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Notes from DG Dee

District Conference

By now all of you are probably looking forward to the District Conference as much as I am! Our conference committee has planned an excellent program, filled with two full days of fantastic speakers, breakout sessions, and lots of Rotarian fellowship and fun. Our Rotary International President's Representative this year will be PDG Wayne C. Cusick from Blythe, California. PDG Wayne is credited with creating the Paul Harris Society (PHS) in 2007. In 2013 the PHS became a recognized Rotary Foundation program. He will share his Rotary story during our conference weekend.

Other featured speakers include "The Incredible Dr. Pol", who will address our members on Friday night, and PDG Geoff Goll, a polio survivor who is now our Zone 29 End Polio Now Coordinator. PDG Geoff will share his amazing story on Saturday night.

We are going to share ideas, connect with Rotarians from around our District, and enjoy lots of fun and Rotarian fellowship. Be prepared to be inspired and motivated and to take away lots of good information and ideas!

Rotary Days

Many of our clubs have already held a Rotary Day, but it's not too late for clubs to still hold a Rotary Day Event this year. Remember, one of your yearly events can easily be made into a Rotary Day. Simply invite non-Rotarians (especially potential new members) to take part in the festivities or event. Spend some time talking about what Rotary is and what Rotary does around the world and what your club does in the community. Have some Rotary brochures from various Rotary programs available for people to read and take with them. The purpose of a Rotary Day is to share what Rotary is and what it does in our communities and around the world. Tell our Rotary story. And, most important, have fun! That's how we Light Up Rotary!



2014-2015 District Governor
Delores "Dee" Brock

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Youth Services

Hope you will plan to attend the Friday night dinner at the District Conference. All four of our Youth Service programs will be highlighted that evening. Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA and Rotaract advisors have spent their year working with their students, guiding them and instilling the “service above self” Rotarian ethic as the students learn how to make a difference in their communities and internationally. Students will have an opportunity to see Rotary in a whole new light and to experience some of the aspects of our Rotary world. Please join us for that celebration!

Nominee for District Governor 2017-2018



**Patricia Post, 2015-2016
District Governor Nominee**

The District 6310 Nominating Committee has nominated Patricia Post to serve as District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Pat’s home club is the [Rotary Club of Durand](#).

She has served as her club’s Foundation Chair and was their president in 2011-2012. During her year as president, her club had several achievements including: received the Foundation contribution banner from the district for their per member participation, exceeded their Polio Plus award goal, and won the District Traveling Trophy at District Conference. That year, Durand also began their Back Pack program in the Durand elementary schools, commenced their Adopt-a-Highway program, and increased their overall membership.

At the district level, Pat served as the District New Generations Chair (now the Youth Services) in 2012-2013. She is currently finishing her second year as Assistant Governor for Area 3, which includes the clubs of Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, and Owosso. She has also participated in Strategic Planning and Foundation Committee meetings for the past three years.

Congratulations to Pat and to the Rotary Club of Durand!

Polio Update

By Chairman Chuck Cusick

On April 12, 2015, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the announcement that Jonas Salk’s Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) was safe and effective.

Rotary’s fight to eradicate polio continues. Nigeria’s last case of polio was in July 2014. Thus far this year, Pakistan has recorded 20 cases of polio and Afghanistan has recorded one.

Old friends of our district from Afghanistan—Israr, our Ambassadorial Scholar, and Sherzad, a Group Study Exchange visitor—are actively fighting polio. Their Rotary Club has set up immunization checkpoints at the Pakistan border to prevent refugees from spreading the deadly polio virus into Afghanistan.

Please join us at the district conference and tell us about your club’s efforts to eradicate polio.

Endpolionow.org/resources

Endpolionow.org/donate

Polioeradication.org

Mentoring Leaves Legacy of Caring

By Kathy Beebe, Youth Services Chair

"While youth face enormous challenges, particularly with regard to employment and livelihoods, they nevertheless represent the opportunity of today and tomorrow...This makes it doubly important to invest in them now—making it possible for future generations not only to survive but also thrive." October 2012, USAID"

Every day a young person is recruited by someone to do something. Why not by you? Rotary offers the best youth service opportunities in the world, yet few Rotarians actually participate in the recruitment and mentoring of our young. Knowing that the future of Rotary is dependent upon young men and women of integrity stepping into leadership roles, can you imagine yourself as one who will guide them? Working with youth brings a fresh, vigorous, and spirited perspective to your everyday life.

