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November is Rotary Foundation Month

We get frequent questions about where to give contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The short answer is that it is vital that every Rotarian support both the Annual Fund and Polio Plus every year.

The Rotary Foundation has three funds that accept donations: the Annual Fund, the Designated Fund, and the Permanent Fund.

The **Annual Fund** is the most important fund for ongoing support of local and international humanitarian projects. When you donate to this fund, ½ of your donation comes back under the control of this Rotary District three years later for spending on District Grants and Global Grants. For us to have money in future years to support our projects in the Dominican Republic, Zambia, Japan, and other countries, we must give this year to the Annual Fund. This fund is also used to support the local projects that clubs carry out, as well as Global Scholars, Peace Scholars, and Vocational Training Teams (similar to the former Group Study Exchange).

We give to the Designated Fund primarily for **Polio Eradication**. Money given to this fund is spent in the year in which it is given. We are “This Close” to eradicating polio in the world, so your gift to this fund is essential. Contributions of individual Rotarians to support specific Global Grants (formerly Matching Grants) also go into this fund, because they are Designated for a particular purpose.

The **Permanent Fund** usually receives gifts from estates from deceased Rotarians. This is an endowment fund, where only the earnings from the fund are spent each year. If you give a gift to the Permanent Fund, we ask that you designate that the earnings be given to the SHARE Fund – the fund where the spending is controlled by our district.

We hope this helps. Please give to both the Annual Fund and to Polio Plus every year, and include Rotary in your estate plan with a gift to the Permanent Fund.

Foundation Recognition Gala

Over 200 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the Seventh Annual Foundation Gala on November 1 at Zehnders in Frankenmuth.

Past District Governor Bill Parlberg once again provided an outstanding meal. Major donors to the Foundation were recognized and top giving clubs during Governor Georgene's year were presented awards. Rotary International Director-Elect Jennifer Jones provided an inspirational keynote address.

The Foundation Gala becomes more popular every year and is one of the best attended events in our district. People arrive early in order to have time to visit with other Rotarians from throughout the District.



District Governor Duane Reyhl; District Foundation Chair Eileen Jennings; Gala Featured Speaker: Jennifer Jones, Past District Governor, District 6400; and past District Governor Georgene Hildebrand





The Rotary Foundation is the heart of Rotary. Support of the Foundation is an important part of what makes us all true Rotarians. It is through the Foundation that we do our humanitarian work. If you don't give to the Foundation, you are not a part of it. It is not how much you give; it is giving something.

Rotary asks that every Rotarian contribute to The Rotary Foundation every year – EREY. Ideally we would like to see every Rotarian give at least \$100 to the Foundation every year. We realize that not every member is able to do this, so our goal is for each club to give an amount equal to, or more than, \$100 per member of that club. Last year, our district gave an average of \$99.93 per Rotarians. A small additional contribution from YOU would have put us over the top.

Please make a contribution during November – Rotary's Foundation Month. You can give on line or to your club's Foundation Chair. Let's have 100% participation this year. Every Rotarian can afford to give something, even if it is only \$5, \$10, or \$25. And if you can afford \$100 or more, that's even better!

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Corunna, Durand, and Owosso



Several local businesses, in collaboration with the **Rotary Clubs of Corunna, Durand, and Owosso** sponsored a seminar on Wednesday, November 13, at the Baker College Welcome Center in Owosso.

Michael Angelo Caruso, an international consultant specializing in corporate and personal improvement, presented a 3-hour, high energy seminar on the lifeblood of business operations in the 21st century: "Remarkable Customer Service".

Mr. Caruso addressed such question as: Is your business retaining customers----developing relationships with customers?----Is word of mouth helping or hurting your business? Strategies to address these key questions and techniques for delivering highly effective customer service were provided.

All in all, it was a very successful event for the Rotary Clubs and the businesses who sponsored and/or sent their employees to attend.

Around the District



The **Durand Rotary Club** recently completed the Adopt-A-Highway Program for 2013. Some members of the Durand Boy Scout Troop #84 pitched in and helped get the job done.

Shown to the left are: Scout Master Bill Brooks, Doug Evans, Camrin Evans, Ian McCullough and Ben Wagner. Also included are Durand Rotary Club members Dawn Caldwell, Jeanette Gomos, Ana Wilson, and George Polen.

Assistant Governor Pat Post was also busy that Saturday giving away free popcorn at the Durand Autumn Festival.



During his visit to the **Owosso Rotary Club**, District Governor Duane Reyhl, presented Rotarian David Hood a Paul Harris pin plus four in recognition of giving The Rotary Foundation.

