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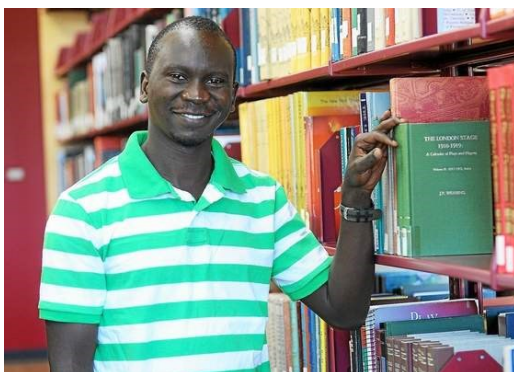
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District 6310 Welcomes Peter Ekadu



The Morning Sun photo by LISA YANICK-JONAITIS

Our district's Global Scholar, **Peter Ekadu** from Uganda, has arrived in Michigan. He will work on a Master of Science in Administration (MSA) degree with a concentration in health services administration at Central Michigan University.

Peter's parents both died of AIDS by the time he was 12. He and his five siblings went to live with an uncle. Through the generosity of a lady from Ann Arbor who had met Peter's uncle, who works as a tour guide. He finished his secondary education at a boarding school. He met her for the first time when he arrived at Detroit Metro Airport on August 16.

Our district has received a grant from The Rotary Foundation to match district money to provide funding for Peter to complete his MSA. His concentration will support Rotary's area of emphasis in disease prevention and treatment.

In a front-page article in the Mt. Pleasant *The Morning Sun*, reporter Randi Shaffer asked Peter about the future. "I want to go back to Uganda," Ekadu said. "There are many opportunities in Uganda." Peter wants to use his degree to plan, monitor, implement and evaluate medical treatment. He said he wants to teach about disease prevention and promote proper health, so others will not face the same fate as his parents."

During his stay in our district he is expected to speak to at least eight clubs. You are encouraged to consider inviting him to speak to your club. He can be reached via email at ekadu.peter@gmail.com, by cell phone at 989-954-3581, or apartment phone at 989-774-5979.

For the first eight weeks of the semester Peter has a three-hour class on Wednesday evening and a five-hour class on Thursday evening. If I might be able to help facilitate your club's interaction with Peter, please contact me at miles1tj@cmich.edu, cell phone 989-400-7162, or home phone 989-773-9024.

Tom Miles
Global Scholar Chair

Rotaract



CMU Rotaract share with thousands of students at the university's kickoff "Main Stage." The give-away was a pen with the Rotaract Club insignia as well as the day and time for meetings. Hundreds signed up as interested in community service. They will be contacted, via email, to attend the first Rotaract meeting of the school year. This is how to recruit new members!

Interact



Mt Pleasant High School's Interact sign-up and kick-off meeting.



Mt. Pleasant RYLA News



RYLA campers share their testimonies to the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club. Jakob Bigard, Marissa Beadle, Austin Ferguson, Hunter Rohrer, Sydney Cox, and Shane Seelye.

District RYLA Chair, Krystal Campbell, explained that Mt. Pleasant High School helps to select six students annually to go to Camp Rotary. The principle, teachers, and advisers give a list of students that would benefit from the program and also fit the criteria for a leadership experience. They do not have to be 4.0 students, but must demonstrate leadership, and would truly blossom with further training. It is hoped that these students will be a part of Interact.

At a recent Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club meeting, each student introduced him or herself and gave a brief summary of their week at Camp Rotary. None of the students knew much about Camp Rotary, and expected it to be a silly summer camp full of awkwardness and trust activities. Although there was a lot of awkwardness (because they didn't know anyone) and there were trust activities, it was anything but silly.

The kids made life-lasting friendships, learned more about themselves as people, and became vulnerable to the family they created. The speakers, rope courses, and trust activities were their favorite. By the end of the week, they were all emotional to leave and were truly touched through their experience. Their parents were overwhelmed to see their emotions and were all thankful for this wonderful opportunity.

Inbound 2013-2014 Scholars

The district welcomed 12 inbound student scholars for this Rotary year.

Thanks to the hosting clubs: Bay City, Cass City, Caro, Chesaning, Corunna, Frankenmuth Morning, Midland Morning, Midland Noon, and Owosso.



(The editor apologizes for the quality of the above photo.)

Quilt to Benefit RYLA Scholarships

The Northern Bay & Arenac (Pinconning/Standish) Rotary Club members realize the importance of sending students to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp. Tina Bauer, owner of Bittersweet Quilt Shop in Pinconning, has created a special quilt and donated it to the club. Presenting the quilt to club members on August 22, 2013, Tina said that when her son was selected to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp Rotary in Harrison a few years ago, he was at first hesitant to go since he was very shy. After attending the camp with 80 other student leaders from central and northern Michigan, she said her son came back a changed person. In the following school year, he became president of the National Honor Society at Pinconning High School. He has maintained many of the important friendships made with other students at the camp.

