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The DG 2015 Tour Continues

My District Governor Club visits have been a great Rotary experience. Our District 6310 Clubs are doing a tremendous amount of good in their communities, in our 18 county District, and around the world.

Every club has its own culture and personality, but they all share the "spirit of Rotary"! I have completed half (16 of 32) club visits as of August 6; and I am looking forward to joining leaders, exchanging ideas, and learning about the exciting activities and achievements of those I will be meeting with soon. Thanks to all of you for your warm welcome and hospitality.



District Governor
Mike Kelly

August is Membership Month and "membership growth and retention" is one of our three major goals.

Visit www.rotary.org to find lots of ideas on how to show your pride. A great place for potential new Rotarians to learn about us and to get involved is at <http://bit.ly/JoinRotary>

District Membership Chair Rich Fleming of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club can also share great ways to promote Rotary membership. He can share with you and your club best practices and fresh ideas that can stimulate new and existing Rotarians.



If you have not yet established a "My Rotary" sign-in at Rotary.org, do it now to learn why we enjoy and are so proud to be members of the world's finest humanitarian service organization. (Editor's Note: Instructions were included with last month's District Dispatch.)

Every one of us has something to give—whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.

"Be a gift to the world"

See you soon,
DG Mike Kelly

Past District Governor Dick Campbell was a Gift to the World!

Posted by PDG Duane Reyhl on the District 6310 Website

"If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right" was Dick's advice to Rotarians. He left a huge hole in the Rotary world when he passed away on Sunday July 26 in Owosso. We will miss him. Our thoughts go out to his wife Kitty, his family, and the Rotary Club of Owosso.

Serving as District Governor during 2001-2002, he brought out the best in all of us. We worked hard, but we had fun. Dick had that way about him. And he made the world a better place. You wanted to be around Dick. People were his business, and he touched all of us. At a Rotary club meeting, District event, or anywhere else, Dick always had a smile--and he made us smile too. What a leader; what a man; what a friend.

Dick leaves an empty space in our District that no one else can fill. His accomplishments were tremendous. We invite all Rotarians to offer their own reflections during upcoming meetings as a tribute to Dick and all he gave to Rotary. Dick, you were a true gift to the world. Thank you for inspiring us. You now fly with the angels.



PDG Dick Campbell

Significant First Anniversary

By Chair Chuck Cusick



July 24, 2015 marked one year since a child was last paralyzed by wild poliovirus in Nigeria. In 2007, Nigeria recorded over 1000 cases. This shows us that when a country decides to marshal its forces, great results can occur. Rotarians donated over two million dollars to this effort. At least two more years must pass without a case of wild poliovirus for Nigeria to be certified polio-free.

The polio eradication effort will continue to need our help. There have been only 34 cases of polio this year. Pakistan has recorded 28, and Afghanistan 6.

Are you passing the "Change" jar each week? Has your club made plans for World Polio Day October 24? How about another "Pizza for Polio" promotion?

Take action to END POLIO NOW. Visit www.endpolionow.org

Greetings Rotarians:

Rod Bieber here of the Saginaw Downtown Club.

District Governor Mike Kelly has asked me to help out this year with our District 6310 giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. You will be hearing from me throughout the Rotary year reminding you about the Annual Fund.

We have just come off of a fabulous 2014-15 year of giving to the Annual fund and Polio Plus. Let's keep the momentum into 2015-2016.

Remember that our giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund supports not only international projects around the globe but also will bring 50% of those dollars back to District 6310 three years from now. We will certainly have humanitarian, water, health, literacy, and more projects in 2018 and beyond. Now is our opportunity to start funding those 2018 yet-to-be-determined worthy projects in 2015!

What is that saying?...Many hands make light work? Many hands are needed and yours are among them.

If you are already a donor, thank you, and please continue to contribute in 2015-16. If you are not yet a contributor to the Annual Fund, why not? Why not make 2015-16 your year to come on board and be part of the solution by giving what you can?



The Rotary Foundation Quiz: (Answers may be found on Page 9)

What is EREY?

What is a Sustainer? .

What is a Paul Harris Fellow or PHF?

What is the Paul Harris Society or PHS?

The Rotary Foundation is our best opportunity to make a significant difference in the world by each of us giving just a little.

Have a wonderful Rotary year 2015-2016, and please consider The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund as a recipient of your donations!

Rod Bieber,
District 6310 Annual Fund

"...in Rotary, what is our product? It is education, water, health, and peace. It is hope, and it is life itself. For this work, only our best is good enough. I ask you all to remember this — and to do your very best to *Be a Gift to the World*.

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

“PEACE IS THE NEW ART”

By Rotary Peace Scholar Jeanne Lound Schaller

This statement was made with conviction by PRIP Bhaichai Rattakul, founder of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program when he welcomed our class of 18 Fellows at the Bangkok Rotary Centre. Since the Israel/Palestine situation has often been discussed and since one of the Fellows is from Palestine, I invite you to read these stories and see if you agree with Bhaichai.