The Owosso Schools Food Backpack program continues to be a success with a total of 135 backpacks of food delivered to three elementary schools, two high schools, the middle school, 4-Wings and Bentley Bright Beginnings the first and third Friday of each month to feed students hungry on the weekends.

Backpacks have been donated and the monthly cost of about \$1,300 for food is funded by donations and grants. No general fund dollars support the program. The Owosso Rotary presented a \$3,000 check to the program.

This year's attendees at the five-day Rotary Youth Leadership Camp at Harrison in June were, from left, Katie Lynch, Brendan Butcher and Delaney Springsdorf. Also attending, but not in the photo, was 2012-13 Rotary Exchange Student Hye Sukhanite who has returned home to Thailand. The three in the photo are now all seniors at Owosso High School this fall.



The **Corunna Rotary Club** just finished working with the local National Honor Society Students, elementary school children, and the Parent/Teachers Organization for a mulching project at the schools.

The Club collected 170 bottles of shampoo and conditioner for Make a Difference day at Memorial HealthCare Center.

Anna Klapková is the club's exchange student. She is 17 and from the Czech Republic. Anna attends Corunna High School; she loves archery and enjoys writing.



Congratulations to **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** Member Bill Coberly and his wife Marg. They were recently presented with Clarence S. Everett Award from the Tawas Bay Yacht Club for their great support and help to that organization over the years. The last time this award was given out was in 2007!

Roger Hayen, member of the **Mount Pleasant Rotary Club** and a professor at Central Michigan University, had so much fun ziplining in Montana, he has gone far and wide to zip line, including his 20th go at Snow Snake in Clare County. Hayen can fly with the best of them on a zip line. "It's fun," he said. "You enjoy the experience."

Professor Hayen loves zip lining because the act amounts to a physics problem. Considering height, gravity and air resistance, Hayen said from start to finish, zip lining is physics in action.

He has also been to zip lines in other places, including his favorite, in Puerto Rico.



Update on Ambassadorial Scholars and Global Scholars

One of the programs The Rotary Foundation (TRF) funds is the former Ambassadorial Scholars program, which now has changed format some and is called the Global Scholars program. For many years through 2012-13 our district supported an Ambassadorial Scholar with an alternation between an inbound scholar and an outbound scholar. This year our district received a grant from TRF to match District Designated Funds to support a global scholar for a two year program. Information on global scholar Peter Ekadu and the four previous Ambassadorial Scholars appears below.

Peter Ekadu is from Uganda. He is working on a Master of Science in Administration degree at Central Michigan University with an emphasis in health care administration. He plans to finish his degree in May 2015 and return to Uganda to support the Rotary area of emphasis in disease prevention and treatment. Since his arrival in mid-August through November 1 he has spoken to six Rotary clubs in our district and to the District Foundation Committee, and he attended the Foundation Gala. He has visits to several other clubs scheduled before the end of 2013. If you'd like to contact him, his email address is ekadu.peter@gmail.com. Peter has a compelling personal story that has moved a number of Rotarians and has plans to affect the lives of many more people when he returns to Uganda. Peter is looking forward, with some trepidation, to seeing his first snow.

Jency Schnettler was our Ambassadorial Scholar in 2012-13. She is from Munger and was sponsored by the Bay City club. She studied in Shanghai at the Fudan University School of Social Development and Public Policy. She made trips with the Shanghai Rotary Club or Rotaract Club to Suzhou, Xining, and Xikang. Included in these trips were visits to minority areas of China where the people had not seen non-Chinese people. She says, "What I learned: always give back." She has excellent pictures of her experience which she has arranged to show to several clubs in our district. She may be contacted at jency.schnettler@gmail.com and is willing to speak as long as she is available. Jency is looking for a job, preferably with an NGO.

Mutinta Sondashi was our Ambassadorial Scholar for 2011-12 from Zambia. She says: Since I left Mount Pleasant I have been in Zambia, Africa working as a General Manager for an indigenous lodge in Solwezi, Zambia. Solwezi is located in North Western Province and is in the centre of the mining boom in Zambia. Several mines, including Kalumbila, which is the largest mine in Africa, are located in this area. Kalumbila mines copper, gold, and other precious metals. As such, there is a lot of traffic, foreign investors and businesses flourishing in this area. As a result the lodge I am managing is very busy.

In addition to managing this lodge, I also oversee work at a local ranch that has several herds of cattle and produces crops such as maize (corn), soy beans and several indigenous vegetables. All in all, I supervise 70 employees. This is both challenging and rewarding as I am putting my Masters degree in International Administration to good use. I would like to thank all the Rotarians for all their support whilst I was in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. My husband and I have fond memories of our time there. May God continue to keep you and bless you in the work that you do.

