Turkey. The international exposure at this club will be something I will definitely enjoy during my time here. Did I mention that they recite the four-way test in both English and Chinese.

Finally, one more interesting fact. The club president, Mark Secchia, is a Michigander! He was born and raised in Grand Rapids and has been living in China for about 10 years. He owns an incredibly successful company here called Sherpa's. It's a food delivery service that offers both English and Chinese speakers who assist you in obtaining food deliveries from restaurants and bars all over Shanghai.



# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

## (better known as Camp Rotary)

By Delores Brock

Seventy-nine students from District 6310 attended RYLA at Camp Rotary and can recite the Rotary Four-Way Test! Twenty-five of our district clubs sponsored students by paying their registration fees and providing transportation to and from the camp.

For five days in early June, the students had an opportunity to learn leadership skills that will benefit them far into the future, to forge some great friendships, and to enjoy some great food. Four motivational speakers covered a range of topics such as leading by example, various styles of leadership, the importance of communication and the qualities of being a good listener and observer. The counselors then reinforced these leadership skills with some fun, educational activities.



In the spring these students will be eligible to compete for a \$1,000 Rotary scholarship. Last year's scholarship recipient was Adam Terwillegar who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Midland. Adam is attending Michigan State University this year.

Here are some of the comments students had about their RYLA experience: "thanks for the amazing experience", "great food", "incredible speakers", "awesome counselors", "the best leadership camp I've ever attended", "learned so much and can't wait to use what I learned". That pretty much says it all!

Thank you District 6310 Rotarians for making this opportunity possible for so many students.

## Public Image Grant

Among the "coming attractions" at your local movie theater, you may be seeing a promo for Rotary sponsored by the Public Image Grant to District 6310. A 15 second promotional piece was put together featuring the new website [rotaryandme.org](http://rotaryandme.org).

The "You are the Missing Piece" ad will run for 28 weeks in theaters in Alma, Alpena, Birch Run, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Owosso, and Saginaw. Click on the following link for a preview: <http://www.rotaryandme.org/video.html>

What is your club doing to promote Rotary? articles in the newspaper? a flyer about your club? a billboard advertising a club activity? a Highway Pick-up Sign? Whatever it is, please send a copy or take a picture of signs (with some of your members) and send to Connie Deford, District Administrative Assistant, via email to [connie.rotary6310@gmail.com](mailto:connie.rotary6310@gmail.com) or postal mail to 500 S. Wenona Street, Bay City, MI 48706-4557.

We want to make sure our Rotary message is getting out to the community.



# News from Bay City, Bay City Morning, Midland, Midland Morning, Pinconning/Standish Clubs

By Assistant Governor Rob Clark



Challenge for Change!

## BAY CITY ROTARY CLUBS COMPETING TO KEEP THEIR PRESIDENT OFF THE STAGE!

In and around Bay City, Frank “Mac” Quinn is known as an expert composer of limericks. But singing and dancing, he says, are not his strong suit.

For Kim Prime, a retired educator, the very thought of singing and dancing in front of a large crowd makes her hands sweat.

Come April, one of these club presidents must face their worst fears and take to the stage of the historic State Theatre in downtown Bay City where they will sing a song during the Rotary Club of Bay City’s annual Rotary Rocks concert.

Members of the Bay City Morning Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Bay City are working to make sure their club president isn’t the one behind the microphone. And their efforts are helping Duane Reyhl provide clean water to the world.

Quinn, president of the morning club, and Prime, president of the noon club, launched their “Clean Water Challenge” at the start of this Rotary year and plan to continue the challenge through the end of March. Here’s how the friendly competition works:

Each week, during Rotary meetings, members are encouraged to drop their spare change into one of two 5-gallon jugs. One jug is marked “a.m.” for the morning club and the other is marked “p.m.” for the noon club. At the end of the challenge, the club with the most change in its jug wins and the losing president must sing. But there’s a catch. Because the size of the clubs is vastly different, Rotary members also are invited to drop paper money into the opposing club’s jug. Paper money offsets the change.

As of this week, the noon club’s jug is significantly heavier, but there appears to be a bit more paper money in their jug as well. In fact, during the Sept. 6 meeting of the morning club, Rick Lyon, the winner of the club’s weekly \$10 drawing, took his winnings and dropped it right into the noon club’s jug.

