



Be a gift to the world

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DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Rotary International has designated December as **Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**. This is one of the six areas of focus for our Rotary Foundation efforts.

The Rotary Foundation

Our six areas of focus

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

...to do good in the world

Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. – a District 6310 focus. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges and to set an example for others to follow.

In this month of celebration of Christmas and the end of another year, the “six areas of focus” have never been more important. Starting with Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, they all interconnect to make a safer, healthier, and better world.

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Notes from DG Mike (continued)

Consider for a moment all of the good things that happen to make the world a better place as a result of our contributions as evidenced in these examples and make a commitment to support The Rotary Foundation – Do it now and “be a gift to the world”! **Thanks for all you do for Rotary!**

My most sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year!



**District Governor
Mike Kelly**

Presidents Elect Pre-PETS Training Session

February 13 or 20, 2016

By District Governor Elect Cheryl Peterson

What:	Pre-PETS training
Who:	Presidents Elect and Spouses/Partners
Where:	COPOCO Credit Union, 4265 Wilder Road, Bay City
When:	February 13 or 20, 2016. 9 a.m. to 12 noon

To help you prepare for your year as club president, we have created a Pre-PETS training session for all Presidents Elect. This session has grown out of our experience at PETS in the recent past where not enough time has been available to address the “must know” information.

These dates have been selected to closely follow the International Assembly for District Governors Elect so you will receive the most recent information that will impact your year as club president. This session will focus heavily on planning for your year, meeting facilitation, engaging members, and sharing district priorities. Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a laptop or tablet for yourself as our working session will be electronically based.

Please note that you may choose which of the above dates work best in your schedule---you only attend one session. We have selected February 27 as a winter weather make-up day if needed. More specific agenda and registration information for both you and your spouse will be coming soon. Please mark your calendars today!!

“As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of caring, kindness, and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we become and remain *a Gift to the World.*”

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Having Fun at the Ninth Foundation Gala

By Chair Eileen Jennings

Over 200 Rotarians and guests celebrated our district's accomplishments at the Ninth Annual Rotary Foundation Gala at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth on November 20. This was a record high attendance.

Guests started arriving early so they could have plenty of time to visit with old and new friends. Maintaining friendships seems to be one of the major drawing cards. This year, large numbers of Rotaractors, Interactors, and Youth Exchange students joined us for the evening.

Immediate Past District Governor Dee Brock presented awards to the top giving clubs and top membership growth clubs of 2014-15. These clubs are shown in a side bar to this article.

Members of the Paul Harris Society (\$1,000 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation), the Bequest Society (pledge of at least \$10,000 in estate plan), and Major Donors (cumulative giving to the Foundation exceeding \$10,000) were honored, with special attention to those new this year to one of these three groups.

Peace was a repeated theme of the evening's talks. Jeanne Schaller reported on her successful experience as a Rotary Peace Scholar in Thailand and her thoughts on the importance of continuing to promote peace.

The keynote address was provided by Stephanie Urchick, an immediate Past Rotary International Foundation Trustee and chair of the upcoming Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee. Stephanie reminded us of the importance of our humanitarian work in bringing about world peace. She encouraged us to plan to attend the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta when Rotary will observe the end of the 100th year of The Rotary Foundation.

After the visiting, and before the presentations and speeches, everyone enjoyed what they have come to expect: a fabulous dinner provided by Zehnder's. Back by popular demand was baked chicken, along with new dishes including beef brisket, delicious soup, salad, and dessert.

Thanks to all who made this event a success – those who assisted with the program, members of the Frankenmuth Morning Club who registered all attendees, Norma Roenicke for music, and of course Bill Parlbeg, John Zehnder, and Danielle Wood at Zehnder's.

