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March is Literacy Month

The fact that you are reading this newsletter is a testimony to people around you who cared about your education. We are indeed blessed.

Did you know that 67 million children around the world are not in school today? In Michigan alone, the functional illiteracy rate is 18%; and in Detroit 47%. Rotarians have many opportunities to address this issue at home and abroad.

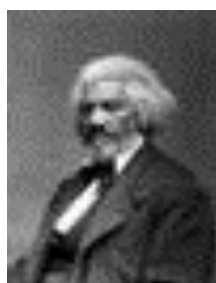
Thank you Rotarians, for providing dictionaries and thesauruses to school-aged children, for donating time to the reading programs in local schools, for distributing reading books to younger readers, for shipping books to other countries where they have none, for supporting mentor programs, and the list goes on. What is your *April* club doing to support literacy? Share your ideas and good work by liking Facebook RotaryDistrict6310 and posting your service about literacy!

Preparations for the fun and informative District Conference continue. Hope you take a few days from your very busy schedule to attend this action packed, stimulating conference 19-20 April at the APlex in Alpena MI. More information is found on the webpage. RotaryDistrict6310.org. OR, call [989-657-2427](tel:989-657-2427), a phone line dedicated to the conference.

March 31st is the deadline for the Presidential Citation. This is also the deadline for Interact and Rotaract Clubs. Get the paperwork in so your club can feel the accomplishment of meeting the benchmark of a productive club.

I'm looking forward to working with the incoming presidents at PETS March 14-16 in Kalamazoo. District Governor-Elect Duane Rehl has been busy preparing for this event so your club leadership will be prepared for the tasks ahead.

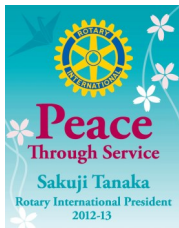
Thank you for supporting the process of **education and literacy** this month.



Frederick Douglass

"Once you learn to read,
you will be forever free."

The District Conference in Alpena is right around the corner—APRIL 19-20, 2013



We hope you were able to take advantage of the savings of early registration, but if not, we are convinced you will find great value at this conference. You can certainly still register on line by going to:

clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=2167 (Clubrunner.ca- Rotary Club of Alpena)

Print-out registration forms are also available.

If you plan to attend the entire conference and stay Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Days Inn, 1496 M-32 West, is the only hotel that, at the present time, has rooms available for all three nights. Reserving rooms early is important as there is a large military contingent in town the same weekend, and hotel rooms are at a premium.

There are some clubs that are not yet represented at all. Just a reminder that DG Georgene will be recognizing all club presidents in a public way during the conference on Friday. At the very least, each club's president or representative should plan to attend.

All Rotary activities will be at The Apex Conference Center, 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena. The conference registration begins on Friday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m.

We are anxious to present wonderful programs, and we are sure you will enjoy the venues as well. For example, we will be touring the spectacular NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Maritime Heritage Center and the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center. These are just two of our distinctive places of interest in Alpena, and we are excited to share them with you!



We also have some unique opportunities for spouses. We will have a special tour of the Lafarge Plant and quarry, a project at our wonderful gallery, Art in the Loft, a unique back room tour of Besser Museum, and an opportunity for wine tasting.

If you go to our Clubrunner Site, clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=, you can download the conference schedule. There you will see great programming being planned for you.

To contact us, please call 989-657-2427 or email our conference chair, Joanne Gallagher, at jayalgae@hotmail.com.

RI Council on Legislation to Meet in Chicago April 21st - 26th

How Will it Affect Your Club?

PDG Bob Chadwick



In April, representatives from every Rotary District in the world will meet in Chicago to debate and determine how the Rotary World will operate for the next three years. There are a total of 200 proposed enactments and resolutions that will be debated over the one week period with some being approved and others defeated. Many of these proposals have little effect on how our clubs and districts operate, but some may have a profound effect if passed – some good and some not so good.

As your representative to the Council on Legislation, I have reviewed the proposed changes and picked six proposals about which I am seeking your input. Please keep in mind that each of these proposals has several variations on the theme, and I have picked the one that would have the highest degree of change for your consideration. There will be much debate and many amendments, so what you see here may not be what we finally vote on. I am hoping that you will share your thoughts on the overall impact of these proposals if passed.

