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Early Registration Deadline Extended for District Conference

By District Governor Duane Reyhl

The district conference is a little less than two weeks away.

The extended deadline is April 22. Early registration ends on that date. The cost for the full conference is \$135, which includes all six meals, beer and wine tasting on Friday, and the afterglow events Friday and Saturday evening. You can register online at www.rotary6310.org.

After April 22, the full registration is \$150.

In all cases, Rotarians' kids 12 and under are free.

The all new Four Points Sheraton looks great!

You can check out all the details with the links below :

[Conference website page](#) on www.rotary6310.org

[Mail-in registration form](#)

See you soon. Thank you for all your Rotary efforts.

You change lives every day.



2013-2014 District 6310 Governor Duane Reyhl

Water and Sanitation Corner

By Cheryl Peterson

In November of 2013, I had the privilege of joining a group of Rotarians from District 6310 on a trip to the Dominican Republic related to our Water and Sanitation projects there. Some of my fellow team members on this trip have already shared their impressions with you and I can sincerely echo everything that they have said.



Planning for the village project

The country and landscape are beautiful; the poverty in the villages is not possible to totally appreciate without observing it directly. The friendliness of the people is quite remarkable. The commitment and the motivation of the Rotary Clubs in the cities to improve the quality of life for people in the impoverished areas convey a sense of hope and determination to make lasting cultural change.

While our work there is critical in bringing about a better tomorrow in the area of water and sanitation, the local people themselves are motivated to take what steps they can to improve their tomorrows. We had the opportunity to visit a medical clinic that was being sponsored by one of the local Rotary Clubs. Simple medications and the rare opportunity for a visit with a physician were being provided to the residents of this remote village.

We had opportunity to stop by an educational program that was being taught by a university instructor to train young women in skills similar to those we know as a medical assistant. After the 115 hours of instruction, employability becomes a real possibility for these young women—affording a sense of accomplishment, improved self-esteem, improved personal health, and improved economic stability. This training program was funded by a local Rotary Club with significant involvement from the Rotary Community Corps or neighborhood group.

You may not be very familiar with Rotary Community Corps—they are not Rotarians but they are a group of individuals who share the mission of Rotary and often live in or close to the villages where work addressing quality of life is being done. They are the “boots on the ground” so to speak and carry a significant role in gaining the support and commitment of the villagers and in assuring that the outcomes of projects like District 6310’s are sustained long term.

We had the opportunity to see the outstanding work that has been accomplished by the projects our district has undertaken in water and sanitation. Likewise, we had opportunity to see the magnitude of the work yet to be done. One of the highlights of the experience was the time we spent observing teacher training for the Hand Washing and Hygiene Project 2 being implemented near San Francisco.



Teacher hand washing and hygiene training

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My take-away from this trip: More of us need to go, to experience, to see, to observe, to understand more fully how we can make a difference one family, one school, one village at a time. As we seek to understand the individual community needs and their desires for addressing those needs, we will find many opportunities for service above self and experience the gratification of serving others in a real and tangible way.

The best long-term success will come from a concerted and sustained effort to broaden the reach and replicate these individual projects across an area, then a region, and finally a country. We are leading the way in that vision—to a better tomorrow for today's children and families and for all those who are yet to come. Will you be a part of it, will your club, will you take the message to others, beyond Rotary, who can help us?

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.

~Edward Everett Hale

India Declared Polio Free!

India has been certified polio-free by the World Health Organization after going three years without an endemic case of polio. The eradication of polio in India is heralded as one of the biggest achievements in global health efforts. The certification came with a proclamation that Southeast Asia is free of the disease.

Just five years ago, India was home to nearly half the global polio cases and considered one of the most technically difficult places to eradicate the disease, because of sanitation challenges and high-density population. India's last case was reported in a young girl paralyzed by polio in West Bengal in January 2011.

So how did the second most populous country in the world, considered the hardest place to end polio, become free of the disease? Health workers determined that the children of migrants or those growing up in difficult-to-reach areas were not getting access to vaccines. So they deployed immunization efforts to reach the most vulnerable. India launched a massive effort involving a surveillance network and almost 2.3 million vaccine administrators, who identified communities falling through the cracks.

To counter rumors and misgivings about the vaccine, social mobilizers, religious leaders, and parents were included to increase understanding about immunizations. They also bolstered communication and outreach efforts that often included Bollywood celebrities and cricket players. The efforts combined government, various U.N. agencies as well as philanthropic organizations, such as Rotary International.

The highly infectious viral disease primarily affects young children and could lead to paralysis and death. It can be prevented through immunization, but there is no cure.