Youth Service is a high calling in Rotary. It involves taking on the challenge and responsibility of enlisting interested teenagers and young adults into our ranks for early life experience in service above self. Working with teens is often easier than you might think if you consider that most students today are motivated by their power in exercising choice. If we can clearly demonstrate the beneficial activities of our club, we can reasonably expect to harness their enthusiasm. Rebellious attitudes find no traction where performance of service related works are shared by others, young and old, who have made a personal commitment to serve.

Interact, RYLA, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange are the perfect places for students to become a force for good on the earth. Without experienced Rotarians taking part in the development of our youth, young hearts and minds can easily be persuaded to participate in things less worthy. Pictured below are members of the Central Michigan University Rotaract Club.



Many evil and self-serving forces are now active in our world and are aggressively preying on youthful drives and desires to be needed, involved, and respected. Many students are thrilled to be a part of revolutionary change that may generate an evolutionary improvement. Most are searching to find their place in history with a personal sense of significance. All of us enjoy the recognition of relevance and the power of personal accomplishment. Isn't Rotary an organization that can address all of these needs and continue to be a beneficial force in the lives of our communities for both youth and adults?

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Are You Applying for a District Grant?

By Eileen Jennings, The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

Is your club applying for a District Grant for the next Rotary year? Now is the time to plan your project.

The district has \$33,715 available to match club contributions for local or international projects during 2015-2016. Grants for community projects may be for as little as \$500 or as much as \$4,000. Grants for international projects range from \$2,500 to \$4,000. The district will match your club contributions dollar-for-dollar.

District Grant projects must be of a short-term nature with the expectation that they will be completed within nine months of the start date. They may be new, existing, or repeat club projects.

Last year, only 12 clubs applied for District Grant funds. We spent just a portion of the money available. We were shocked that every club did not apply for some of this money, because we know that every club has at least one, and usually several, local community service projects. These grants are a way to double your club money! And the application is simple.

The deadline for applying for funds is June 30. The money will probably not be available until November or December of 2015, and the work on the project may not begin until the money is received. So plan your project to begin next winter or the spring of 2016.

Come to the training to learn more! Training will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 18**, during the District Conference. Another session will be held on **Saturday, April 25** in Bay City, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. One member of the club **must** attend a training session for the club to be eligible for a District Grant.

This year, we are conducting separate training sessions for clubs that plan to apply for District Grants and for Global Grants. However, on Saturday, April 25, we will conduct both training sessions back-to-back. The District Grant training will last from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and the Global Grant training will begin at 10:45 a.m. and run until 12:15 p.m. You may attend one or both sessions.

The Bay City training is at COPOCO Community Credit Union, 4265 E. Wilder Road. Please park on the east side of the building.

It will help in planning if you let Eileen Jennings know that someone from your club plans to attend, but no pre-registration is needed. Please come, and plan to apply for a District Grant for the upcoming Rotary Year. **Be a Gift to the World!** Be a greater gift to the world than your club already is!!

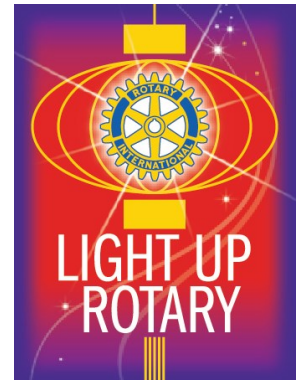
Global Grants Training

Several clubs have told us that they want to apply for a Global Grant during the 2015-2016 Rotary year. To assist these clubs in planning these grants, we are holding a training session on **Saturday, April 25** in Bay City.

Global Grants are larger grants for international projects. Our work in the Dominican Republic has been funded by Global Grants. This past year we also received a Global Grant for a reverse osmosis water project in Guntur, India, and a grant is pending for a water and computer project in Ndola, Zambia.

Global Grants have a wonderful multiplier effect. Your club contributions are multiplied 3½ times! Grant projects must be for a minimum of \$30,000. However, the District matches club and Rotarian contributions dollar-for-dollar, and The Rotary Foundation matches the District contribution in the same way. In addition, The Rotary Foundation matches club and Rotarian contributions 50 cents on the dollar.