“We don’t have a goal for how much money we want to raise, but any amount is more than we had at the start,” said Prime. “That’s important because gone are the times we could throw \$3,000 at a project out of our club’s budget. So, we have to raise the money another way.”

“The goal is cleaner water,” added Quinn.

Both presidents said they expect the competition to really heat up in January and February.

“Our club is dedicated to making sure we win,” said Quinn. “They know I can’t sing and can’t dance and they’re afraid of what I might say.” Asked to provide one word about the thought of singing in April, Prime said, “Trepidation,” adding, “I don’t want to have to sing.”

The idea for the project actually blossomed at the 2012 District Conference in Frankenmuth, where Prime and Quinn met for the first time. “We both were touched by a presentation about water projects, so we got together in the hall and I said, ‘We’ve got to do this,’” said Prime. “Mac said yes right away, even knowing the consequences.”

The idea to collect change was spawned by the idea that clean water will “change” lives, Prime said. While the goal of the challenge is serious, Quinn said there is plenty of Rotary camaraderie involved. “We’re having a lot of fun putting money into the ‘post mortem’ jug,” he said, referencing the long-standing idea that the noon club has more senior members and the morning club has a younger membership list. “In the end, it’s important that we all work together. We are all part of Rotary and when we can amass a greater number of Rotarians for one project, it’s pretty simple, we can be more fruitful.”

## CHEER ON RUNNERS, BIKERS, AND PADDLERS AT BAY CITY MORNING ROTARY CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL DRIATHLON FUNDRAISER



The race is on for sun, fun, guts and glory at the Bay City Morning Rotary Club's second annual Driathlon fundraiser.

The event — featuring 2-person teams competing in a 30-kilometer run, bike, and canoe race — takes place beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, September 16 at Veterans Memorial Park on Bay City's West Side.

Upwards of 200 teams are expected to participate with proceeds benefitting Junior Achievement of Northeast Michigan, as well as various charities and scholarships across Bay County.

Registration for the event has closed, but Rotarians from across District 6310 are encouraged to join the fun and cheer on the participants as they paddle their canoes 5 kilometers on the Saginaw River, complete a 20-kilometer bike ride on the Railtrail, and then run 5 kilometers on the Riverwalk.

Volunteers also are needed to help stage the event.

"It's very different from any other race, since you are doing it as a

team," John Shankool, race director, told *The Bay City Times* for a recent story on the event. "It is obviously a multi-sport, something more than just running. You've got the biking and the running, and the biggest difference is the canoeing. There is nothing like that around."

Shankool, a member and past president of the Bay City Morning Rotary Club, said volunteers can assist during race day registration, along the race route and in the transition areas.

For more information or to volunteer your time, contact Shankool at 989-280-2242., [john@shankool.com](mailto:john@shankool.com) or visit [www.mydriathlon.com](http://www.mydriathlon.com).

### ROTARY CLUB OF BAY CITY SELLING BRACELETS FOR CLEAN WATER

Members of the Rotary Club of Bay City are drawing attention to the District's clean water initiative one blue bracelet at a time.

Club President Kim Prime purchased the rubber bracelets, available in two sizes, and is selling them for \$5 each. Many club members have purchased the bracelets, which contain the words, "Clean Water Means Hope."

The bracelets are available for purchase at the club's weekly meetings. The club meets at noon each Tuesday at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Downtown Bay City.





## SHOW DISTRICT 6310 YOU'RE UP TO PAR AT 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB OF BAY CITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Rotary Club of Bay City hosts its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Scramble Monday, Sept. 17, at the Bay City Country Club, 7255 Three Mile Road, in Bay County's Frankenlust Township. Registration and an on-course lunch begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start set for 12:30 p.m. Following golf, around 5 p.m., dinner will be served.

Sponsored this year by Covenant HealthCare, golfers will enjoy 18 holes of golf (best ball format) with a cart, as well as putting and chipping contests, prizes and a raffle drawing for a 42-inch flat screen television, sponsored by Wildfire Credit Union.

Entry fee is \$115 per golfer or \$460 for a team of four. Non-golfers are encouraged to join in the dinner for \$20. Raffle cards for a chance to win the TV are \$10 each. Only two decks of cards will be sold. Need a mulligan or two? We've got those, too, sponsored this year by McLaren Bay Special Care Hospital.

