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Thank you for your service

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

— Albert Schweitzer

Thank you Rotarians for serving your clubs as the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board member, Leader. The vision of leadership strengthens our work!

Thank you Rotarians for being of service to your community. What you have done this year has made a difference in another's life.

Thank you Rotarians for contributing, organizing, leading, and visiting the six matching foundation projects in the Dominican Republic and Zambia. Our clubs reach around the world to save lives!

Thank you Rotarians for being gracious, accommodating hosts to the South Korean exchange group. We learned so much and gained new friends!

Thank you Rotarians for opening your home and your hearts to the youth in our exchange from other cultures. What a blessing to broaden our understanding of the world.

Thank you Rotarians for supporting the work of our outbound South Korea group, our Peace Scholar in Shanghai, and our youth visiting other cultures. May you seek them out for learning.

Thank you Rotarians for inviting others to join your club, to serve beside you, to increase our potential to do good!

Thank you Rotarians for broadcasting the good work of your club. It is newsworthy!

Thank you Rotarians for embracing Peace through Service!

And, thank you Rotarians for your friendship, talent, enthusiasm, endless support and joy for the work we do in Rotary. It has been my humble honor and pleasure to partner with you this year!

I see what we do for Rotary!

District Governor Georgene



Rotary E-Club of District 6310

In District Governor Georgene's column in the May Dispatch, you may have read the following:

"By the way, do you know of non-Rotarian leaders who would be interested in joining an e-club? This is a perfect fit for leaders who travel, who have obligations that keep them from attending your club because of scheduling, or leaders who are on the go and prefer the electronic method. Send names and emails to **Ed Eichler** at eeichler@avci.net."

It has taken a lot to get to this point. District 6310 has been kicking around the idea of an e-club for a year or two. At the Council of Governors meeting, 28 February, the idea came up again, but seemed to lack an urgency to be accomplished. It's a case of be careful what you say, because I said, 'if no one else will do it, I will.' You guessed it, within a week I was asked and accepted the challenge of getting this great club going. By the way, I'm a PDG (Past District Governor) and in the past helped start a brick and mortar club.



There were four younger people—Rotarian and non-Rotarian—who volunteered to meet and start planning for the club. After meeting and setting a date, the club was off and running. We believe we are doing e-club slightly different than others. A conscious decision was made that as many of us as could, we would meet online for the meeting. After trial and error, we've settled on WebEx as the platform that best fits our needs. We currently meet on Tuesday at 8PM EDT for approximately one hour. Although we have 13 people on the call for meeting, anywhere from 4 to 10 attend the meeting in real time.

Our meeting agenda is somewhat normal with a bow to electronics. A leader opens with introductions, announcements, and best practices, a reminder for old hands and those who are new, not necessarily to technology in general, but to this technology. We've added a Rotary minute, but if we have a District leader available, we'll also ask them to share something about Rotary. Then we have the program. One of our programs was from Adrian, Michigan presented in real time with Q&A. That program has given us a challenge as to how to have a better product, but the program itself was excellent.

The club members are in the process of scheduling programs out into the future. We have used TED (riveting talks by remarkable people, free to the world) and other resources for programs. As we get further along and used to the technology, we should have more locally presented programs. It can be done.

Now what we need from you are names and email addresses of people who might be interested in an e-club. They can be either Rotarians or non-Rotarians. In the past we've tried to qualify them, but now we're adding them to the list. If they like it, we'll hear from them.

So send names to **Ed Eichler** at eeichler@avci.net or **Jim Smith** at jjsmith@avci.net.

And check the club out at <http://www.district6310e.org>

Around the District

Midland Noon Rotary Club

The Midland Noon Rotary Club recently honored two local women with their Spirit of Rotary Award. Recipients for 2013 are Christie Kanitz, vice president of operations for MidMichigan Health Continuing Care, and Jennifer Parks, executive director, Midland County Habitat for Humanity.



Spirit of Rotary Award winners
Christie Kanitz and Jennifer Parks

The Spirit of Rotary Award is an annual award presented to community members who are not Rotarians, under the age of 35, who lead a life of service and demonstrate leadership potential.