District 6310 Conference April 17-18, 2015



Friday Morning	Registration	7:30 a.m. – All Day
	Continental Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	District Assembly Training	9:00 a.m.
Friday Afternoon	Lunch	Noon
	Welcome and Introductions	
	Presentation by Arnie Hammel	
	Speaker: Wayne C. Cusick RI President's Representative	
	Introduction of District 6310 Peace Scholar Jeanne Schaller	
	Introduction of Emily Berry – Forgiveness Project	
	District Business Meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Yellow Rose Ceremony	2:15 p.m.
	Breakout Sessions	
	3:00-3:30 Room E Forgiveness Project – Emily Berry	
	Room F Membership – Rich Fleming	
	Room G Peace Scholar – Jeanne Schaller	
	3:45-4:15 Room E Vocational – Duane Reyhl	
	Room F RYLA/Interact – Krystal Campbell/Kathy Beebe	
	Room G Polio Update – Chuck Cusick	
	4:30-5:00 Room E Youth Exchange – Dianne Rodgers/Youth Exchange	
	Room F Rotaract- Kathy Beebe	
	Room G Public Image – Georgene Hildebrand	
Friday Evening	Social Reception with Cash Bar	5:30 p.m.
	Parade of Flags by Youth Exchange	6:00 p.m.
	Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
	Song - led by Kathy Beebe "Grand Old Flag"	
	Dinner	
	Youth Services – Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotaract	
	Introduction of Peter Ekadu – District 6310 Global Scholar	
	Performance by Emily Berry	
	Speaker: Dr. Jan Pol	

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District 6310 Conference April 17-18, 2015 (continued)

Saturday	Registration	7:30 a.m. – All Day
	Continental Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	Speaker: RPIC Georgene Hildebrand	9:00 a.m.
	Speaker: Peter Ekadu – Global Scholar	
	Breakout Sessions	
	9:45-10:15 Room E Sierra Leone Project - Sandy Hulme	
	Room F ABC's of Foundation – Eileen Jennings	
	Room G Polio Fundraising Ideas – Chuck Cusick	
	10:30-11:00 Room E Sierra Leone Project – Sandy Hulme	
	Room F Improving People's Lives—Cheryl Peterson	
	Room G Membership Ideas – Rich Fleming	
	11:15-11:45 Room E Zambia Project – Paul Siers	
	Room F Rotary Branding – Georgene Hildebrand/Shelley Norris	
	Room G Dominican Republic Trip – Samantha Rogers	
	Lunch	Noon
	“The Boys of 1905”	
	Song – led by Kathy Beebe	
	Welcome, Announcements, Introductions	
	Club Recognitions	
	President Recognitions	
	Rotary Hero Presentations	
	Afternoon Breakout Sessions	2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
	2:30-3:00 Room E Heart Cry International – Carla Ives	
	Room F Native American Regalia – Marcella Hadden	
	Room G District Grants Training I – Grants Committee	
	3:15-3:45 Room E Grief: An Artist's Perspective – Andrea St. John	
	Room F Free Clinic Project—Alma/St. Louis Club	
	Room G District Grants Training II – Grants Committee	
	Break	3:45 p.m.
	Social Reception with Cash Bar	5:00 p.m.
	District Leadership Acknowledgement	5:30 p.m.
	Bay City Anniversary Presentation	
	Welcome	
	Dinner	6:15 p.m.
	Speaker: Geoff Goll, “Why Are We Still Doing This?”	
	Speaker: Wayne C. Cusick, RI President's Representative	
	Closing Remarks by District Governor Dee Brock	

Are You Part of Rotary's Humanitarian Work?

By Eileen Jennings, The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

Almost daily, we read about another tragedy or disaster somewhere in the world. However, as members of the worldwide humanitarian organization of Rotary, we are taking part in the steps to address these tragedies. Every time we donate to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation, we are participating along with the many Rotary volunteers who are directly working to assist those who are homeless, starving, or in need of emergency health care. We may not be able to lend a hand personally, but we know that Rotary volunteers are on the scene, not only to help in the moments of initial crisis, but to stay around and help rebuild lives by rebuilding schools, health clinics, and water and sanitation systems. This brings me comfort and a sense of pride in my Rotary.

Rotarians from our district who have taken part in a polio immunization campaign or who have traveled to the Dominican Republic or India to see first-hand the need and the sustainable solutions to poverty can all share their moving experiences of how we have been able to take action and make a difference because of Rotary and its Foundation!

The motto of our Rotary Foundation is "Doing Good in the World." We can only accomplish our goals to the extent that each one of you, as a Rotarian, continues your commitment to supporting Rotary's programs throughout the world. Each one of you determines which programs to support and what level of funding you can provide. It's up to each one of you to help shape the world's future and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

My personal dream is that every single Rotarian in this district will understand the need to support The Rotary Foundation, every single year, at a level that is *just a little* uncomfortable for them. After all, the needs in our communities and in our world are great today and Rotary needs your continued support—now more than ever!