13.11 The board of directors of RI has proposed that the monthly attendance report of clubs be deleted and that each club, through its own bylaws, may set the club's membership requirement for attendance and or participation. *Currently, each club is required to submit a monthly attendance report. In addition, Rotarians are required to maintain a minimum of 60% attendance at weekly meetings.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

13-87 Revises the qualifications for governor nominee to require that the nominee must be proposed by a club that has a membership equal to or greater than the average size of the membership in a district. *Currently, any functioning club in the District may nominate a member for governor nominee.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

13-92 Requires a club to be in existence for at least 3 years before submitting a suggestion for governor nominee. *Currently, any functioning club in the District may nominate a member for governor nominee.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

13-107 Requires a mandatory merger of any club whose membership drops below 25 members and continues to be so for 2 years. The governor will be required to merge the club or to have the club surrender its charter. *Currently, there is no provision for the mandatory merger of Rotary clubs.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

13-126 Increases per capita dues from \$26.00 to \$26.50 in 2013, \$27.00 in 2014, \$27.50 in 2015 and \$28.00 in 2016 and thereafter. *This is a continuance of the current process into future years.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

13-176 To request the RI Board to consider limiting Youth Exchange participants to sons and daughters of Rotarians. *Currently, Youth Exchange is open to the sons and daughters of Rotarians and non-Rotarians.*
[What do you think about this proposal?](#)

Please provide me with your counsel on these proposals so I can best represent our District at this important meeting. Send your responses to me at rotarydistrict6310@gmail.com

Thanks for all you do for Rotary,

PDG Bob Chadwick, 2013 District 6310 Council on Legislation Representative



Rotary Global Peace Forum

By PDG Dalton Coe

This Global Peace Forum is one of three convened by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. The others, one held in Berlin and one to be held in Hiroshima, together with the forum in Honolulu are intended to empower young people to a “new and powerful commitment to peace.”

In her keynote address Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi said that “absolute peace is an unattainable goal, but one that we must nevertheless continue to endeavor toward.” Peace, unlike diseases such as polio does not have an organic component that can be treated by purely scientific means. Peace or violence resides within the hearts and minds of humanity. The fight for peace is a struggle that is fought at the very core of human existence, the culture in which we raise our children. Rotary has, and continues to have, an important role in affecting that culture.

It is good to be a Rotarian, that is, to be a member of an organization that not only recognizes the social imperatives facing the next generation but also to be a force for the movement toward peace at a time when the world is deeply troubled by terrorism, natural calamities, and economic instability. In the current circumstance of fear, hatred, and violence government and religious organizations are deeply mistrusted and thus rendered unable to relieve the pangs of wounds the world inflicts upon itself. Yet, there stands Rotary.

Rotary is able to cross the barriers of ethnicity, creed, governance, and gender throughout the world. Rotary accomplishes its purposes on the basis of one simple question, “How may we help you?” That simple question says much about an organization that has as its motto “Service above Self.” It is this selfless credo that empowers change. Service above self and selfless sacrifice are part and parcel of the sentiment of “self-sacrificial love” that is deeply imbedded in our culture. Often we bury this sentiment in what we deem the fullest expression of a “free” society—a society that elevates “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” sometimes to the detriment of *other* people.

In our own country the exclusion of religious sentiments from federally supported educational endeavors further presses home the need for individual expressions of integrity, morality, and service. In a world divided between self-serving and selfless serving Rotary clearly stands with selfless service. This is seen in our programs to improve health, well-being and education globally. In all that it does, Rotary seeks to improve the world that we are passing to those who follow us; hence, the urgency and importance of President Tanaka’s initiative.

The forum’s purpose “Empowering a new generation’s vision of peace” is stated in the prologue, “The Honolulu, Hawaii Global Peace Forum focuses on the special importance of conserving and protecting our shared environmental resources, encouraging young adults to take a global perspective, and to believe that they can be catalysts for peace.”

The Forum was attended by some 1,800 persons, the majority of whom were young adults. The format was one of plenary (general) sessions followed by action, collaboration, communication, and service workshops. Since many of the sessions ran concurrently, I was not able to take in every presentation.

A broad spectrum of issues affecting world peace was offered. Peace education through music, meditation, mediation, and language were available to attendees. A full listing of agenda items and offerings is listed on the Rotary website. My focus, however, tended to be in the areas of communication and action. I attended the forum with the hope of identifying recurrent themes. Indeed, to me one theme did seem to emerge time and again. What I heard several presenters saying is that “education is the key” to securing a peaceful world in the future. Hence, it was even more important to engage young people during the event’s discussions.