Make your plans now to attend our Tenth Gala next year on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Annual Fund Banner Recognition Awards

1st place - Rotary Club of **Saginaw Sunrise**
\$212.12 per member

2nd place - Rotary Club of **Cass City**
\$208.62 per member

3rd place - Rotary Club of **Frankenmuth**
\$205.61 per member

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY Banner) (Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100 or higher)

Rotary Club of **Bad Axe**

Rotary Club of **Durand**

Rotary Club of **Frankenmuth Morning**

Rotary Club of **Oscoda**

Rotary Club of **Shepherd**

Polio Certificate of Achievement

Rotary Club of **Alma-St. Louis**

Rotary Club of **Bad Axe**

Rotary Club of **Bay City**

Rotary Club of **Frankenmuth**

Rotary Club of **Ithaca**

Rotary Club of **Mt. Pleasant**

Rotary Club of **Oscoda**

Rotary Club of **Pigeon**

Rotary Club of **Saginaw**

Membership Awards 2014-15

Rotary Club of **Durand** – highest growth

Rotary Club of **Midland** – most new members

Rotary Club of **Midland Morning** – highest growth rate of female members

Rotary Club of **Oscoda** – highest growth rate of members under the age of 40

Rotary Club of **Pinconning & Standish** – highest retention rate over the past 3 years

100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs during the 2014--15 Rotary Year

Rotary Club of **Bay City**

Rotary Club of **Chesaning**



Chair Eileen Jennings, DG Mike Kelly, (3) award recipients,
DG-E Cheryl Peterson, Annual Fund Chair Rod Bieber



Proud Award Recipients



PDG Ruby Iwamasa
& DG Mike Kelly



CMU Rotaract Club & Student Guests

Thank you to Photographer Yichao Liu of
the CMU Rotaract Club for Gala photos.

Photos were also obtained from the
Midland Rotary Club newsletter.



VTT Chair Lynn Mischley,
AG Steve Wildes, and Jim Nigro

Giving is a Contact Sport!

By Annual Fund Chair Rod Bieber



We Rotarians make “contact” with those who benefit from our giving. Sometimes our contact is individually recognized. Other times we remain anonymous. When we give to The Rotary Foundation we are recognized by Rotary. However, our beneficiaries know and care only that their water filter, polio vaccine, sanitation system, meals, shelter came from Rotary. We individual Rotarians remain anonymous to most of the people who benefit from our generosity. We benefit collectively from knowing that our giving has made a difference in the world.

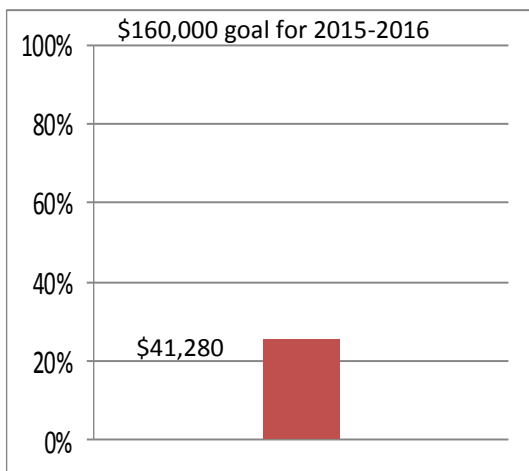
But giving is never done. Giving should not become a “spectator” sport. We must resist the temptation to retire to the stands and be content to watch other Rotarians do our Rotary giving for us just because we have reached our own individual goal.

Already given to the Rotary Foundation this year? Great! Now think about that one extra water filter Rotary might be able to provide if we all pitch in another \$1, \$2, \$5. How about one more hungry child fed, another vaccine administered, one more lesson in proper hand washing. All made possible by giving beyond our comfort zone.

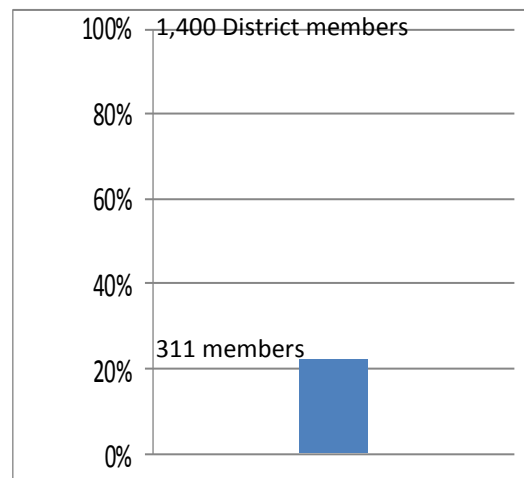
Already a Paul Harris Fellow? Fantastic! Could you perhaps see yourself as a Paul Harris Fellow +1, +2,...?