Both of these young women exemplify our Rotary Motto to live a life where service is above self. In addition to the leadership roles each holds day-to-day at work, they consistently find ways to give back to the Midland community by volunteering for other organizations. As a Spirit of Rotary Award winner, both women were presented \$500 to donate to local organizations. Christie selected Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Great Lakes Bay Region, while Jennifer will donate her award to Midland County Habitat for Humanity.

Birch Run Rotary Club

The Birch Run Summer Blast, at the Birch Run Expo Center, is the site of the Birch Run Entertainment Tent on Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd.



Friday's bands are 7th Hour Band at 7 p.m. and Flea Flicker at 9 p.m. Saturday's bands are the Antique Garage Band at 7 p.m. and Pole Barn Rebels at 9 p.m.

The tent opens at 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Adult beverages will be available for purchase for \$3 with proceeds going toward the Birch Run community sign.

For more information, call Janet Schultz at 810-397-4865.



You missed your chance! This space in the District Dispatch could have been used to advertise your fund raising event.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to advertise to fellow Rotarians.

Send your message to
connie.rotary6310@gmail.com

Successful alumni event

By Kristin Bearden

I want to thank everyone for their help in promoting Brews and Bites, the Rotary Alumni Foundation event in support of Bay City's Independent Movie Festival, Hell's Half Mile. I am so very pleased to report that the event was a phenomenal success. We had over 150 people attend the event and raised approximately \$2000 for Hell's Half Mile Fest.

There were several "wins" at this event:

- We were able to provide a fun event for Rotarians throughout the district (members from the Sebewaing, Pigeon, Midland, Saginaw, Frankenmuth, and Bay City clubs attended).
- We had six Rotary Foundation Alumni volunteer at the event (three who are not Rotarians).
- We increased Rotary's name recognition to many young professionals.
- We helped Hell's Half Mile by raising money for them as well as giving them exposure to a new audience.
- We had media attention on M-live, MyBaycity.com, posters throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region, Facebook, Hell's Half Mile's website, Rotary District Newsletter, and Tri-City Brewery newsletter, which benefited both organizations.

What is Hell's Half Mile?

Hell's Half Mile Fest is more than an event for those who simply appreciate film and music. It's a grassroots effort to develop a community that participates in the arts.

In the 1800's, Hell's Half Mile was a stretch of Bay City's Riverfront where loggers and shipmen would go to blow off steam and take in more than a little local color.

Because we raised money for Hell's Half Mile we are a sponsor of the festival in the fall, September 26-29. Here is the website for Hell's Half Mile so you can see some of the benefits of being a sponsor. <http://hmfest.com/> We will get a great deal of exposure with our donation of \$2000. I do not have the 2013 sponsorship package yet but if it is similar to last year I think if we had another \$500-\$1000 it would bump us up to a Venue Sponsor which would be the second highest sponsorship available and would give us more name recognition.

Thanks again for all of your support. Jessica (McQuarter) and I really appreciated it.

Update on New Grant Model

By PDG Eileen Jennings

The final Grants Management Seminar for this year was held in Midland on May 11. We are pleased that 29 of the 32 clubs in the District (not counting our new e-Club) are eligible to apply for District and Global Grants during 2013-14. These clubs are now submitting their signed copies of the Club Memorandum of Understanding and its Addendum. Before they do this, they are making sure that they have the necessary financial management policies in place for their clubs.

We are hearing about some very interesting and significant projects that are in the pipeline for funding with the District Grant. If your club has questions about the application or a particular project, contact either Paul Moore or Eileen Jennings.

Global Grants are also being developed. The District Foundation Committee has authorized the pursuit of an inbound scholar from Uganda for two years of study towards a master's degree. Tom Miles is taking the lead on this project.

The Water and Sanitation Resources Group is also drafting proposals for at least two projects in the Dominican Republic: one to expand the handwashing project and a second for water and latrine work in two or three villages. We have heard of plans for other possible Global Grants with Malawi and Zambia.