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Rotary Global Peace Forum (continued)

by PDG Dalton Coe



RI President Sakuji Tanaka on stage

I was intrigued that communications were so vitally linked to action in existing paradigms of peaceful movements. One especially fascinating presentation “Cyprus: the Need for Peace Education” was given by Rotary Peace Scholar Marios Antoniou from Cyprus.

Cyprus, too, experienced an “Occupy” movement at the time the same activity gained notoriety here last year. The Cyprus movement was especially significant for people of my generation as we acknowledged that the Turkish and Greek people have been disputing matters on the Island of Cyprus for most of our lifetimes.

Students on Cyprus, communicating via Twitter and Facebook actually set up camp in the middle of a demilitarized zone separating the two factions in the country.

The students, some for the first time in their lives, met new friends from the “other” side. They shared their hopes and dreams for a world that no longer would be divided, partitioned by issues of hate and fear. This session made clear to me the power of electronic communication in the new world the next generation is facing. The power of electronic media is well known to us as one of the main tools currently transforming the Middle East.

Mario’s remarks were a perfect segue into the need for a different approach toward the education of our children. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate. He plans to devote his life to education of young people.

The bottom line is this: **violence among people needs to be “unlearned.”**

I want to focus on two remaining workshops I attended on Sunday as the Forum began to wind down. The first, “Peace is Possible: Exploring the Nature of Man” and the second “Is Nonkilling World Peace Possible” seemed to stand in contradiction. Yet, upon reflection, I have concluded that these themes are not so far apart. The single question that ran through both workshops is whether or not it is natural for a person to kill or settle a disagreement with violence; that is simply, is it nature or nurture that drives us to violence?

A young woman, a graduate student attending the first workshop, pointed out that 98% of returning veterans, that is people who have seen action, suffer from some form of Post-Traumatic-Stress Disorder. That statistic intimates that killing has to, in fact, be taught. The corollary to this line of thinking could be that killing is not normal. The evidence in both discussions pointed to nurture, and that violence is a learned response.

The bottom line is this: **violence among people needs to be “unlearned.”** Thus, the reasoning to me seems to say, **we must educate our children differently.**

We need to teach words that heal not words that hurt.

We need to teach the conduct of cooperation and not division.

We need to show young people that we are willing to participate in action to improve/ensure their future.

We need to consider the end-game; nothing less than the survival of the human race.

If we are to continue to survive as a species then we need to teach cooperation, selfless service, compassion, tolerance, and most of all, forgiveness, so that succeeding generations can live in a more peaceful world.

Rotary leads the way in its understanding of peace issues. Rotary has the means, plans and ability to carry the message of peace to the whole world. **Ours is a plan of peace through service to others.**



USS Arizona Memorial Chapel, Honolulu,

Rotary Global Peace Forum

by PDG Ruby Iwamasa

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka selected *Peace Through Service* as the theme for this current Rotary year. He set into motion an ambitious plan to hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums: the first in Berlin, Germany, the second in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the final forum in Hiroshima, Japan on May 17-18, 2013.

My husband Bob and I chose to attend the forum in Hawaii because Nobel Peace Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was confirmed as the keynote speaker. This was the first time that she would be speaking at a Rotary event, and I wanted to be there for this historic moment! She agreed to do it because the focus of the forum was devoted to peace and it involved empowering Rotary's New Generation of young adults to be a part of this process.

Here is your opportunity to watch a video of Aung San Suu Kyi's actual presentation so you can see for yourself why we were so impressed and inspired by her dedication and commitment to the peace process. She did not disappoint!

Click on the following link hear Aung San Suu Kyi's presentation: <http://peaceforumhawaii.org/>

Please take the time to explore this website thoroughly. I even bookmarked the site for future reference. You'll get a real sense of the scope and breadth of RI President Tanaka's vision for Peace Through Service. The further you dig, the more you will be rewarded for the effort. Click on Facebook or Twitter on the home page of this site. President Tanaka's wisdom to involve, engage, and empower Rotary's New Generation of young adults in this process can't be overstated.

A final thought comes from our Nobel Peace Laureate, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: Her challenge to the New Generation of young adults is to work for peace NOW. She emphasized the importance of compassion and kindness in this quest and asked each person to make a contribution to peace today by simply doing one act of kindness—be it large or small. That's something every Rotarian can definitely do, right now—today! Please join me in responding to this simple call to action.