Reprinted from a CNN news article

Please watch the following beautiful advertisement by Rotary International on the India polio free theme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVDuMbyK7o>

Around the District

Rotary Club of Corunna Celebrates 75 Years

The 75th anniversary dinner in celebration of the Rotary Club of Corunna's 75th anniversary was held on March 25, 2014 at the Corunna Community Center in McCurdy Park. In addition to Rotary members, special guests for the evening included Duane Reyhl, Rotary District 6310 Governor and Pat Post, Rotary District 6310 Assistant Governor; Anna Klapkova', Corunna High School Exchange Student; Kim Williams, husband of the late Margaret Williams who was a member of the Corunna Rotary; and the first-ever host families Lew and Marilyn Owens and Joy (John) Archer. Other special guests were friends and spouses of current members.

District Governor Duane Reyhl and Assistant Governor Pat Post both provided very interesting historical data about Rotary and Corunna's inception as a club in March of 1939. It was a pleasure to have these district representatives in Corunna to help celebrate this milestone anniversary. Joyce Bremer recognized the past and current exchange student hosts who have supported the exchange program over the years. Anna Klapkova', a current Corunna High School exchange student, gave an update about her recent activities, which included participation in an archery sporting program. She recently received a medal for her archery skills. Of special note, most archers use a release device to pull back the bow string and then click to release. Anna uses her fingers which is almost a forgotten skill by most archers. Anna also just learned that her brother and his family are expecting a baby and that she will soon be an aunt.

Chuck Kerridge, Corunna Rotary President Elect, presented long-standing membership awards to the following individuals - Roger Fosler - 20 years; Duane Ash - 22 years; Frank Marsik - 24 years; and Richard Clark - 52 years. Frank Marsik shared with those in attendance that at one time he had a consistent meeting attendance of 1183 consecutive meetings.

President Szigo presented Kim Williams, with Margaret Williams' Rotary pin and expressed the club's appreciation for Margaret's dedication to service on behalf of Rotary.

Mr. Kerridge and Stacey Szigo, Corunna Rotary Club President, also gave those present a look at a plaque which will be placed near the tree planted by the Corunna Rotary at McCurdy Park.



Sitting (l-r): Joyce Bremer, Sheryl Frazier, Janet Washburn, Roger Fosler, Frank Marsik, and Richard Clark; Standing (l-r): David Moore, Jorri Tremain, Barb Holland, Anna Klapkova', Melissa Helt, Chuck Kerridge, Stacey Szigo, Jed Dingens, Judy Horton, Lisa Lynch, Henry Phillips, and Joe Sawyer.

In recognition of the club's 75th anniversary, Richard Clark, on behalf of the Anniversary Committee, presented one of the four metal 75th anniversary signs which will be placed at four entrances to the City of Corunna. The signs read - Corunna Rotary Club, Est. 1939, Serving the Community For Over 75 Years.



Four members of the **Rotary Club of Shepherd** received their Paul Harris certificates and pins at the March 20th club meeting. District Governor Duane Reyhl attended this very special meeting to present the certificates and pins. It's not every day that four members from the same club become Paul Harris Fellows!

The Rotary Club of Shepherd is on its way to becoming a Paul Harris Club!

District Governor Duane Reyhl, District Governor-Elect Dee Brock, Joyce Gluch, Kathy Kursch, Judy Metcalf, and Jim Wy-

Ithaca Rotary Club



Scott Crumbaugh Jack Humm, Kim Hodge, Mary Humm

The **Ithaca Rotary Club** (Chartered in 1936) participated in the biannual Adopt-a Highway project on April 12, 2014. The pick-up area is a four-mile route from US-127 Polk Road Exits/Entrances ramps to the other US-127 exit/entrance ramps on Washington Road. This service project has been active since 1992. Half the Ithaca Rotary Club members participated on April 12. In September of each year the members gather for the fall clean-up on the same route.



Kim Hodge, Paul Hornak, Jack Humm, Mary Humm



Front Row: George Bailey (member for 23 years), Jeff Arnold (member for 47 years), President-elect Kim Hodge, Secretary Mary Humm. Back Row: Jim Wideman, Tom MacDonald, Steve Bakker, Mark Craft, Dick Abbott (member for 33 years), President Scott Crumbaugh, Jack Humm (member for 58 years).

Rotary Club of Saginaw



Shown in the picture is President Bieber at far right interviewing Pat Shelley, cast as Chester F. Miller, a Saginaw Public Schools Superintendent for 28 years

Last fall, when the Rotary Club of Saginaw was asked to talk about its 100 years of history during a long-running humanities lecture series, Club President Rod Bieber got playful. He ran the program like a club meeting, complete with the four-way test, and "interviewed" several of our members who impersonated some of our most prominent presidents. Since we have more than a few hams amid our membership, the evening took several ad-libbing funny twists.

