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Rotary Starts a New Year

Welcome to our new Rotary Year which began on July 01, from **Mike Kelly (Rotary Club of Alpena) District Governor (DG) 2015-2016** and your entire leadership team!



District Governor
Mike Kelly

First, I want to congratulate now **Immediate Past District Governor Dee Brock** for her outstanding leadership and service to all of us during her term. She certainly did **"Light up Rotary"**! We likely have set record levels of Rotary Foundation and Polio Fund giving during her term. Thank you Dee! She continues to inspire us all to "Do good in the world." In addition to her Immediate Past District Governor responsibilities she will serve as District 6310 Trainer this year.

Our Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran of Sri Lanka has selected as our theme this year – **"Be a gift to the world."** A great verbalization with which to continue our "Service above Self." As Rotarians, we need to "Pay it forward."

Our primary focus will be on:

- Membership Development and Retention
- Foundation Giving
- Humanitarian Service

Accomplishments in all three areas have been increasing each year, and we need to continue that trend. This year for the Presidential Citation, all plans, tracking and achievements will be measured by input to Rotary Club Central. It is essential to keep our Individual club information accurate and up-to-date in ClubRunner and Rotary Club Central. Speak with your club president for more information about the Presidential Citation.

Our website www.rotary6310.org has been updated and includes a link to our Facebook page. The District 6310 Directory is both online and available in hard copy.

District Governor club visits have started, and I am personally experiencing the wonderful culture, personality, and great Rotary spirit that is unique to each club. No wonder all our Past District Governors say that the best part of the DG responsibility is the club visits!

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DG Mike's Remarks (continued)

Speaking of Past District Governors, we celebrated Dee Brock's exceptional year and installed Mike Kelly at The Bay City DoubleTree Hotel on Thursday, July 9. Eleven Past District Governors were present for the annual "Passing of the Gavel." It was a great evening! One of the former Governors thought Mike got a little long winded, but with all the great things Rotarians do in our District 6310 and our potential for even more, it was hard not to!



Dee Brock and Mike Kelly

Be sure to visit www.rotary.org and sign in to "My Rotary" to review all the new and exciting happenings Rotarians are doing—including a new Global Rewards program with discounts on travel, hotels, dining, services, and more. (Instructions are being sent separately with this newsletter.)

Our district is very fortunate to have such outstanding and dedicated leaders in the key areas of The Rotary Foundation, Polio Eradication, Membership, Humanitarian Service, Youth Service, Youth Exchange, and Public Image. They are always willing to visit your club and present ways you can "Be a gift to the world." Contact them directly and schedule a program soon. You will certainly learn of new opportunities to do good in the world. Remember, Mike says **"If you can do more, you should"**—whether that is in your community, your district, or around the world.

Present and Past District Governors



Sitting: Al Slaggert, Gus Brauetigam, Dalton Coe, and Bill Parlberg

Back Row: Eileen Jennings, Mike Kelly, Dee Brock, Al Nietzke, Duane Reyhl, Bob Chadwick, and Georgene Hildebrand

Present at the dinner but missing from the picture: Jerome Yantz

Incredible Success! Congratulations to all!!

By Chair Eileen Jennings

I am so excited! I can hardly contain myself. I am so proud to be a Rotarian in District 6310 and to have served this past year under District Governor Dee Brock.

Our clubs and members contributed a total of **\$153,881.83** to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation for 2014-2015!!! This is a magnificent result. Thank you to all Rotarians and clubs for their gifts to our Rotary Foundation. These gifts allow us to expand our District Grant program and our Global Grants around the world.

In addition, our clubs and members gave a total of **\$42,948.33** to Polio Plus! This more than doubles the amount we gave last year. We can all thank Chuck Cusick for re-instilling enthusiasm in us for eradicating polio, but it took all of you to make the results real.

Thirty-one clubs gave to the Annual Fund, and 27 clubs contributed to Polio Plus. Give yourselves a pat on the back.



