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Youth Services

The **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** will take place Sunday, June 14th through Thursday, June 18th at Camp Rotary near Clare, MI. The RYLA committee is very pleased that we have nearly 70 students registered to attend this year! Kylie Braun, who represented the Rotary Club of Bad Axe at last year's camp, is the recipient of the RYLA scholarship. She will be presented with the scholarship check at the opening session on June 14th.

The **Youth Exchange** students are making plans to attend the Central States Youth Exchange Conference at Calvin College in early July. Our Outbound students should be returning to us within the next few weeks, and Inbound students will soon be making their plans to return to their homes. They had great experiences here in the District and will be missed by all of us! We wish them the best of luck.

The Rotary Foundation

If you haven't made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation yet this year, now would be a great time to do that! The suggested donation is \$100.00 per Rotarian every year (EREY), but any donation to the Annual Fund would be greatly appreciated.

DG Dee, sons, and daughters-in-law at the Annual Conference Banquet



Lila Tim Dee Ben Keri

Notes from DG Dee (continued)



2014-2015 District Governor
Delores "Dee" Brock



Farewell from DG Dee

I've had an awesome year serving as your District Governor. I did some serious bonding with my car as I traveled the District, found that wearing a jacket and a scarf is okay, and have decided that it's not so bad having my picture taken. As I said in my closing song at the district conference, "I wouldn't trade my year with you for anything!"

Thank you for welcoming me to your clubs and for including me in your special club events. In all the training I had in preparation for this position, I don't remember being told how much fun I would have. What a nice surprise that has been for me! I've made some wonderful friendships and had the opportunity to see all the great work that is going on in our district. And there is a LOT of great work going on in our district!

However, I still have work to do before my term is up on June 30th. I have several club visits and events and district committee meetings to attend. And on July 1st, I will begin a term as District 6310 Trainer.

Perhaps you remember me telling the story of something one of last year's youth exchange students said to his fellow exchange students. Through his tears, he said, "You'll all be in my heart forever." I remember thinking at the time that is the highest compliment a person can give someone. And so, I say to all of you, District 6310 Rotarians, you'll be in my heart forever.

Have You Made Your Contribution to Polio Plus?

By Chair Chuck Cusick

As off the end of May, seven Rotary clubs have not reported any gifts to the Polio eradication effort. If your club has funds to report, it is important to get them in early, so that they will be credited to this fiscal year. If your club has no funds to report, please ask your membership if anyone would like to make a gift. This can easily be done through the Rotary website.

The drive to eradicate polio has always been about more than polio alone. The polio network routinely conducts surveillance for other diseases of public health importance, including measles, yellow fever, neonatal tetanus and avian influenza. With local knowledge of communities, health systems and government structures, the polio network's technical capacity in disease surveillance and planning of large-scale operations helps sustain international and national relief efforts.

The extensive polio eradication network at country-level has proved itself repeatedly to be uniquely equipped to provide immediate support during emergencies or other disease outbreaks. This support has proved successful following the October 2005 earthquake on the Pakistan-India border - the tsunami in Southern India in 2004 - during the drought in 2013 in Sahel - in the Horn of Africa in 2011-12 - the Ebola outbreak in western Africa - and currently in Nepal.

Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio and its partnership with international organizations has resulted in this support. Your donation to The Rotary Foundation and its goal of eradicating polio has made this happen. Thank you.



The End of the Rotary Year is Upon Us!

By Chair Eileen Jennings

June 15, 2015. June 15. What does that date mean?

That is the date I urge all clubs to use as their deadline for submitting all their contributions to The Rotary Foundation for the current Rotary year.

Most of you know that the Rotary year runs from July 1 to June 30. Contributions not recorded by the Foundation by June 30 will not be counted for this Rotary year. Many clubs wait until the final days of June to send in their gifts to the Foundation. Sometimes, the club treasurer or foundation chair forgets to put the check in the mail until July 1. The Foundation is so flooded that occasionally the contributions don't get recorded in time.

Fifty per cent of our contributions to the Annual Fund this year will be credited back to our district for district and global grants in 2017-18. This year, we had \$67,780 of *new* money available for district and global grants because of the gifts of members and clubs to the Annual Fund in 2011-12. We were able to fund Global Grants for water projects in India and the Dominican Republic and Zambia because of your previous gifts. And we gave out almost \$26,000 in District Grants to clubs, mostly for local projects.

Last year, we gave over \$140,000 to the Annual Fund. As of the end of May this year, we have given only \$114,000. I am not sure why there is such a shortfall. Are clubs holding on to money earmarked for the Foundation? If so, please don't hold on to it any longer. Have members delayed writing their checks to the Foundation for various reasons? If so, please delay no longer.

Thirteen of our clubs have done a great job of giving already this year. But that is less than ½ of our clubs! Our goal is to have everyone in every club give *something* to the Annual Fund – even if it is only \$5.00. Our second goal is to have clubs give *an average* of \$100 per member. If we came close to either or both of these goals, we would have total giving much closer to last year's total.