The founder of The Rotary Foundation, Arch Klumph, said, "No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: what Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we Rotarians do today."

We are approaching the end of this Rotary year. Have you made your contribution to The Rotary Foundation yet? If so, can you make one more contribution? As of April 7, our district's members have given a little over \$92,000 to the Annual Fund and \$35,350 to Polio Plus (over half of this came from the Frankenmuth Club). Our goal for the Annual Fund is \$150,000. Our goal for Polio Plus is that every club will give, and so far 13 clubs have not given anything.

I just wrote another check to The Rotary Foundation. Can you help?

Global Grants Training (continued)

In order to apply for a Global Grant, the lead club must have at least two members of the club complete the Grants Management Seminar. This year, we are separating the training for District Grants from that for Global Grants. The training focusing on Global Grants will be held at COPOCO Community Credit Union in Bay City on **April 25 from 10:45 to 12:15**, after the conclusion of a training session for District Grants. COPOCO is located at 4265 E. Wilder Road. Please park on the east side of the building.

This will be the only training session for Global Grants this spring. If there is demand, we will hold another training seminar in the fall.

If your club is interested in applying for a Global Grant during the 2015-2016 Rotary year, please try to send two members to this Grants Management Seminar.

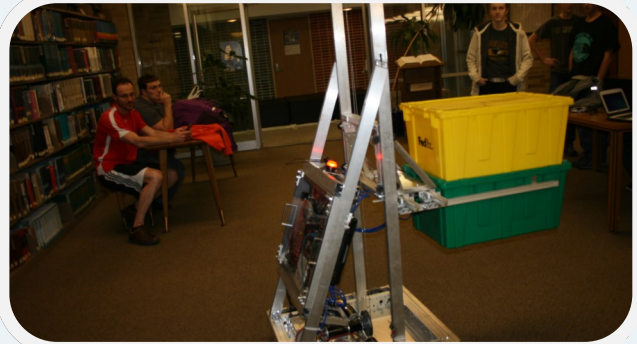
Around the District



Members of the **Caro Rotary Club** are shown with their Rotary Anniversary Cake. (The picture was inadvertently omitted from the March District Dispatch.)

Members of the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** have been working with students from Garber High School in Essexville on a robotics competition.

Shown at left in the photo is Rotary member Shannon Flippin with students and the Robot in operation.



Congratulations to Tom Miles of the **Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club**, shown at left, for receiving his Paul Harris Fellow 4 Award.

On Saturday, March 14, the Thumb Area Center for the Arts and **Caro Rotary Club** (Rotary Night) hosted an evening of murder mystery intrigue, dinner, silent auction, and prizes for great detective work! The Dinner & Mystery took place at the Brentwood Back Room for an evening of laughs and mingling with a top notch cast of area actors who were DYING to entertain us. Attendees supported our hosts with the highest bid on some incredible silent auction items. There was definitely something for everyone at this event!



For our entertainment, we were guests at the final celebration of Georgio Tortoni's life work. His tragic passing meant that his beloved historic winery must be sold! There are many who would have and did kill to own it...plus the valuable land it sits on. The cast of characters (and suspects): an FBI reject, a Texas land developer, Georgios two feuding daughters, his lackey limo driver and executor of his will, and the mamas boy who will do anything to please his money hungry matriarch, entertained and interacted with us throughout the evening. We met them, grilled them for motive, collected the clues, and saw who got killed next! The winner solved the mystery and won a prize of Specialty Winery Wines!

Mallory Rivard, Miss Bay County, recently addressed the **Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish Club**. Mallory's parents are graduates of Pinconning High School. She is pursuing a degree in education at Saginaw Valley State University. Her interests focus on volunteerism and the importance of teaching children to read. She will be competing for the title of Miss Michigan in June in Muskegon. The Miss Michigan winner will then compete for the title of Miss America.

The Miss America organization operates the largest scholarship program for women in the world with \$40 million in the fund. While some people believe these are simply beauty contests, there is considerable stress placed on developing well-rounded individuals with strong skills in things like public speaking and knowledge of current events. The four points on the crown worn by Mallory symbolize the 4-S's of the program – Service, Style, Scholarship, and Success.