Don't forget about The Object of Rotary

By Ken Henry (reprinted from the *Owosso Rotary Review*)

While we don't talk about it much and from time to time we hang the "other banner"; our purpose as Rotary is eloquently stated in The Object of Rotary. Here are some personal reflections of what this means to me.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; Over my years in Rotary I've developed many great friendships with people I might not otherwise have come to know; people within our club, in the other three area clubs and throughout the district—people whom I've been able to assist professionally and people who have helped me in countless ways.

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; In my career I've had the good fortune to work for a business that places honesty in all we do as paramount. Since that philosophy is at the heart of Rotary, exchanging ideas with like-minded professionals within Rotary reinforces why holding ourselves to the highest standards is so important.

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; At the core of every business is service. Service above Self simply says it all.

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. Reaching outside of ourselves and stretching beyond our own business and occupation, Rotary enables us to impact the world in a way that individually we might never be able to achieve. Strength in numbers is never more evident than in the power of Rotary to engage people worldwide and change lives. We are much more than a once-a-week lunch group. While the Four Way Test provides we Rotarians with a memorable and succinct motto as a guide, The Object of Rotary clearly spells out what we stand for and who we are.

Polio Plus Contributions

By Chair Chuck Cusick



We have completed another successful Rotary year. Our district has contributed over \$40,000 towards the eradication of Polio from our world. This will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. We can be proud of our efforts.

Congratulations to the Frankenmuth Club for leading our gifts with \$17,500. They were followed by the Rotary Club of Bay City with a gift of \$3,963.80. The Pigeon Club followed at \$2,316.70. Thanks to all for their efforts.

Let's continue using the "change" jars this next Rotary year. **The Change in your Pocket can Change a life.**

From The Rotary Foundation:

Polio Plus is now more than just about polio. The extensive polio-eradication infrastructure created by Rotary, its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, governments, and health ministries provide a model for saving millions of people from vaccine preventable deaths. The massive infrastructure that has been created encompasses millions of trained health workers as well as best practices and knowledge, which now can be used to combat other infectious diseases and to undertake other critical health interventions.

Detailed micro-planning and mapping, the tracking of migrant groups, social mobilization programs, and systematic training and employment of vaccination teams can now be applied to other health initiatives. The network now used in the surveillance of polio cases can be used to handle other diseases, including measles, tetanus, meningitis and yellow fever. It has also assisted in the global response to the outbreak of SARS, to floods in Pakistan, and to the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Most recently, Nigeria used the infrastructure and surveillance system to end the deadly Ebola outbreak. For 30 years, Rotarians have worked to eradicate polio from 99% of the world. That effort has not only ended polio in 122 countries, but has also created a roadmap for the world to tackle a myriad of other health priorities.

"When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Peace Scholar Jeanne Lound Schaller



Here is our group of 18 Peace Fellows. A smaller group than originally accepted, but some had to postpone their program until later. We are from Australia, Kenya, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Germany, Nepal, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Japan, The Netherlands, and Palestine. A very interesting group of people. For this picture we were asked to dress in traditional clothing as we were meeting local Rotarians. The person who spoke is 90 and was instrumental in getting this program started—the only one of it's kind in the Rotary Peace Center program. What an honor to meet him.

Friday we each gave presentations on how we are working with conflict. I spoke about teaching nonviolent conflict resolution skills in schools. That was a very good way for us to get to know each other better.

I'm adjusting quite well to this 30 degrees + (mostly plus!) Celsius. From my balcony I can look out over the city. Our accommodations are new and very nice and we can walk to the Rotary Peace Center in a few minutes.