Let’s stay in the game and make our Rotary giving a real contact sport all the way to June 30th. Goals are not resting places. Goals are meant to be celebrated and then immediately surpassed. Let’s make this the year that we Rotarians each exceed our Club and individual goals toward The Rotary Foundation!

Annual Fund Progress Report



Annual Fund Contributions as of 12/01/15



Contributing Members as of 12/01/15

The Shot Felt 'Round the World

By Polio Plus Chair Chuck Cusick

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. So far this year, 60 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) compared to 316 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

You may have seen in recent news reports that Ukraine has identified two cases of circulating vaccine-derived polio virus. Ukraine has been at risk because of very low vaccination coverage.

Each Assistant Governor has been given a copy of the DVD "The Shot Felt 'Round the World," an inspiring story about Jonas Salk and his team as they develop the first polio vaccine. The DVD contains a 65 minute documentary, a 32 minute version, and a 3 minute trailer. Please show this to your members.

Chuck Cusick, 989-667-7990, is available to give a presentation on polio to your club.

PETS Registration

By District Governor Elect Cheryl Peterson

PETS registration for 2016 is now available online. The website for registration is www.GreatLakesRotaryPETS.org where you will find event and lodging information. The registration fee for Presidents Elect (PEs) is underwritten by our district, including conference meals; however, each President Elect must complete a registration form and is responsible for personal lodging arrangements. All other attendees must complete the registration form as well as submit the conference fee.

PETS 2016 will be March 10-12 and once again held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Early registration will help assure lodging in the conference hotel.

PETS will provide you, as President Elect, with much information and training for a successful year as club president. You will have access to trainers and speakers who will bring you great information and inspiration. And you will have opportunity to grow the relationships begun at Pre-PETS in February. This training session and Pre-PETS (February 13 or 20) are requirements for all Presidents Elect.

President Nominees are encouraged to attend PETS and will have opportunity to participate in Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part I on Friday, March 11.

Register soon!!

Give the Gift of Rotary

(an excerpt from the newsletter of the Rotary Club of Midland)

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people — children, families, and entire communities — benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. When you give to Rotary, you enable local leaders to create sustainable solutions to their community's most pressing needs.

Although Rotary gives back in countless ways, we focus our service efforts in six areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. With your support we can do even more. By making a gift of any size, you can be part of this positive change.

WHAT YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS

\$10 MOSQUITO BED NET - Bed nets provide a safe, peaceful night's rest in countries like Uganda, where malaria is a major health concern.

\$15 POLIO VACCINES Polio is still a crippling threat to children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A gift of just \$15 helps protect children for life.

\$25 SCHOOL UNIFORM

Succeeding in school starts with dressing the part. The gift of a school uniform can open the doors to education for a child.

\$50 WATER FILTER

In rural Guatemala, deadly waterborne diseases are common. Personal water filters offer simple, sustainable access to clean water.

\$85 BUSINESS CLASSES

Business classes give low-income entrepreneurs in the U.S. skills to increase their sales, hire additional employees, and spend more time with their families.

\$100 SEWING MACHINE

Sewing machines are used to teach entrepreneurs the skills they need to launch a business. Microloans and training ensure the business is sustainable.

\$200 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Newborns start their lives healthy when hospitals have vital medical equipment to care for babies in their first moments of life.

\$500 DAIRY COW

In addition to providing dairy products, cows produce calves that farmers in Cambodia can sell to support their families.

\$1,000 CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

When high school students have the skills to resolve conflict, they can build a peaceful and more secure future for themselves and for their communities.

What gift will you give?