Thanks to all of you who give so generously – of your money to the Foundation and your time to Rotary. Remember to thank your club president and District Governor Dee for their great leadership.

Next month, we will be saying "Happy New Year!"



"I have seen a new energy in Rotary this year, and felt a new excitement. I hope that in the year to come, you will continue your wonderful work to *Light Up Rotary* – and to help it *Be a Gift to the World*."

RI President Gary Huang

Around the District

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Excerpts from Rob Clark's Article in *The Bay City Times*

I was once instructed to have an elevator speech prepared should anyone ever ask me this question: What is Rotary?

Here's my answer: Rotary is the purest platform for serving others that I have ever found. That ideal is written in the organization's motto -- Service Above Self. And Rotary's 4-Way Test -- of things we think, say or do -- is, in my opinion, the greatest code for living ever written.

Hopefully, this would be enough to prompt another question: What does Rotary do? That answer would require more time or space than I have, but in honor of the **Rotary Club of Bay City's** 100th anniversary -- marked Thursday, May 14, during a Centennial Celebration Gala -- I'd like to share just a few thoughts.

First, just a bit of history. Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris and three business associates. The idea behind the club was for members to "rotate" their meetings from one business to another in hopes of gaining a better understanding of each member's profession.

Ten years later, the Rotary Club of Bay City became the 134th club in the country. Club members gathered each week for a meeting at the historic Wenonah Hotel. By then, a weekly program had replaced the need to move the meetings to a new business each week. The club was organized under the leadership of Otto E. Sovereign and was chartered with 29 members, including Sovereign and William F. Jennison, who served as the first two presidents.

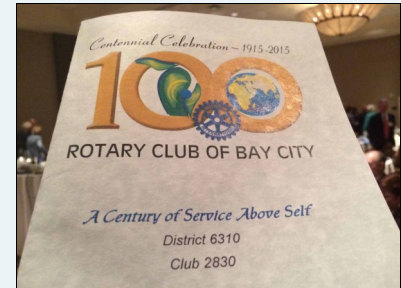
Over the years, Rotary has evolved into an international organization with more than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members. The mission is to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary is perhaps best known for its work to eradicate polio from the face of the earth, a mission started in the mid-1980s that continues to this day. We are oh, so close.

I became a Rotarian in 1995 and I joined the Rotary Club of Bay City -- which meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Doubletree -- in 2000. In the past two decades alone, our club's record of service, I think, is extraordinary. In that time, we have pumped \$750,000 into major projects right here in our community. It started with a five-year project to create and fund a youth outreach librarian position at the Bay County Library System. It went on to include the creation of Rotary Park at the Pere Marquette Depot and the placement of historic kiosks in downtown Bay City and wayfinding signs all over town.

On top of that, the Rotary Club of Bay City has given tens of thousands of dollars in local community grants to support work being done by other organizations. This year alone, we awarded more than \$10,000. Each year, our club members deliver dictionaries to every third-grader and thesauruses to every fourth-grader in Bay County. Our members open their businesses every spring to hundreds of high school students as part of our annual Vocational Days event.

Annually, our club sets aside money for an adopted village in Guatemala, where our work has helped provide Internet service and computers at a school and funded educational programs for villagers. We've also taken part in projects aimed at providing clean, potable water in places without this precious resource.

Our club members have literally traveled the globe to administer the polio vaccine to children in developing nations. On top of that, members have given more than \$100,000 in the battle to eradicate this terrible disease. Members also have contributed more than \$400,000 to The Rotary Foundation, used to complete service projects all around the globe.



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Celebrating 100 Years of Service (continued)

The list goes on, but the point is this: Bay City Rotarians are proud of the century of service they've given to the community and the world, but fully understand that time marches on. This past fall, we dedicated a sculpture of Paul Harris at Rotary Park -- just the third statue of Rotary's founder in the world. While it serves as a beautiful piece of public art, it also is a reminder that tomorrow presents another opportunity for service.

And, there is always room for more hands to do that work, whether it be with Rotary, your church, another service organization, your family, your job or any other avenue of service you might hold near and dear to your heart. Just get out there and do it. Our community, our nation, our world needs you.

For members of the Rotary Club of Bay City, 100 years are now in the books. Time to turn the page.

Pictured are **Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club** President Harmony Nowlin and new member of the club, realtor Adam Vibber.

Adam first learned about Rotary at the club's Rotary Day event!



Owosso Rotary Club President Matt Hufnagel, left, accepts the Owosso Rotary Club's 2015 Best of the Best Shiawassee plaque from Argus-Press Publisher Tom Campbell.

Argus Press readers have named Owosso Rotary the best civic club for several years in a row.

Induction Master David Hood, left, spun another of his yarns at a recent meeting revealing the age old connection between Rotary and rubber bands.

The club inducted Robert Doran, center, