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Successful District Conference

The May 2-3 District Conference truly had something for everyone who attended—fun, fellowship, and Rotary information.

The District Assembly headlined Friday morning's program. District Governor-Elect Dee Brock welcomed attendees, and Past District Governor Georgene Hildebrand provided an update on Rotary's new branding efforts. Club leadership training was provided in five break-out sessions. Participants were then able to choose to attend two of four sessions on Club Central and the district website, youth services, club best practices, and sharing your Rotary moment.

Although the Four-Points Sheraton does not yet have an on-site restaurant, Uno's (which will be opening this summer) provided delicious meals for attendees — even made-to-order pasta and bananas foster for dessert on Friday evening!

During the annual business meeting on Friday afternoon, the budget for 2014-2015 was adopted and the assembly elected our representative to the 2016 Conference on Legislation—Georgene Hildebrand with Eileen Jennings as alternate. Cheryl Peterson of the Owosso Club was introduced as the District Governor Nominee.

During the memorial for deceased Rotary members, club representatives placed a yellow rose in a vase as the Rotary bell tolled.

Four break-out sessions were available to members on Friday afternoon.

The district's newest Paul Harris Fellow received his award on Friday evening—none other than Ben Reyhl who is very active in the CMU Rotaract Club. Shown are Ben and his proud and happy parents!

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Friday evening's dinner featured the parade of flags by our Youth Exchange students. Many of the students entertained with singing and their native dance.

Saturday morning offered three break-out opportunities.

At the luncheon, District Governor Duane recognized clubs with the Presidential Citation. Shown at right is Birch Run Club President Ludwig Schultz receiving the award for his club. Also pictured are Rotary International President representative Tom Bennett of Peterborough, Ontario and District Governor Duane Reyhl.



In the afternoon, members had a chance to visit the Castle Museum in downtown Saginaw where two showcases honor the Rotary Club of Saginaw, celebrating its 100th anniversary. Founded on February 1, 1914, it was the 93rd Rotary club founded, and today there are more than 34,000 Rotary clubs throughout the world.

In response to a challenge from District Governor Duane to collect donations of at least \$1,000 for The Rotary Foundation, his famed mustache is no more! Duane is now clean-shaven — the first time his wife has seen him without a mustache!

In a tradition started last year, Rotary clubs throughout the district put together beautiful gift baskets. A silent auction raised \$1,190 for The Rotary Foundation — and Duane chipped in another \$10 to make it an even \$2,000.

All in all, it was a great conference. Kudos to the Saginaw Sunrise Club and particularly coordinator Shelley Norris and her team.

If you didn't attend this year, please plan to do so next year — the conference will be in Mount Pleasant next April.

Around the District



At a recent **Mount Pleasant Rotary Club** meeting, Global Scholar Peter Ekadu introduced the speaker, Susan Nenadic, his mother, friend, writer, historian. He has known her for 13 years, and she has given to him Service Above Self.

Susan told us how she and her family went to Uganda in December 2000 because of their interest in endangered gorillas. Their guide to the interior of the country was Peter's uncle, Dennis. She said he is an extraordinary human being, who is kind and has a wonderful sense of humor. The trip was transforming in several ways. She described sitting with a family of gorillas and watching a silver back with his 2- and 5-year-old children.

Towards the end of the trip, Dennis asked her if she knew of some US charity that might fund his nephew's education. She offered to do this herself. She continued to support him financially and personally for the next 13 years. When he finished college, they talked of graduate school ~~in~~ the US. Michigan was the obvious choice.

When he arrived, Susan had planned a party for him, and invited her friends to bring some gift for his apartment. She was stunned at how much he got – a microwave, comforter, towels, etc. Unfortunately, Peter missed the party, because his flight was delayed. Peter is now comfortable at her home in Ann Arbor and comes and goes as he likes.

Susan told us what we have observed: Peter will try anything once – cross-country skiing, ice skating, sledding in 9 degree weather. She said he loves BBQ ribs, but has not been converted to shrimp.

Susan has published a book about the working women of the 19th Century. *A Purse of Her Own* is available from her or on Amazon. Several people bought the book after her talk.

The club is very grateful to Susan Nenadic for befriending Peter. If it were not for her, we would not have the privilege of welcoming him into our club and our homes. She made a very sound decision when she agreed to support Peter's schooling. Thanks, Susan.



Past District Governor Dick Campbell of the **Owosso Club** was recently presented with a major donor pin, representing a total of more than \$10,000 contributed over time to The Rotary Foundation. Shown presenting Dick with the pin is Barbara Baker Omerod.

Jena Eisenberger, Katie Eisenberger, and Brandon Bliss are co-chairing a new fundraiser for the **Mount Pleasant Rotary Club**. *Rotary on the Run* is a 5K run and Fun Run. It will be held on Wednesday, September 17. Runners will cross the new Rotary bridge in Nelson Park.

The cost for early registration is \$25 up to September 12, and \$30 the day of the race. The cost of the Fun Run is \$10.

Jena and Katie, pictured at right, reviewed the cost of the race. They will be looking to club members to volunteer and to help with this event. The goal is to have a minimum of 100 runners.



**This space available
to recognize the good work
YOUR club is doing!**

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating birthdays this month



Mount Pleasant - 89 years - Founded May 6, 1925

Durand - 75 years - Founded May 17, 1939

Pigeon - 77 years - Founded May 25, 1937

Bad Axe - 90 years - Founded May 27, 1924




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