District Governor Nominee Pat Post advises this year, The Rotary Foundation moved up 35 spots to 85th in the Chronicle of Philanthropy's ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. We recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation can be made by midnight, December 31, 2015. If you pay by credit card, fax to 847-328-5260. For security reasons do not make an online donation. You can also mail to Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693, or make wire transfers initiated prior to December 31, 2015.

Around the District



Polio Plus Chair Chuck Cusick recently provided a program to the **Rotary Club of Durand**.

Pictured at left are President Mary Warner-Stone and Chuck.

Members are encouraged to visit the following websites for more information: endpolionow.org/resources or polioeradication.com.

The **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** recognized the following members for perfect attendance:

4 years—Carol Santini

8 years—Kathy Beebe and Eileen Jennings

13 years—Tom Miles

18 years—Rich Fleming

35 years—Bob Wheeler

50 years!—Ken Schaefer



On December 3, 2015, the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish**, heard a presentation by Jessica Gregory, Prevention & Outreach Specialist with the Bay Area Women's Center, on services provided by the agency in Arenac County.

Jessica stated that until the 1960's domestic violence was considered a private family matter but by 1975 most states had enacted laws to deal with the problem. That was the year the Bay Area Women's Center was created to serve Bay and Arenac counties. Jessica said that domestic abuse is the leading cause of women's homelessness and is a leading contributor to juvenile delinquency.



PDG Dee Brock, former club president Jean Saxon, and Jessica Gregory

Gena Gates, member of the Northern Bay & Arenac (Pinconning & Standish) Rotary Club shared a link to an article on CNBC's website, talking about the Top 10 charities that are changing the world in 2015. Share with your friends and neighbors so they know you are part of a great organization that is making a positive difference in the world every day.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2015/12/01/the-top-10-charities-changing-the-world-in-2015.html?slide=7>



The **Ithaca Rotary Club** presented Pat Duffy from the Gratiot Optimist Club a \$300 check to use to purchase coats, hats, and boots for area needy children. Kim Hodge, Ithaca Rotary President, presented the check.



Ithaca Rotary member Marci Browne was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award at a recent meeting. The Ithaca Rotary Club purchased the award for the outstanding service she has given to the club.



The **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** recently presented a check for \$2,500 to Junior Achievement—the sponsored organization for the club's annual Driathlon.

Shown at left are Mike Debo, JA Representative Jen Carpenter, Shawn Sullivan, and Club President Ken Piotrowski.

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** gave a big thank you to the 15 Rotarians, most first time helpers, who distributed food to those in need with the Thumb BreadBasket bi-monthly food distribution. Many assisted people through the line to get their food and then helped them carry it to their cars. The numbers are impressive: 34K pounds of food stuffs, much of which was delivered to the needy. The rest was taken to the food pantries in the area.

There were 322 families, including 1,118 individuals helped, including 67 families who had not received help before. It was the largest distribution day ever for Thumb Breadbasket.

One of the delightful happenings was having those being helped, once they got their distribution, come back to help others.

The Rotary Leadership Institute

Great Lakes Division

Rotary Districts 6290, 6310, 6360, 6380 and 6540 have partnered to bring this outstanding leadership and member retention program to our communities.

The program is presented in three parts to be taken sequentially. Each full-day program is presented throughout our five districts. All content is presented in the interactive facilitated discussion method with no lecture. Facilitators are district leaders. Content covers all elements of Club Leadership Plan, teambuilding and more!

2016 Upcoming Dates and Locations:

Saturday, April 9 Ann Arbor, MI

Friday, April 29 Owosso, MI (in District 6310)

Saturday, May 14 Shipshewana, IN

Friday, July 29, Jackson, MI

Friday, September 16, Cadillac, MI

Saturday, October 1, Farmington, MI

The fee of \$75 per session includes breakfast, lunch, training materials, and certificate.

Register online at: www.rligreatlakes.org

For more information: www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

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Please Note:

District 6310 is pleased to include notices of upcoming club events in the District Dispatch. Send your information and/or flyer to connie.rotary6310@gmail.com by the 5th of the month prior to your event.

Mass mailings to all members of District 6310 are reserved for District events.

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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