Two Jewish women were interviewed by a U.S. reporter as the Palestinian Authority’s administration in the Gaza Strip began under the terms of the Oslo peace accords. One lived in New York City, the other in a settlement in the northern Gaza Strip. The first was incensed: “Jews living in Gaza must stay. They must insist that Israel provide troops to defend them. They must hold true to the dream. We conquered that land; we must keep it!” The second woman laughed: “Why should we continue to live on a piece of land here in Gaza that has been negotiated to belong to the Palestinians just because someone in New York thinks we should? It is easy for her to insist that we hang on. I am ready to move back into Israel and raise my children. If we’re ever going to live in peace, we have to make some compromises. Of course I loved my home in Gaza. I am sorry that I am one of the people who has to move. But if this is the way to peace, then let’s get on with it.” (*Do No Harm* - Mary B. Anderson)

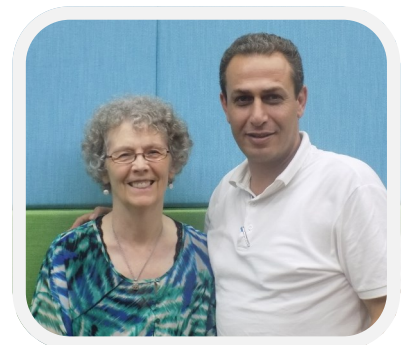
The second woman, to me, demonstrates an example of Bhaichai’s belief. Art: the expression or application of human creative skills. Compromise. Is that art? The willingness to reflect on decades-old practices that do not resolve conflict and then to changing our thinking. Is that art? The courage to sacrifice something we value in order to create something better not just for ourselves but for others, even those who have been labeled as enemies. Is that art? The “expression or application of human creative skills” made by those in the midst of current conflict can help us decide.

Dr. Jamil Alfaleet, lives in Gaza with his family. He teaches conflict resolution and is Director of International Affairs at Gaza University. Jamil believes in a one-state solution to the Israel/Palestinian conflict because both sides will benefit from sharing Jerusalem, water resources, energy, and the land. For him, the requirements for peace include developing a strategy of consensus that would strengthen their mutual dependencies and cooperative linkages. The basic requirement for this would be development of economic prosperity for both communities because lacking this, there can’t be peace. This would provide a basis for overcoming mistrust, paranoia, and defensiveness. Also, if technologically-sophisticated Israel would invest in development of Palestine’s economy and if Palestine would encourage Arab countries to end the economic boycott of Israel and promote commercial transactions, both would help create a climate for resolving the conflict.

Jamil does not harbor hatred for Israelis. He believes that at some point there will be a lasting peace agreement and that each of us is the basic element of change. “My grandfather and my father died in the wars. If my son would have a future, I will be happy to forgive what happened in the past.. We cannot continue on living with memories. We have a future to develop.”

Combatants for Peace/There is Another Way, initiated by Israeli and Palestinians, may be another example of art. At the joint annual Memorial Day gathering to honor all who have died in the wars, Muhamad Najjar reflected: “Between the pain of those who have gone and the fear of those who may yet pay with their lives, we come together to say enough pain and enough war and stress, that peace is the only solution to stop the killing.”

Yet another possible example of the expression or application of human creative skills is “Blood Relations: Israeli-Palestinian Blood Donations”. I invite you to watch this 8-minute You Tube video and see what you think.



**Jeanne Lound Schaller
and Dr. Jamil Alfaleet**

Around the District



The **Pigeon Rotary Club** has been combining the mowing of Rotary Hill in town along with the roadside cleanup for the past few years followed by a social time at member Michelle Hill's house. This year it was on July 6.

Featured in the picture at left is Jeff Leipprandt with the tractor that was a big help in mowing the lower part of the hill.

Pictured left to right: President Elect Brian Edwards, Kent Shetler, and President Troy Leipprandt, did the most difficult part of the trimming.



Jeff Leipprandt stands on top of the hill supervising the efforts!



Pictures courtesy of Terry Lutz

Harmony Nowlin inducts two Alma College employees as new Rotarians in the **Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club**.

From left to right, Past President Harmony Nowlin, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Opportunity Kirsten Simmons, and Vice President for Finance and Administration Todd Friesner.



On July 30, 2015, the **Rotary Club of Pinconning and Standish** presented its plan to sponsor a Saginaw Bay Nature Festival in April 2016 to highlight the natural features and creatures that make this area one of the treasures of Michigan.