Suddenly, our District has gone from having a large reserve to spend on international projects to making very hard decisions about what international projects to fund and when. Your contributions to the Annual Fund will determine what we can do in the next few years.

So please, before the middle of June, make a generous contribution to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. There is no better use for your charitable dollars.

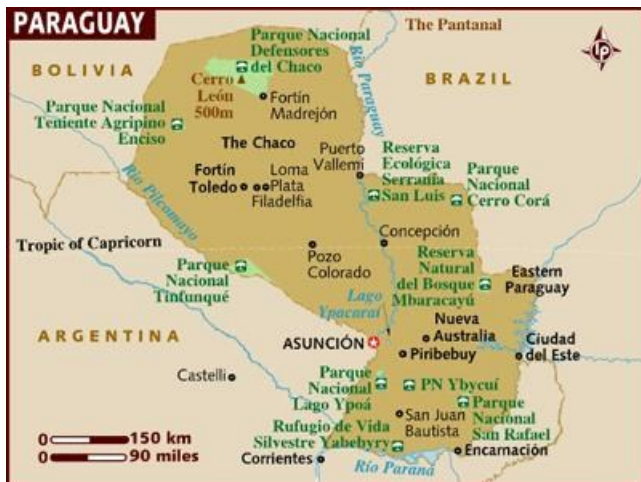
Rotary District 6310 - 2012/2013 Youth Exchange

Tanner Norton - Bay City Rotary to Paraguay

Well it's that time of year, schools are out, vacations are starting, the birds are chirping, and the exchangers are crying. I'm in my last month in Paraguay, the paradise that I have found myself in. Nine months ago I barely knew where Paraguay was on the map, and now I wouldn't ever want to leave here, I have found amazing friends, family, and of course wonderful food.

Since I am now in the last month of my exchange, it is my best. I am fluent in my host language (Spanish) and have even picked up a little Guaraní (the native language) so I can now communicate as much as I like. Without language problems or delay in translation, I can do more. Also, it's a lot easier to make new friends, which is amazing.

But now every party or get-together leaves a slightly bitter taste in my mouth—knowing that it will be one of the last. And every few days I have to go to the airport and see off one of my best friends and say good bye for what might be forever. I keep this as a constant reminder, live as much as I can while I can, and in my last days here, that is what I will do.



At first I was a little disappointed to be going to the poorest country in South America. Paraguay is surrounded by Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia. In doing research prior to my travel to Paraguay, I saw that they still use their native Indian language and most of their culture, which really scared me. But now I absolutely Looooove how inexpensive everything is.

I am looking forward to the San Juan celebration this Friday. We will celebrate the Saint of Fire by playing pelota tata (soccer with a ball on fire) and walk across burning coals, which is the most celebrated tradition here in Paraguay. I can't wait!



News from Ambassadorial Scholar Jency Schnettler reporting from Shanghai, China

Two weekends ago I went with Rotarian Roger Owens to the far west of China, former Tibet, to Qinghai province, the city of Xining. Shanghai Rotary is working on a project with Friendship Charity, a Xining non-profit that supports water projects, education, and Tibetan culture preservation initiatives. In this particular case, we went out to the nomadic regions where Shanghai Rotary is providing funding to build a water pipeline to areas where herding families have to travel 10-15 km just to get water.

The three-day trip really gave me a view of a different part of China. It was not just another example of a lack of a truly "Chinese" culture, but rather a China that is a melting pot of many different minorities. Also, in the two-hour drive from the city to the countryside, we must have passed four different types of landscapes. One minute I thought I was in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the next in Arizona.

This past weekend I volunteered with Rotaract at the Ferrari Days in Shanghai. In this particular case we were working with children and educating parents on the consequences of drunk driving. I've come to the conclusion that despite two years of studying, little children can still speak better Chinese than I can. It was quite the challenging task to explain how to cross the street!

I would be delighted to speak to the Mount Pleasant Club and to all the clubs in the district. I have quite a bit to share; and I am certain with all of the current events that involve U.S-Sino relations, there will be a lot of questions for someone who has lived in such a rapidly developing country. I am rather looking forward to it.