Because of the opportunity afforded her son by the club, Tina said she wanted to give something in return. The quilt she gave to the club is based on the “Mill Girls” pattern honoring the thousands of young women in New England who worked in the textile mills of Lowell, Massachusetts, in the early years of the nineteenth century. She said she would like the club to raffle off the quilt, which has an estimated value of \$950, and use the money to send more Pinconning area students to leadership camp in the future. The quilt will be raffled off as part of Bay City Rotary’s *International Night* gala to be held on Thursday, October 3rd, at the DoubleTree Conference Center in Bay City. Raffle tickets will be sold only at that event.



Two and a half years ago, Tina opened the Bittersweet Quilt Shop in the nearly century old former Lutheran Church building in Pinconning. The shop now carries the largest stock of reproduction historic quilting fabrics in Michigan, in addition to many other household items. Tina said people come to the store from all over the state, helping to make Pinconning a “destination” for those looking for unique experiences. The store, along with photos and pattern information on Tina’s prize-winning original quilt design, titled “*Sharp Cheddar Star*,” will appear in the September 3rd quilt issue of *Home & Garden Magazine*. Tina’s shop was one of only ten stores selected from among 3,500 quilt shops in North America for this unique honor. She said she has been told to expect as many as 1,500 requests from quilters wishing to buy quilt kits to produce the winning design on their own.

The Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club has been sending students from Pinconning and Standish-Sterling High Schools to the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp in Harrison from the time it was just a provisional club. Over the last eight years, nearly two dozen youngsters from this rural part of the district have been given the opportunity to discover the leadership qualities that lay hidden within them by attending the camp. Sending high school students from your hometown to leadership camp – what better way for a local club to fulfill this year’s Rotary International theme, “*Engage Rotary [by] changing lives.*”

Around the District

The **Midland Morning Rotary Club** will hold its fourth annual Oktoberfest celebration and fundraiser on Thursday, September 27. The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Midland Curling Center, 2009 Jefferson Ave., Midland. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will benefit the Midland Morning Rotary Club's community service initiatives, including the revitalization project of Central Park. Guests must be 21 years of age to attend.

The event will include a variety of seasonal hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a sampling of German and Michigan beers, wines, and non-alcoholic beverages. Midland's Three Rivers German Band will provide live music during the celebration. A silent auction, raffle prize giveaway, and bread sales also will take place. The first 250 guests will receive a 16 oz. souvenir glass.

"We are delighted to bring back the ever-popular Oktoberfest event. This is our largest fundraising event for the year and offers us an opportunity to engage with members of the region, as well as raise monies for much needed service projects in our community," said Sue Moody, Midland Morning Rotary member and service project chair. "Our club is truly dedicated to the mission of Rotary International and supporting the community in which we live, work, and play. This event is a testament to our club's commitment."



Midland Morning Rotary 4th Annual
Oktoberfest
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 27, 2012
The Midland Curling Center, 2009 Jefferson Ave.
Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

'Dinner, sampling of beers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages

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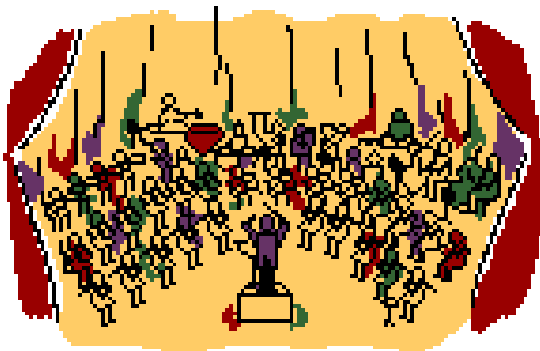
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Must be 21 years of age to attend.
Proceeds will benefit the Midland Morning Rotary Club's community service projects including Central Park Revitalization Project.

For more details or to become a sponsor, visit www.MidlandMorningRotary.org



A benefit concert will be held for **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** member Regina Turner. The Bijou Orchestra along with extremely popular guest soloists Scott Sowinski and Charissa Armon are honored to present this special one-time concert event to benefit their dear friend Regina Turner. Regina is the widow of the Orchestra's revered late Artistic Director, Leo Najar.

The Bijou Orchestra will take the stage to reprise classic performances from their eight seasons as one of America's greatest small ensembles—but you are likely to hear a few new works as well. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations go directly to the Friends of Regina Turner Fund that supports Regina's medical and recovery expenses. Get your reserved seats now! Tickets for this one show at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, may be obtained by calling 989-892-2260. Reserved seating is \$22 or \$17. Help support our sister Rotarian!