During the 6310 District conference in May, Bieber and cohorts will re-create a shortened version of that presentation, on Saturday night.

By the way, Rotary Club of Saginaw was the 93rd Rotary club to form in a world which now has more than 34,000 of them.



Brendan and Owosso High School Principal Jeff Phillips

Photo by Dick Campbell

Owosso High School senior Brendan Butcher was the **Owosso Rotary Club's** March 2014 Student of the Month. In addition to carrying a cumulative grade point average of 4.2, Brendan is the president of the Owosso High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Additionally, he is on the high school Golf Team and the state champion OHS Equestrian Team, the only team at Owosso High to ever win a state title. He is also vice president of the Ranger 4H Club.

Brendan plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study elementary education, then continue, earning a master's degree, then a doctorate in educational administration with a goal of someday becoming a superintendent of schools.

Invitations from District Clubs

The **Rotary Club of Saginaw** invites music lovers to attend its 11th Saginaw on Stage megaconcert -- featuring 40 bands and soloists performing on six stages in one night.

The date is Saturday, April 19, from 4-11 p.m. at the Temple Theatre, 201 N. Washington, and the Saginaw Club, 219 N. Washington. They stand side by side in downtown Saginaw. Tickets are \$25.

The music covers all genres...rock, country, folk, celtic, big band, jazz, funk, Americana. New this year is a Peter, Paul and Mary tribute trio, wandering minstrels, and a seventh room set aside for jam sessions.

Drinks are served in both facilities; and a buffet is available (\$15 at the door) at The Saginaw Club. There will also be a silent auction.

For tickets call the Temple at 877-754-7469 weekdays between 10 am and 6 pm. Or buy online at <http://www.templetheatre.com/events.html>.

For profiles on the groups performing, the buffet menu and parking information, check the Facebook page Saginaw on Stage/ Rotary Club of Saginaw or www.saginawrotary.org.

The **Frankenmuth Noon Rotary Club** is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on Thursday, May 15th at 6 pm at Zehnders Restaurant Main Dining Room in Frankenmuth. The evening will begin with cocktails and a delicious dinner prepared by John Zehnder, Chef of the Zehnders Restaurant. We will have a special program looking at our club's past, present, and future. It should be a great evening of celebration, fine eating, and great Rotary fellowship.

We invite you to come celebrate with us. The cost for the dinner is \$37/person. (Cocktails are cash bar) If you are interested, please call Steve Liust, Event Chairman, at 989-284-4674 or email him at stephenlist@gmail.com to confirm your reservation . We look forward to celebrating with you!

The **Morning Rotary Club of Frankenmuth** invites all bicycling enthusiasts to participate in their 2014 tour on Sunday, May 18, 2014. They are offering three scenic routes to choose from, 25K, 50K and 100K. All routes begin and end in Frankenmuth at the Rittmueller Middle School located at 965 E Genesee Street. These routes parade through the city on the first leg, wind along the Cass River, across lush farmlands, have light traffic and are mostly flat with a few hills along the way.

Each participant receives maps, food stops of cookies, juice, water and fruit along the route and shower facilities upon completion. In addition, the 100K will feature a "light" lunch. The food stops are approximately 20 miles apart (7 miles for the 25K). An ANSI or SNELL bicycle helmet is STRONGLY encouraged.

Registration begins at 7:00 am through 9:00 am at the Rittmueller School gym lobby. Tour starting time begins at 8:00 am. Riders who are participating in the 100K MUST begin by 8:00 am.



Registration fees:

Before May 1, 2014	\$15.00
After May 1, 2014	\$20.00
Under the age of 14	\$ 5.00



Registration forms can be obtained by going to the Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club website: www.fmrotary.com

For more information please contact Nancy at drnancy94@yahoo.com.

Bring your family and enjoy our Little Bavaria!

DRIATHLON

Hosted by:
The Bay City Morning Rotary



2014

canoe bike run

When:

Sun., September 14, 2014

Where:

Veterans Memorial Park

5K CANOE | 2 PERSON
20K BIKE | TEAM
5K RUN | OR RELAY

PRICE:

**\$120
per team**

male, female, and co-ed divisions
must have a partner

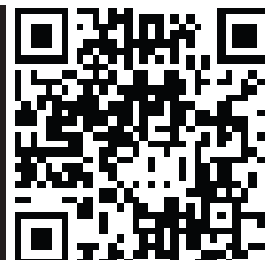
Field Capped at 200 Teams!