If you have any questions about the *Peace Through Service* activity for the Presidential Citation, please contact me. My email address is rubiawamasa@chartermi.net or call me at (989) 631-2877.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka,
PRIP Luis Giay (RI President when
Ruby was District Governor),
Bob Iwamasa, PDG Ruby Iwamasa



Front row: Louise and PDG Dalton Coe
Back row: PDG Dennis Dinsmore and wife Eileen
Bob Iwamasa and wife PDG Ruby



Pinning hand with peace message

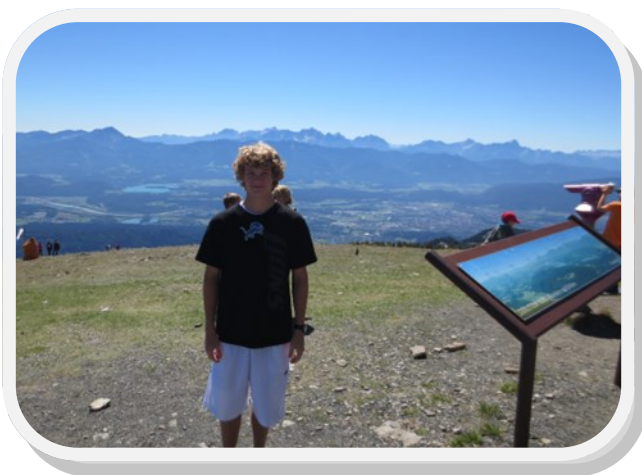
2012/2013 Youth Exchange

Drake Daniel Pendleton Midland Rotary to Český Krulov, Czech Republic

I remember hearing from so many people just how fast this year is going to go by but I never really believed them all until now. It's hard to believe that I only have about four months until I am back in Midland and that it has been so long since I left! It's scary to realize that I have missed so much and really empowering to know that I have made it regardless. I have been here in the Czech Republic for more than six months now and I can't even begin to tell you how much this time here has meant to me.

It's a truly great gift to be able to go to a place you have never been, where you don't know a single person and to be welcomed so openly and fully into their lives.

It is really amazing to know that these people include me in their family and that I am a part of their daily lives. They put up with my crazy American ways. Sometimes I even see a little bit of it rubbing off on them!



I love it here in Český Krulov. Aside from my time here making my love for the Czech Republic grow, it has also made my love of Midland and the whole of the US grow. My time here and all of my experiences have also more or less changed what I define as my home. I no longer can really say that my home is one definite place, when I am part of two communities and have families in both. I love that I have two homes now—that I can come back here and know that if I need a place to stay I have so many possibilities in so many different cities.

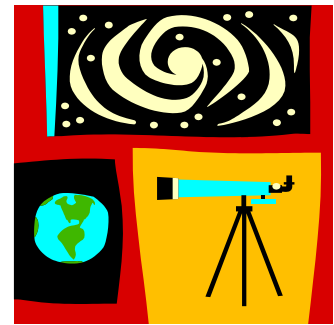
I had done quite a bit of traveling before this year, but I had never really seen another country in the way that I wanted to. I never had the chance to live in a new place long enough to become a part of it, to see the way that it really works, and how the people really live. Rotary gave me that opportunity. Thanks to this year, I have been given the chance to try foods that I have never seen before, play sports that don't even exist in the US, go camping and snowboarding in places I would have never dared to dream of, and, most of all, I have been given the ability to reshape who I am and how I live my life.

Thank you to everyone in District 6310 for giving me this opportunity!!

FUTURE VISION — NEW GRANTS MODEL

By PDG Eileen Jennings

Congratulations to the 24 clubs who had two members complete the Grant Management Seminars to qualify for District and Global Grants starting in the 2013-14 grant year! Two more clubs had one person attend a seminar. This is great attendance and a sign of tremendous interest in the new grants by District clubs.



The Foundation team is now producing some sample policies that clubs can adopt in order to comply with the club Memorandum of Understanding, which requires a Financial Management Plan for handling the grants—including a written policy for how clubs will change the signatories on bank accounts. Clubs already having policies or procedures that other clubs might review should send them to eileen.jennings811@gmail.com, and I will share them with all clubs.

When a club believes it has the needed policies in place, it can have the president and president-elect sign the MOU and the Addendum and send it to me either by mail or by email after scanning the signatures.

We hope the clubs that sent representatives to the Grants Management Seminars are busy working on applications for funding projects from the District Grant for the 2013-14 Rotary year. The deadline for submission to Paul Moore is May 30. That seems like a long time away, but it will be May before we know it!

We will have workshops at the District Conference on Friday afternoon to go over questions about District Grants, Global Grants, and clubs' Financial Management Plans. We look forward to seeing you then.



