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Happy New Year!

Let's start our new Rotary year by saying thanks to Georgene Hildebrand for her leadership this past year. Her energy, dedication, and hard work helped each of us keep the spark that unites us as Rotarians. She continues her leadership as Public Image Coordinator for Rotary Zones 28-29. Congratulations, Georgene, and thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

At the same time, please welcome RI President Ron Burton as he adds another rung to Rotary's ladder of success with this year's theme, *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

Strength of tradition; promise of youth. Rotary's success is best demonstrated by two events we celebrated last week. Our *Passing of the Gavel* dinner in Saginaw paid tribute to our club leaders and past district governors to whom we owe so much. Without them we would not be here today.

The week ended with a spectacular gathering of more than 600 youth exchange students at the annual Central States Rotary Youth Exchange conference in Grand Rapids. Our representatives included students returning from their year abroad, students preparing to leave, and students from other countries about to return home. These young leaders show energy that is truly inspiring. Countless conference highlights included an address by Rotary President-Elect Gary C.K. Huang.

The conference pulls together 17 Rotary districts from six states and parts of Ontario, Canada. Our own Dave Smith (Midland) chairs this organization with Dianne Rogers (Owosso), Jan Lampman (Midland Morning), Joe Sawyer (Corunna), and Jim Kranz (Cass City) rounding out our district team. If you ever have a chance to be part of this conference, don't miss it. Hats off to the students and our district team.

The new Rotary Foundation. Our new Rotary Foundation model is in place and working. Forged with the hard work of District Foundation Chair, Eileen Jennings, and her outstanding team, our ability to serve others on a sustaining basis has never been stronger. Be proud. Our District consistently ranks among the top districts in Zones 28 and 29 for per member giving to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. This is only possible thanks to your efforts and those of your fellow club members. Thank you.



2013-2014 District 6310
Governor Duane Reyhl

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

By District Governor-Elect Delores “Dee” Brock

Students from around District 6310 spent five days at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp (popularly known as Camp Rotary) in Clare, Michigan earlier this summer. Twenty-four local clubs participated by sponsoring a total of seventy-one students.

The students had an opportunity to learn more about leadership and to sharpen the skills they already possessed. During the week they listened to four motivational speakers who covered topics such as leading by example, leadership in crisis, leadership style, and the importance of communication. Their counselors reinforced those skills and led the students in some fun, educational activities.

These students will now be eligible to compete for the \$1,000 Rotary Leadership Youth Awards Scholarship. Information will be sent in the spring to those students who attended this year. Last year's scholarship recipient was Derek Prichard, shown in the photo to the right, who was sponsored by the Sebewaing Club. He is planning to attend Saginaw Valley State University.



Sponsoring students for RYLA is a great way for your club to make a huge difference in the lives of the students in your community. These students use the skills they learn at camp to improve and make a difference in every aspect of their lives. They carry the lessons and the friendships they forged at camp far into the future.

If your club sponsored a student or students for this camp, please remember to invite them to one of your club meetings. They would love to talk about their camp experience and will be able to join you when you recite the Four Way Test!

Thank you District 6310 Rotarians and co-chairs Corky Dean, from the Caro Club, and to Krystal Campbell, from the Mt. Pleasant Club for making this opportunity possible for so many students!



Save the Dates

When: **May 2-3, 2014**

Where: **Sheraton Four Points Hotel** (Tittabawassee Rd. and I-675), **Saginaw, Michigan**

The Saginaw Sunrise Club looks forward to hosting you for our 2014 District Conference on **May 2-3, 2014**.

As conference topics and registration details are confirmed, we will pass these along to you.

Great sessions and fun activities will combine with Rotary fellowship to make your time at the conference time well spent.



Shelley Norris
2014 District Conference Coordinator

DG Duane Reyhl's message (cont.)

Congratulations Clubs. You are the backbone of District 6310 and Rotary. We will celebrate your success and traditions throughout the year as six clubs mark their 75th anniversaries: Breckenridge, Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, Frankenmuth, and Sebewaing. Bad Axe celebrates its 90th anniversary. And very special congratulations go to the Rotary Club of Saginaw, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary!

Keeping You Up to Date. Your lives are busy. We respect your time and will be efficient when we communicate with you. Toward that end, we'll explore different delivery options for the District Dispatch, including a shorter, electronic version that provides a story "brief" with an electronic link to the expanded story.

Pat yourself on the back. You, the members of District 6310, are remarkable indeed. We share in our collective success because you are all engaged in service above self. As we start the new year, let's continue to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*. Thank you for all you do.



From left: 2013-2014 District Governor Duane Reyhl, and Past District Governors Georgene Hildenbrand (2012-2013), Jim Brozzo (2009-2010), Bill Parlberg (2006-2007), Ruby Iwamasa (2004-2005), and Dick Campbell (2001-2002)

Passing of the Gavel Dinner



Thank you to PDG Ruby Iwamasa for all of the pictures from the *Passing of the Gavel Dinner*.



Message from Rotary International President

This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. This Rotary year can be one of the greatest years we have yet experienced in Rotary – but it is up to each one of us. We are now writing the last chapter in our fight against polio. While it has been a long, hard journey, we have learned many valuable lessons. We have learned that as a group we can move mountains, we can change people's lives for the better, and we can honestly make a difference in our world. Perhaps the greatest lesson has been that the more we challenge ourselves, the more we can achieve.

We are also embarking on a new chapter in the storied history of our Rotary Foundation. We have the rare privilege of launching an entirely new grant structure we've come to know as Future Vision. It gives us the opportunity to challenge ourselves to do the absolute most we can, with all of our resources. Just think how much more we can do with a stronger Foundation, with stronger clubs filled with more Rotarians who are fully engaged in Rotary service.

It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into Rotary. It's turning all members into true Rotarians. It's helping members get engaged in Rotary – helping them realize the potential they have, and how their Rotary service can change lives. We need to make sure that every member is active and contributing, and making a real difference – because when you're doing meaningful work in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

When we realize what we can achieve in Rotary – when we really engage Rotary – that's when lives change. We change the lives of the people who need us. That is inevitable. And along the way, our lives are changed as well. That is also inevitable. That's what our theme is all about in 2013-14: *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

It's time to open our eyes to the potential each of us has through Rotary. Rotary lets us reach higher, do more, and be a part of something larger than ourselves. No matter how much we give to Rotary, we get more in return. And that, too, is inevitable. In 2013-14, let's turn all of our potential into reality. It's up to us. We can do it by engaging in Rotary service, by getting involved, by staying inspired, and by remembering every day the gift we have in Rotary. Together, we will *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

Ron D. Burton, President, Rotary International

District Governor Club Visits

10 July: Frankenmuth Morning	23 July: Birch Run
10 July: Saginaw	26 July: Saginaw Sunrise
15 July: Saginaw Valley	29 July: Millington
16 July: Durand	30 July: Sebewaing
18 July: Pinconning & Standish	31 July: Owosso
22 July: Caro	1 August: Frankenmuth

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