Mallory's other interests include tutoring young children and working on the Special Olympics competition to be held April 25th at Bay City Central High School. She recently played the role of Elsa in Frankenmuth as part of the "Breakfast with Elsa" program to raise funds for the Miss Bay County scholarship program.





Representatives of three local organizations selected to receive Rotary Action Grants from the **Owosso Rotary Club** shared their project plans.

Tanya Avery, left, Executive Director of the SafeCenter, described planned improvements to their art therapy program and to their outdoor playground and indoor playroom. Lynn Grubb, Executive Director of Arc Shiawassee, described their Connections after school and Summer Camp programs, including field trips.

Shane Nelson, CEO of the Shiawassee Family YMCA, described the Youth Soccer program. Volunteer opportunities in support of each program were detailed and Rotarians were asked to sign up to help these organizations fulfill their missions of service in the community.

Shown at right is Robert Duran and **Durand Rotary Club** President George Pullen.

Mr. Duran provided a presentation on Curwood Castle where he is director.



The **Pigeon Rotary Club** is getting to know its Rotary Exchange Student, Michelle Vega, before she gets here! Her expected arrival is estimated to be mid-August. Michelle is from Macas, Ecuador. Her sponsoring club is Morona Macas in District 4400. Michelle's father, Kirman, is a civil engineer and her mother, Meybol is an economist, but currently is a stay-at-home mom.

The rest of the family includes older brother, David, 20, younger brother, Kirman, 15, and sister, Anent, 9. Michelle is near the top of her class and her native language is Spanish, but she says she has a fair command of English. From her application letter we find out that she loves rock music and such groups as the Beatles and Rolling Stones. She likes crafts. Michelle likes to study math because she is good with numbers.

"The young people who are serving in Rotaract and Interact, and participating in Youth Exchange and RYLA today, are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization. We are helping to train the men and women who will be the club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow."

RI President Gary Huang

Upcoming Event

The Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club's

2015 Spring Fahrrad Bicycle Tour

May 17, 2015

The **Morning Rotary Club of Frankenmuth** would like to invite all bicycling enthusiasts to participate in their 2015 tour. They are offering three scenic routes to choose from: a 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 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. at the Rittmueller School gym lobby. Tour starting time begins at 8:00 a.m. Riders who are participating in the 100K **MUST** begin by 8:00 a.m.



This year, in celebration of our 30th anniversary, we will have pizza and bottled water at the end of the ride for an after glow party. This is being sponsored by T-Dub's Pizzeria of Frankenmuth and Timber Oaks Landscaping.



Registration fees:

Before May 1, 2015	\$15.00
After May 1, 2015	\$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.

Mentoring Leaves Legacy of Caring (continued)

What is Rotary missing when it comes to recruiting both youth workers and students? Although Rotary has some of the best conceived programs for developing young students, adult volunteers must be willing to serve as mentors, consistently being there and being available. It takes commitment to sacrifice your personal plans and costs you time, patience, and money.

Perhaps we should rethink how our clubs are spending our hard-raised dollars. Are we being effective in achieving the ideals of Rotary? Guiding young lives as they build their future will be more beneficial to our communities than any other specific building project or service effort. With thoughtful guidance, good people generate good works. Spending an extra dollar or two, buying a pizza, a t-shirt, a RYLA scholarship, or an overseas trip might promote the first steps in your club's journey to success. Bringing an exchange student to your local high school is potentially world changing. It will be less noticeable than a plaque with your club's name on it saying "We built this" but the impression and experience of the *Four Way Test* upon young hearts and minds keeps Rotary rolling along.

It's time to bring Youth Services to the forefront of your club's committee and budgetary agendas to fulfill Rotary's role in your community. You can make a huge difference in the local schools simply by sitting down as club members and creating a strategy that includes students from ages 12-30. A plan that includes Interact, RYLA, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange will lead to the success and growth of not only your local club, but to Rotary at the State, National, and International levels.



Interact students (left) and Rotaract students (right) assisted with the Mt. Pleasant beef dinner fund raiser.



As you look into your own heart, simply ask, "Can I be a force for good in the lives of a few kids, to ensure Rotary's future and exemplify the motto *"Service above self"* ? When your response is affirmative, please contact your club president and say that your lifestyle has room to include an hour or two each week to invest in new generations of Rotarians.

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

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| Midland | - 95 years - Chartered April 1, 1920 |
| Frankenmuth | - 76 years - Chartered April 11, 1939 |
| Clare | - 70 years - Chartered April 20, 1945 |
| Bay City Morning | - 25 years - Chartered April 25, 1990 |

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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