Proceeds to benefit Boys and Girls Club of Bay County

4th Annual

DRIATHLON **2014**

For more info & to register visit us at mydriathlon.com



News from our Global Scholar Peter Ekadu

Time goes so fast. It's now 8 months since I came to the U.S. to study at Central Michigan University where I am pursuing a Master of Science degree in Health Services Administration courtesy of the Global Grant Scholarship that I received from District 6310. I have had brand new experiences in my life since I came: from making new friends, getting used to the taste of food, seeing snow for the first time, and making it through the winter. I can now breathe a sigh of relief since spring is finally here, and I look forward to enjoying the sunshine.

In the past two months, I traveled to Texas for some warm weather during CMU's spring break. I have gone to a number of concerts, visited the Detroit Institute of Art, gone ice skating, sledding and cross country skiing and I had the amazing opportunity of volunteering at the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club beef dinner. You can all tell that it has not only been about studies but I have had a great experience too.

Finally, I cannot forget to mention my gratitude to the generous, caring, and compassionate team of Rotarians whose dedication to the well-being of others and their commitment to Service Above Self has been outstanding and has helped me create memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you all for giving this gift through all your efforts.

News from 2012-2013 Ambassadorial Scholar Jency Schnettler

(After returning from her year in China, Jency spent a few months in Michigan before taking a six-month position with the UK Trade and Investment arm of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. She is a business development associate working with international business expansion in the investment and life sciences industries.)

DC is interesting - a rather charming city. The weather is nice, and there are many things to do and see. (In fact I became so engrossed with the scenery on a bike ride last weekend that I accidentally rode 25 miles!)

I like my job as it's working with international economic development and trade expansion which is something I have become increasingly interested in. I'm not quite sure what next steps will be following this position, but I have noticed that I constantly relate everything back to China and Michigan! Thanks to Rotary, these two places have become a key part of my thought process, and I think will continue to be a reoccurring theme in my life.

Also, I have met TWO other former Ambassadorial Scholars in my time here. One was from Wisconsin and I met him at a conference, the other is from a familiar little place called Traverse City. She studied in Australia, met her husband there, and now works at the British Embassy here in Washington. I chatted with her about her involvement with Rotary here in DC, and she gave me some helpful suggestions.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Congratulations to our new RLI Certified Facilitators! Bob Lawrence (D6360), Bill Dimond (D6360), Nathan Triplett (D6360), Nancy Thornton (D6290), John Dahlberg (D6290), Teresa Brandell (D6360), Jim Gilmore (D6380), Jane McManus (D6380), **Duane Reyhl (D6310)**, Leann Burger (D6290). With four new facilitators certified March 1, we have now doubled our delivery capacity.

The graduates received a new box of Mr. Sketch markers, because "every RLI graduate receives a certificate, and only facilitators receive flip chart markers."

Our remaining RLI schedule is:

July 12	Mt. Pleasant
July 26	Ann Arbor
August 23	Big Rapids
October 18	Chatham, Ontario, Canada

District Assembly May 2, 2014

The District Assembly will be held on May 2, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in conjunction with the District 6310 Conference at the Four-Points by Sheraton in Saginaw, Michigan.

The purpose of the District Assembly is to prepare incoming club leaders for their new roles in their Rotary Club. All incoming club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, public image coordinators, and committee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend. All sessions are open to all Rotarians.

District Assembly Agenda

9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome and Introduction	Dee Brock, District Governor-Elect
9:15am – 9:45am	Rotary Public Image	Georgene Hildebrand, Past District Governor
	Introduction to the updated logo and new compelling message. See what branding efforts have helped us to articulate.	
9:45am – 9:50 am	Break and Transition to Small Group Sessions	
9:50am – 10:20 am	Club Leadership Training	Choose One
	Presidents and President Elects: <i>Behind the Podium</i> <i>Tips for effectively running meetings, goal setting, and dealing with the unexpected</i>	
	Treasurers and Foundations Chairs: <i>Budgets and Beyond</i> <i>Elements of a successful process and meeting reporting requirements</i>	
	Secretaries and Record Keepers: <i>You Need What, By When?</i> <i>Elements for an efficient system to stay organized and ahead of reporting requirements</i>	
	Public Relations and Membership Chairs: <i>What's Rotary?</i> <i>Promoting and networking ideas for the club in our communities</i>	
	Assistant District Governors: <i>How Can I Help?</i> <i>The vital role of the AG in supporting the District and Club Leadership</i>	
10:25am – 10:55 am	Everything You Need to Know About.....	Choose One
	Club Central and District Website Youth Services Club Best Practices Sharing your Rotary Moment	
11:00am – 11:30 am	Everything You Need to Know About.....	Choose One
	Club Central and District Website Youth Services Club Best Practices Sharing your Rotary Moment	

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