Love and Peace,

Jeanne

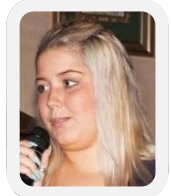


Rotary Youth Exchange



Lynne Mischley, Outbound Recruitment Facilitator for our District, recently visited the Mt. Pleasant Club. Lynne updated the club on the Youth Exchange Program of Rotary International. She pointed out, through the example of two students she brought with her, the impact on the lives of the students, as well as on our lives as we become involved with them. The cost to the student to go overseas for the year is about \$4,000 to \$6,000

Ana Zambenedi is an exchange student from Brazil. She presented on her experience here in the United States in flawless English. Ana indicated that there are students in our District from Brazil, Turkey, Indonesia, Czech Republic, Thailand, and other locations. Her presentation focused on the things she was able to do while she was in the United States.



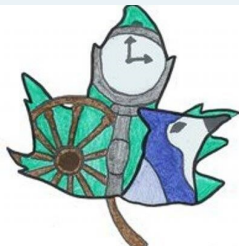
Brandon Ryan is a re-bouncer exchange student from Midland who went to Taiwan on his exchange. He described himself as being a very shy computer guy who was forced out of his comfort zone during his year. It changed his life and he is now majoring in Computer and Chinese. He sang a Chinese song for the club. He has gone a long way toward getting over his shyness! He also shared a slide show of his exchange year.

Around the District



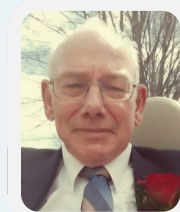
The **Vassar Rotary Club** recently conducted its installation of officers for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

Pictured from left to right are: Carl Miller, Tina Bacon (Treasurer), Merri Lemcke (Vice President), Roger Bacon (President), District Governor Mike Kelly, Jason Gilles (Secretary), Gene Urcan (President Elect), and Herb Albrecht.



Tom Tolkendorf, **Rotary Club of Shepherd**, was selected as the Grand Marshal for the 2015 Maple Syrup Parade.

Tom has been very active working "behind the scenes" at many of the Maple Syrup festivities.



The **Sebewaing Rotary Club** announced their 2015-2016 Officers at their Tuesday, June 30, 2015 Meeting.

Outgoing President Phil Dast handed the Bell and Gavel to Incoming President Brian Reinhardt and Brian, in turn, presented Phil with a Past President's Gavel Plaque.

Incoming officers include Vice-President Melanie McCoy, Treasurer Denise Boucher; Secretary Kris Jahr, and Sergeant-at-Arms Adam Chambers.



Pigeon Rotarians and family members get around the world as this note from Penny St. Cyr shows:

"Our **Pigeon Rotary Club** was proudly represented at the annual Suva Rotary Club installation dinner in Fiji last night. Shea St. Cyr attended and presented the incoming President with our club's flag, and Shea was presented with a return flag."



Outgoing **Owosso Rotary Club** President Matt Hufnagel, second from left, recognized his cabinet with certificates of excellence. Among the most notable were Laura Davis and Tim Atkinson. Davis was recognized for completing her service as club treasurer and Atkinson for completing his service as club secretary. Both will stay involved as assistants.



On June 9, 2015, the **Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club** formally dedicated this year's community service project, the landscaping of the band shell in Doc Letchfield Park.

Prior to the season's first "Tuesdays in the Park" concert, a brief ceremony was held at the band shell where Incoming Rotary President Dan Couveau thanked the Saginaw Correctional Facility and the Arenac Conservation District for providing the trees and shrubs planted by club members at the shell. Including the six larger trees planted last fall, 50 plants have been installed to create an outdoor theatre using only native plants.

Bob & Ellen Charlebois of the Pinconning Arts Council and Pinconning City Council Member Jason Brazeau were recognized, representing the two organizations the Rotary Club worked with to coordinate the landscape project.

Dan then introduced Joe & Barb Rogers and Joanne Williams of the Wildlife Rescue Association of Shepherd, Michigan, who came to Pinconning to help the club commemorate the landscape dedication. The Wildlife Rescue Association is an organization that rescues and rehabilitates injured birds. Audience members, especially the kids, were entertained by the stories told by the presenters and by the animals presented. Following the bird show was a concert by the Rifle River Folk Strings band.