The District is looking for a Rotarian with an accounting background—perhaps a CPA—who would serve during the 2013-14 Rotary year as Assistant Treasurer for Grants.

Under the new grants model, the District will receive about \$35,000 in a block grant. The District is responsible for disbursing these funds, mostly in two installments, one in the fall when the clubs are starting work on their projects, and again in May of 2014. Some funds will be distributed during the year, as clubs complete their projects. If the District receives funds for a Global Grant, the Assistant Treasurer will also manage those funds.

The Assistant Treasurer will be one of the signatories on the District grant fund bank account, will conduct monthly reconciliations of bank statements, maintain a standard set of accounts recording all receipts and disbursements, and a general ledger that separates funds according to each project. The Assistant Treasurer will work closely with the District Treasurer and the District Foundation Committee Chair.

If you are interested in assisting the District in this position, please contact:

Mary Kreider, District Treasurer, at markre@yeoandyeo.com

Eileen Jennings, District Foundation Committee Chair-Elect, at eileen.jennings811@gmail.com, or

Allan Nietzke, District Foundation Stewardship Chair-Elect, at alnietzke@nfcpa.com.

District Youth Compliance Officer

We in District 6310 are fortunate that Dave Smith, a member of the Midland Rotary Club and past District Chair for the D-6310 youth exchange program, is the Compliance Officer for Youth Exchange in District 6310. He has served in this capacity since certification and audit regulations were introduced into youth exchange in 2006. Currently he is also the Chairman of Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc.

RI requires all Districts that participate in youth exchange to be certified, showing that they have met all of the certification requirements of RI. Each year certification must be renewed.

Not only does RI have certification regulations that youth exchange programs must meet, there are also regulations for the program set by the Department of State and the Council on Standards for International Education and Travel. Most high schools in the U.S. will not participate with an exchange program unless it is accredited by C.S.I.E.T. They audit programs each year, and it is the role of the Compliance Officer in our District to collect the documentation necessary to show we meet the standards and regulations.

The regulations of the three agencies are fundamentally focused on ensuring the welfare, health, and safety of the students.



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Wouldn't it be nice if you could just click a "Leadership" button on your computer for instant results? It's almost that easy—when you attend the three Rotary Leadership Institute modules. Remember—RLI is an excellent tool for your upcoming leaders. Every club should be sending at least one member to take advantage of this District resource. All three parts are offered at each session, and the fee remains a reasonable \$70.

Review the following schedule (each in a different venue) for 2013 and decide which sessions would work for you and your future leaders. 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.

April 27	Boyet University Center at CMU, 103 Preston, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859
June 8	University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI 49735
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

Practice the ...tudes for Leadership

...Plan with attitude,

Prepare with aptitude,

Participate with servitude,

Receive with gratitude...

Around the District

Bad Axe Rotary Club

By President Matt Brickel



The Bad Axe Rotary Club held two of its primary annual fund raising events in February and has recently been involved in one local service project and one international project. The club's 8th annual Winter Wine Festival was the most successful to date. The event raised several thousand dollars to be put to use in the club's annual budget, and the club enjoyed great exposure in the Bad Axe Community. Later in February, the Annual Rotary Radio Auction was held. The results from that event are still being tallied, but early indications are that it was very successful as well.

The club has partnered with the City of Bad Axe in a long term project to help maintain a municipal park where several baseball and softball fields are located in downtown Bad Axe. The project will involve financial support for capital projects at the park in exchange for naming and signage rights. The facility is a high traffic area and will provide a visible opportunity for the club to serve the community.

In addition, the club recently had international involvement by assisting with financial support for a water filtration project in Haiti. These funds were raised several years ago by a former Bad Axe Rotarian. The funding helped support the purchase of simple water filters that are used to provide clean water to families in rural Haiti.

This spring's events include the club's annual highway clean-up and tree planting projects.

Midland Rotary Club

By President Jim Nigro



Guests and the community at large certainly appreciated the service at the Club's 41st Annual Pancake Supper.

Early indications are that it was, once again, a very successful event!

Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club

Past Club President Bob Wheeler was recently named Mt. Pleasant Citizen of the Year during the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. Bob is also the past treasurer and the past secretary of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club. He is very active in Boy Scouts and helped start the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation and its Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).



PDG Eileen Jennings received an Eagle Award as the Mt. Pleasant Rotarian of the Year at the same dinner.