Tyler Matthews was our outbound Ambassadorial Scholar for 2010-11. He was from Midland, sponsored by the Midland noon club, and a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He used his scholarship to complete a master's degree at Oxford University in England. Upon returning to the U.S., he completed Ranger School and was then stationed in Colorado Springs. After a tour of duty in Afghanistan, he and his wife are back in Colorado Springs.

Olga Loginova was our 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholar from Belarus. She describes her experience since then as follows: After finishing her year as an Ambassadorial Scholar, Olga Loginova moved back home to resume her job as a TV journalist. In 2011 her husband Pavel and Olga both received Green Cards (granting permanent American residence) and decided to move to New York in pursuit of their dreams (Olga as a video journalist and a documentary filmmaker, and Pavel as a professional athlete). Since then Olga Loginova has been freelancing for a number of American and European media companies. Her professional focus has been on covering human rights issues and international politics. In March, 2013 she received Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Award Best Video Award for a mini-documentary on Russian Adoption Ban. Right now she is working on her first feature long documentary.

Our district can be proud of the contributions we've made to the lives of these outstanding young people as well as to that of their predecessors and of the many people they've come into contact with. Through them we've contributed to promoting world peace and understanding.

Rotary Direct — The Easy Way to Give

The Rotary Foundation encourages Rotarians to give regularly to the Foundation through regular charges to your credit or debit card. The system is called **Rotary Direct**. You authorize The Rotary Foundation to charge your credit or debit card with your contribution to the Foundation. You can designate the contribution to go either to the Annual Fund- SHARE or to Polio Plus. You can set the amount (a minimum of \$10.00 each time), and you can select the frequency with which you want these charges made to your credit or debit card. Of course, you can discontinue these charges at any time.

This method of donating to the Foundation is convenient to you, to your club's Foundation chair, and to Rotary International. If you pledge \$10 per month using Rotary Direct, you will be a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation and will have given \$120 in the course of a year. Try this new, simple way of making regular contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

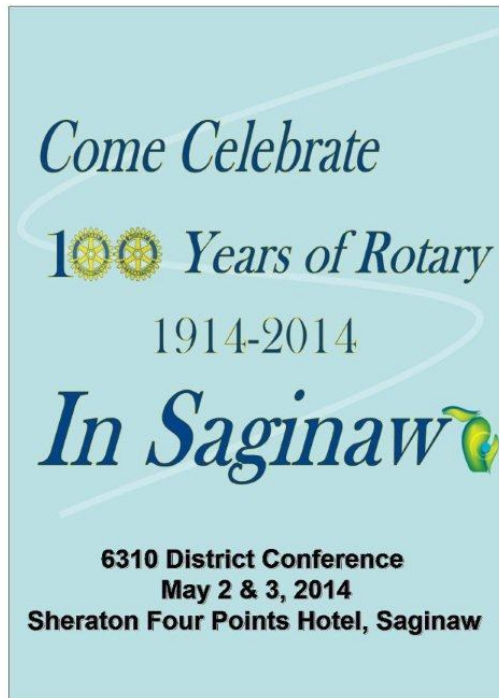
The enrollment form may be found on our district web page – www.rotary6310.org -- in the Download list on the left side of the home page. It is also available on the rotary website – www.rotary.org.

In Memoriam

Past District Governor Thomas Proctor passed away on Friday, October 18. He was an active member of the Cass City Club and was the District Governor during the 1971-72 year. The Rotary theme was "Goodwill Begins with You."

Richard Arnold Anderson Sr., longtime business owner and community leader in Durand, died recently at the age of 83. He and his wife owned and operated the Ben Franklin store in downtown Durand. Mr. Anderson was a member of the Durand Rotary Club for more than 40 years and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bay City Morning Club member Regina Turner, widow of Bay City Club Member Leo Najar, recently lost her battle with brain cancer.



**2013-2014 District 6310
Governor Duane Reyhl**

The Rotary Foundation—One of Best in the Country

The Rotary Foundation once again has been given a 4 star rating from Charity Navigator. This recognizes that The Rotary Foundation has sound fiscal management and a commitment to accountability and transparency.

Charity Navigator is the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. A four star rating is the highest awarded by the organization. Charity Navigator evaluates thousands of nonprofits each year, and only one in four earns 4 stars.

The Rotary Foundation consistently receives the highest ratings as a charity. When you donate to our Foundation, you know your money is invested and expended in the wisest manner. Give now!!

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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