Barred Owl



Northern Saw-wet Owl



Screech Owl



The **Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club** members are shown during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Mt. Pleasant "Rotary Bridge."

A copy of the City resolution recognizing the club and naming the bridge is included below.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club has been a part of the Mt. Pleasant Community for over 88 years and has as one of its major core values "service to the community" and where "service above self" is the organization's guiding principle. The local Rotary Club has a long history of supporting area projects for the greater good; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant maintains the GKB Riverwalk Trail that connects five major city parks and is enthusiastically used by many citizens and visitors alike; and
- WHEREAS, The City has a need to replace an aging pedestrian bridge connecting key portions of the Riverwalk system at Nelson Park; and
- WHEREAS, The Rotary Club recognizes the value of maintaining open space and access to public parks and recreational activities that promote communitywide health and well-being regardless of ability and has committed to partnering with the City by donating half the cost up to \$20,000 to build a universally accessible covered bridge to meet this community need well into the future; and
- WHEREAS, Upon completion, the Rotary Bridge will provide daily access to over 500 citizens and visitors of all abilities and will bear the Rotary Logo integrated into the bridge cupola fitting the nature and character of the overall bridge design; and
- WHEREAS, It is clearly recognized that the Rotary Club's local commitment and ongoing fundraising efforts have been a substantial benefit to the Mt. Pleasant community.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, recognize the generosity of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary membership and their contributions to this quality of life project; and
- FURTHER, Upon successful completion of the bridge and donation of the funds committed, will officially name the covered bridge at Nelson Park The Mt. Pleasant "Rotary Bridge"



In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, this 25th day of November, 2013.

Kathleen Ling
Kathleen Ling, Mayor
City of Mount Pleasant, Michigan



Chris Vosters, Play-by-Play Announcer for Loons; Loons Players Trevor Oaks and Mike Ahmed; Paul Barbeau; and Rotary Club President Kevin Kendrick

The **Midland Rotary Club** recently welcomed Paul Barbeau and members of the Loons Baseball Club, who took time from their very busy schedule to provide insight about being a part of this great organization as well as some personal aspects of what life is like as an aspiring professional baseball player. The young men were very impressive regarding their love for the game and their focus on the importance of what's to come in life for them after baseball. President Kendrick observed, "There is no question in my mind that we have some Rotarians in the making!"



The **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** is very proud of one of its newest members, Dana Muscott, who was voted Michigan City Clerk of the Year. Dana, pictured on the left, was presented with the award at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. She has recently been promoted to Assistant City Manager for the City of Bay City.



Mark Williams (City of Alma Police Officer) and Dave Walsh (City of Alma Director of Public Safety), introduce the **Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club** to their new Alma Fire District Gator! They even drove it to the Rotary meeting so that Rotarians could see the unit in person.

The gator will be used to help the Alma Fire and Police Departments, as well as other local departments, get to hard-to-reach locations for fire and rescue. Club members were impressed with the program, and all agreed if this unit saves one life, it was worth the investment!



Upcoming Events



Midland Rotary Clubs, LaLonde's Markets and Whine are teaming up to bring you the perfect meal for a summer day, with proceeds supporting community charities.

Delicious grilled cheeseburgers provided by **LaLonde's Markets**
 Craft beer and wine provided by **Whine**
 Live music by *The Island Guys* and
Parrots of the Caribbean (a Jimmy Buffett tribute band)

Friday, July 17, 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Rotary Tent at RiverDays
Near the Tridge at Chippewassee Park

Food/drink tickets sold at Rotary Tent the day of the event.
 Proceeds donated to community charities by Midland Rotary Clubs.



Whine



MARKETS

LaLonde's

OLD FASHIONED GOODNESS

With The
Best Tasting Chicken
You've Ever Had!