New this year, the Rotary Club of Bay City is challenging other clubs in District 6310 to form a foursome and compete for a traveling trophy. Of course, if you don't have a team, you should still sign up and you'll be placed with other golfers. What a great opportunity to make some new Rotary friends.

This year, the club also has decided to show a little more style and tap into the creative side of golfers everywhere. Yes, we're talking wardrobe, folks. So, get ready to bring out the special attire.

Wow us with your duds, and whether you choose to honor Bobby Jones, Payne Stewart, Paula Creamer, Carl Spackler or your favorite sports team, wear it well and you might win a prize. The only rule: you must play in what you wear. Prizes will be given for the best individual and team costumes or uniforms.

Trophies and cash prizes also will be awarded for the low scoring men's, women's, mixed, and Rotary teams.



A foursome of dashing golfers gets ready to tee off at the 2011 Rotary Club of Bay City Golf Scramble. The 11th annual outing takes place Monday, September 17, at the Bay City Country Club.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF BAY CITY HOSTING 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 11

The Rotary Club of Bay City hosts its 20<sup>th</sup> annual International Night fundraiser from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, October 11, at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Downtown Bay City. Started in 1993 as a modest fundraiser, International Night has turned into a community event not to be missed. The evening is highlighted by cuisine from around the world, live entertainment, Dee Brock, a silent auction, and all the Rotary camaraderie a person can handle.

This year's theme is "From Sea to Shining Sea," a celebration of American cuisine. The Rotary Club of Bay City would like to extend a special invitation to members of other Rotary clubs in District 6310. Organizers hope you will consider joining in the fun of this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Tickets for the event are \$65 each. A Patron Sponsorship, which includes two event tickets, also is available for \$175. In addition, corporate sponsorships are available, ranging from \$350 to \$5,000.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Event Chairman Lee Newton at 989-671-9540 or 989-751-2287 or visit [www.rotarybaycity.org](http://www.rotarybaycity.org) and click on "International Night."



Bonnie Marsh and George Shaw check out silent auction items at the 2010 International Night hosted by the Rotary Club of Bay City.



Nancy & Chuck Cusick and Karen & Past District Governor Al Nietzke enjoy dinner at the Rotary Club of Bay City's International Night fundraiser in 2010.

### Put these dates on your calendar!

September 26: Membership Seminar and Webinar, 3-5 p.m., 5300 Gratiot, Saginaw, MI

September 29: Rotary Leadership Institute, Delta College, University Center MI

October: Vocational Service Month

October 12: Strategic Plan Update, Midland Community Center

October 26: Foundation Gala for District 6310 in Frankenmuth MI

November 30 – Dec 2 Peace Forum, Berlin Germany: Peace Without Borders

January 25-27 Peace Forum, Honolulu Hawaii; The Green Path to Peace

February 23: World Understanding and Peace Day; Rotary Birthday

March 14-16: President-Elect Training, Kalamazoo MI

## MIDLAND ROTARY CLUBS SPONSOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY TRIDGE WALK

When 375 walkers descended on Midland September 3 for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Labor Day Tridge Walk, Rotary was there.

The Midland Rotary Club and Midland Morning Rotary Club sponsored the annual event with volunteers from the clubs working to collect raffle items, pour coffee and orange juice, and hand out pastries.

"It was an absolutely wonderful event," said Jim Nigro, president of the Midland noon club, who had the honor of introducing Midland Mayor Maureen Donker at the event. "This was our second collaborative effort with the morning club, and it's always a great opportunity to partner with them and share resources."

The two clubs teamed up earlier this year to hand out water bottles with a "clean water for the world" message at The Qualifier weekend of races in Midland and Bay counties.

"We handed out about 1,500 water bottles to help spread the message of Rotary," Nigro said. He added the Tridge Walk project was a success, and he expects the two clubs likely will take part in the event again next year.

The Tridge Walk was started as an alternative to the annual Labor Day walk across the Mackinac Bridge. This year's event included live music from the Jolly Hammers and String Band and certificates of completion for all those who took part in the trek across the three-sided bridge.



Photo courtesy of Yfat Yossifor and Mlive.com



Jim Nigro holding a completion certificate from this year's walk

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