In regards to my return date, my classes here end on July 6. I have been applying for jobs both here in Shanghai and at home. I have had little response from home, and a few interviews here, including one with the Michigan Center in Shanghai. The Michigan Center is an office that was reopened this past year to further international trade efforts between Michigan and China. Yesterday, they offered me a short-term contract position to assist with a Michigan Department of Education trade mission that will be led by Governor Snyder in September. If I decide to capitalize on this opportunity, this would extend my time here by approximately an additional three months or so.

Upon reviewing the Ambassadorial Scholar Handbook, I believe I am allowed to extend my time abroad about 90 days beyond the end of my scholarship. I have yet to accept, however it sounds like an amazing opportunity and one that would help me broaden my knowledge while aligning with the Rotary Foundation's mission of improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty. The delegation that I would be assisting comes through mid-September, and I would plan to return home following the conclusion of my responsibilities with that position.

I hope all is well in Michigan and summer has officially arrived since my parents tell me it's taking it's time getting there!

Jency sent a You Tube video to share at the District Conference.
You can access the video by clicking on the following address.

<http://youtu.be/kq3awcX1fe4>

Zambia Maternal Project



These photos depict the Maternal Training Project sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club.

You will be pleased to learn that the Rotary International President's Personal Representative was the guest of honour at the official close of the training.

This training won our club, Ndola Makuba, best project on maternal and child mortality at the District Conference which ended on the 25th of May in Ndola.

The programme was covered widely by our electronic and print media.



Zambia, officially the **Republic of Zambia**, is a landlocked country in southern Africa. The neighboring countries are the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north, Tanzania to the northeast, Malawi to the east, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia to the south, and Angola to the west.





RC Mary and RPIC Georgene of Zone 29



President-elect Ron Burton,
Jennifer Jones, and Darren Jones



RC Saowalak of Zone 6B,
RPIC Chit of Zone 7A. and Gayle of Zone 24 West

Artistic Touch

Following the theme “painting a Picture, the 2013 RC/RPIC (Rotary Coordinator/Rotary Public Image Coordinator) Institute held one of its dinners at an art studio. The owner was the artist Darren Jones, brother of the Institute’s moderator, Jennifer Jones.

The 41 Rotary Coordinators and 41 Rotary Public Image Coordinators were bused to the studio from One Rotary Center, which they visited after their sessions on the third day of the four-day institute. Everyone was treated to a sumptuous spread of dips and cheeses and the the bar was well-stocked with whites and reds.

During the dinner, President-elect Ron Burton was given a painting by the artist, while all the other participants were given a miniature at the end of the Institute.



RC Doros from Zone 20B

Note: The pictures and the accompanying article on this page are reprinted from the Philippines Rotary Magazine.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

District 6310 has been fortunate to have the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions available in and near our District. RLI is an excellent tool for your upcoming leaders. At a minimum, every club should be sending at least one member to take advantage of this District resource. All three parts are offered at each session if a sufficient number enroll in that segment, and the fee is a reasonable \$75.

You will note that the June 8 meeting in Gaylord had to be cancelled because of low registrations. Don't let this happen again. Make plans to send one or two of your members to the Institute in July at nearby Troy. If you'd like to see the fall color across the water in the province of Ontario, sign up for the October session.

Part III graduates express how their leadership and people skills have improved as a result of this training. Go to www.rligreatlakes.org for updated details and registration.

July 20	Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084 Hotel 800-228-8769 (79.00 plus tax)
October 19	University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus Conference 120 Main Street, East Ridgetown, Ontario CA Hotel: The Comfort Inn of Chatham

Important upcoming dates

June:	Rotary Fellowship Month
June 8:	Rotary Leadership Institute, Gaylord, MI (CANCELLED)
June 9-13:	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Camp Rotary)
June 23-26:	RI Convention, Lisbon, Portugal
July:	New Rotary Year: Engage Rotary, Change Lives
July 20:	Rotary Leadership Institute, Troy, MI
October 20:	Rotary Leadership Institute, University of Guelph, East Ridgetown Ontario
November 1:	Rotary Gala, Frankenmuth



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

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