Upcoming District Rotary Club Events



The **Frankenmuth Noon Rotary Club** will hold its 22nd annual **TASTE OF FRANKENMUTH** on Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 5-8 p.m. It will be held at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth. Thirty Frankenmuth-area food and beverage vendors will serve up their finest or newest dish or drink. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase.

A raffle will be held, and cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from any Frankenmuth Noon Rotarian or at the door. If you have questions, please email Jeanna Zehnder at jeannaz33@gmail.com. Proceeds from this event will go toward the Frankenmuth Cass River Fish Passage.

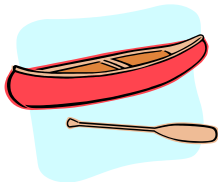
The **Bay City Rotary Club** will hold **A BEATLES CELEBRATION!**—its 6th Annual Rotary Rocks Concert, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the historic State Theater in downtown Bay City. One of the highlights of the evening will be a very special musical presentation by either Kimberly Prime, President of the Bay City Rotary Club, or Frank “Mac” Quinn of the Bay City Morning Club, based on the amount of money raised by each club toward water projects sponsored by clubs in District 6310.



The Bay City Rotary Club was organized in 1914 and chartered in 1915. Rotary was the first service club in Bay City. By the time Bay City Rotary had reached its 25th anniversary in 1940, the members had been responsible for the formation of 13 new clubs and the induction of 492 members. [The two most recent clubs to be sponsored by Bay City were the Bay City Morning Rotary Club in 1990 and the Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish in 2007.]

The **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** will hold its 3rd Annual Driathlon on Sunday, September 15, 2013 in Veterans Memorial Park on Bay City’s west side. You ask, what is a Driathlon? Two person teams (or a relay team)—male, female, or co-ed, complete the following segments:

5K Canoe



20K Bike



5K Run

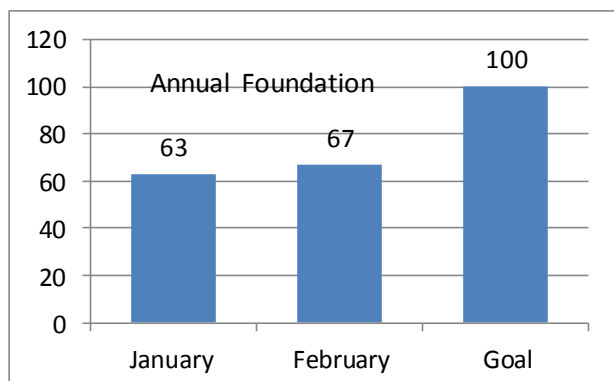


The entry fee is \$120 per team, and the field will be capped at 200 teams. For the first segment of the event, canoes are provided for your trip up and down the Saginaw River. Over twenty teams have already registered! Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

For more information and to register, visit mydriathlon.com

Does your club have an upcoming event? Advertise it in the District Dispatch!

Update on Annual Foundation Giving



As indicated on the adjacent chart, we are still short of our goal to have an annual contribution of \$100 per District member to The Rotary Foundation.

What have you contributed this Rotary year? If you're not sure, you can check with your Rotary Foundation Chairman. It's easy to contribute—you can even do it online.

Let's do our best to meet this goal and see what we can do for Rotary!

In Memoriam

The Rotary world was saddened by the recent death of Rotary International Treasurer Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Demaray, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Betsy was involved in many local and national organizations, but her service to the world community began in 1988 when she joined Rotary. She served as club president in 1994 and again in 2007. Betsy helped spearhead an effort to place a bronze statue in Sault Ste. Marie honoring 1954 Rotary International president and Sault High School graduate, Herbert J. Taylor, author of the "Four Way Test" used by Rotarians worldwide. For her many efforts, Betsy was recognized by Rotary with the "Service Above Self" Award.

She served on the RI Board of Directors for the 2011-13 term, and in 2012 was appointed RI Treasurer, the first woman to ever serve as an RI officer in the history of Rotary.



Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Demaray
1952-2013

Important upcoming dates



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| March: | Rotary Literacy Month |
| March 14-16: | President-Elect Training, Kalamazoo, MI |
| April: | Magazine Month |
| April 19-20: | District Conference, Alpena, MI |
| April 27: | Rotary Leadership Institute, Mt. Pleasant, MI |
| May 17-18: | Global Peace Forum, Hiroshima, Japan |
| June 9-13: | Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Camp Rotary) |
| June 23-26: | RI Convention, Lisbon, Portugal |

The District 6310 newsletter is published "May" 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 "June" information and pictures for a future District Dispatch to:
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