*Bring Your Friends & Family
For The 51st Annual*

PIGEON ROTARY CLUB'S CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

**SATURDAY
JULY 18, 2015**
Pigeon Recreation Park

SERVING 11:00 A.M. 'TIL GONE

TICKETS JUST

\$10.00

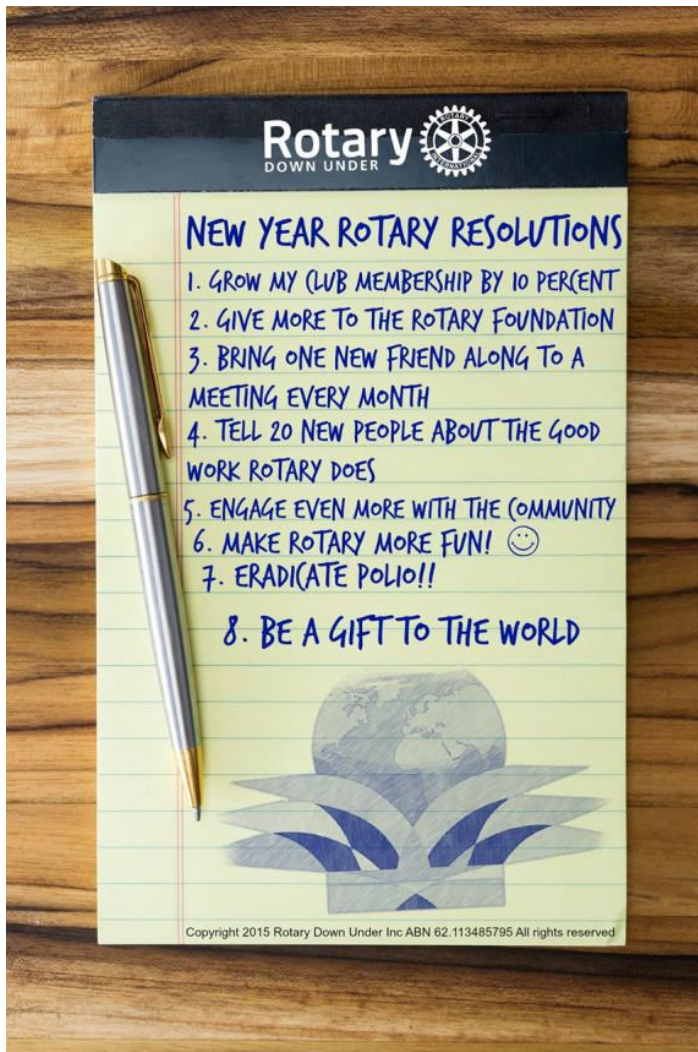
*AVAILABLE FROM
ANY MEMBER or AT THE GATE*

MEAL INCLUDES:

One-half barbequed chicken,
roll, cole slaw, Michigan baked beans,
dessert and beverage.

**TAKE OUT
OR EAT IN!**





Reprinted from the Rotary Club of Midland newsletter

Add this to the list of Rotary Resolutions:

Sign up for My Rotary

You can easily find and follow the steps in the "How To" document being sent with this newsletter.

- Review your Club's annual goals. Offer input to your Club's leadership, relative to new ideas they might like to see the Club implement.
- Review your personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- Make personal contributions to the Annual Fund or the Endowment Fund of TRF.
- Make personal contributions to End Polio Now (Polio Eradication).
- Upload project completion information & photos on Rotary Showcase.
- Enter information on Rotary Ideas platform when looking for project partners and/or project funding partners when planning a Global Grant.
- Review District reports with regard to membership and TRF support.
- Learn more about Rotary's Corporate Governance, having access to information such as Board and Trustee meeting minutes.
- Allows for ease in transitioning Club leadership from year-to-year.
- Keeps membership information more accurate and reporting can be completed in a more timely fashion (by Club Secretary).
- All accessible information is for the benefit of Rotarians, Clubs and Districts.



Congratulations to the following club celebrating an anniversary this month

Caro - 90 years - Chartered July 29, 1925



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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