Chesaning Rotary Club member **Victor Shapley** (92) is working on another year of perfect attendance—his 63rd year! On September 3, the club secretary reported that Victor had then attended 3,247 consecutive weekly meetings—either at his home club or as a makeup elsewhere. In good health, Victor intends to make it to at least January—the month he joined the Chesaning Rotary Club in 1951.

A native of Andes, New York, Shapley moved to Chesaning in 1941 where he worked for Central Telephone Company, then bought the firm in 1958. He also owned and operated telephone companies on Beaver Island and Bois Blanc Island.

A past president of the Chesaning Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, Victor started on his run for perfect attendance when the club listed the number of consecutive meetings members had attended—a custom they continue every week. Victor says he has traveled as far as 55 miles to assure and not break his "winning streak."

Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) has been recently adopted by the Board of Trustees of Rotary International as an official program of Rotary International that recognizes individuals who make annual contributions of US \$1000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and/or approved Foundation grants. I will be taking over as our district's Paul Harris Society coordinator from Jerome Yantz who has done a superb job in this role administering and all record keeping for this program since its inception in 2006/2007. A huge THANK YOU to Jerome for the great service you have provided our district and Rotary International in this important Rotary Foundation program.

Currently, less than 3% of Foundation supporters worldwide give at the PHS level but that committed group represents more than 35% of all Annual Fund contributions which closely mirrors our district's experience as well. Currently, District 6310 has nearly 50 PHS members that account for over \$50,000 in Annual Fund giving which represents nearly 35% of all Annual Fund giving in our district! All Foundation giving at any level is important and very much appreciated but those Rotarians in a position to contribute at the PHS level are and will continue to have a major impact on not only our district but great Rotary initiatives worldwide!

What this change means is that Rotary International will be administering the PHS program moving forward versus each individual district as in years past. During this transition there may be a few administrative challenges in the transition so please bear with us and if you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me at 989-652-0425 or bill.parlberg@zehnders.com or my mailing address of 334 Queens Creek Drive, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734.

If your club would be interested in a program on the PHS, major donors or the Rotary Foundation in general, please contact myself or Eileen Jennings, our District's Foundation Chair. Thank you for your great support of the Rotary Foundation!

Yours in Rotary,

Bill Parlberg
Paul Harris Society Coordinator

Leadership Opportunity

Do you —

Like to travel?

Meet new people?

Want to serve Rotary following your term as Rotary Club President?

We may just have the right position for you!

The District 6310 Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving as District Governor for the 2016/2017 Rotary year. If you will have been a Rotary member for at least seven years in July 2016 and are interested in taking advantage of this life-changing opportunity, please contact Immediate Past District Governor Georgene Hildebrand for more information. She can be reached by phone at 989-657-2428 or by e-mail at georgene.rotary@gmail.com

September is Youth

As you may have observed in this issue, September is Youth Service Month. District 6310 has 3 Rotaract and 3 Interact Clubs. In addition, 71 students attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Camp Rotary). Twelve high school students from around the world are currently attending high school in our district thanks to the support of local clubs. We also welcome our Global Scholar, Peter Ekadu, earning his Masters Degree at Central Michigan University.

Rotary International unveiled its much anticipated new web site on Monday August 26, and it's a great design. Please visit the site (rotary.org) and access the member area. Click on "My Rotary" at the top to get started. Even if you previously registered for "member access," you will need to complete an easy "re-registration" using your same user name and password. Once you complete this, you can go to Club Central and other areas accessible only to members.

As we continue to migrate our District resources to our website (rotary6310.org), please take a few minutes to find the location of key information. Here are a few pointers.

Download section - This is on the left side of the home page. Current pdf versions of the District Calendar and the District Directory are always in the "Download" section.

District Site Pages - Look on the right side of the home page. You will see a section called "District Site Pages." One link is to the District Directory page where you'll find leader biographical information, a list of past district governors and their themes, and a list of club meeting times and locations. Another site page takes you to an archive of past editions of the District Dispatch.

If your club president or secretary has entered goals in Rotary's Club Central, you can monitor your club's progress. Rotary Club Central is accessed through rotary.org. Like any business or nonprofit organization, clubs are most successful over time with achievable, measurable goals in place.

Happy Anniversary to:

August 30	Breckenridge Club	75 years
August 31	Millington Club	73 years
September 1	Owosso Club	92 years
September 2	Birch Run Club	14 years
September 7	Saginaw Sunrise	12 years



Thanks for your continued service to Rotary. You make a difference.

Save the Date!

The annual Rotary Foundation Gala will be held on Friday, November 1, at Zehnder's, Frankenmuth, Michigan. Tickets will be \$250 for a table of eight or \$35 per person. Look for additional information and your invitation in the next District Dispatch.

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