Components of the festival would include the following:

1. A Nature Art Competition concerning subjects related to the Saginaw Bay region. School children and adults will be invited to submit their work. Pinconning, Standish-Sterling, AuGres-Sims, and Arenac Eastern students would be eligible to participate;
2. A bird identification derby concentrating on shorebirds and migrating waterfowl seen along the bay. Guided birding tours of wildlife-rich public sites in the area will be provided;
3. An Environmental Proposal Competition in which students will be invited to identify a local environmental issue, then develop a proposal to address the issue. If feasible, the Rotary Club will spearhead an effort to implement the winning proposal. Students from the four school districts listed above would be eligible to participate;
4. Nature seminars will be provided to the public on a variety of topics, such as the ecology of the Saginaw Bay, wildlife photography, landscaping for wildlife, the wonder of migration, Saginaw Bay – waterfowl capital of Michigan, and other nature-related matters. Some of the programs may also be presented at schools.



In a collaborative effort for Midland Riverdays, the **Midland Rotary Club** and the **Midland Morning Rotary Club** raised over \$6,300 at their recent fund raiser. After expenses, the clubs will net approximately \$4,000 for funding for Community Needs. Way to go!!!



Upcoming Events



**18TH ANNUAL MIDLAND
ROTARY GOLF CUP**
Midland County Country Club
Traditional 4 Ball Scramble
(Winning Team **MUST** defend the
Rotary Cup in 2016!)

Golf \$100.00 per person	#	\$
Dinner only \$25 per person	#	\$
Contribution, unable to play	#	\$
Total Donation	#	\$

Team Members:

Name

**Midland
Rotary**



August 31, 2015

12:00 - 12:45 Registration

1:00 — 5:30 Golf

5:30 - Dinner

Proceeds are for the Rotary Youth Exchange Fund (Charles Moss Scholarship) which helps high school students study in other countries through the Rotary program.

Please fill out form and return to:
Matt Granzo

115 Jerome Street, Midland MI 48640

mattg@arburyins.com

Deadline: August 14, 2015

Make checks payable to: **Midland
Rotary Foundation**

Phone Number

Get your team registered today!
\$85 per golfer

☐ Cost of foursome is included in my sponsorship

Player One (main contact)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player Two

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player Three

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Player Four

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please mail entry and check to:
 Rotary Golf, Attn: Gary Fahndrich
 5789 State Street, Suite 1
 Saginaw, MI 48603

Checks should be made payable to
 Rotary club of Saginaw



Saginaw Rotary Club
 5789 State Street, Suite 1
 Saginaw, MI 48603

Saginaw Rotary Club Fundraiser Golf Scramble



**Friday,
 September 18, 2015**

**Saginaw Country Club
 Saginaw, MI**



SAGINAW ROTARY CLUB FUNDRAISER GOLF SCRAMBLE

Friday, September 18

**Saginaw Country Club
 4465 Gratiot | Saginaw, MI**

**Sponsorship Registration
 YES, I want to sponsor**

Company: _____
 Contact: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Schedule:

Registration 8:30-9:30 am
 Golf Tips 9:00-9:30 am
 Shot Gun Start 10:00 am
 Lunch at the Turn
 Dinner Immediately Following Golf

**Team Fees \$340
 Per Person \$85**

Includes:
 18 Holes of Golf with Cart
 BBQ Lunch
 Italian Dinner
 Beverage Tickets
 Teaching Tips

Proceeds Benefit:

Dictionary Project
 Promoting Literacy
 Clean Water
 Polio Eradication

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ☐ Tee - \$100
☐ Cart - \$750 (foursome included)
☐ Beverage - \$1,000 (foursome included)
☐ Dinner - \$1,250 (foursome included)

Major Sponsors:



Please mail registration and check to:

Rotary Golf, Attn: Gary Fahndrich
 5789 State Street, Suite 1
 Saginaw, MI 48603



UPDATES TO 2015-2016 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Millington Rotary Club Secretary Lisa Hebner, Irrhebner@tds.net, phone 989-871-3664

Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club President Amanda Schafer (Please delete the cell phone number in the directory)

Owosso Rotary Club, sharing secretarial duties are Tim Atkinson (in the Directory) and Chris Newell, cnewell@shiawassee.net, Home phone 989-720-1871; Cell phone 989-666-1871

Oscoda Rotary Club Secretary Mary Beth Fauchs is stepping down after 40 years of service. New secretary will be Terry Michaelis; t.michaelis@att.net; Home phone 989-739-9345

The Rotary Foundation Quiz

What is EREY?

That is correct, "Every Rotarian Every Year." In short Every Rotarian gives something, anything, every year.

What is a Sustainer?

Correct again, a Rotarian who contributes \$ 100 throughout the Rotary year.

What is a Paul Harris Fellow or PHF?

Again you got it right!

A Rotarian who contributes a cumulative total of \$ 1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation over their lifetime.

What is the Paul Harris Society or PHS?

Yes, a Rotarian who commits to giving \$ 1,000 or more **every** year to the Rotary Foundation.

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

Breckenridge - 77 years - Chartered August 30, 1938

Millington - 75 years - Chartered August 31, 1940



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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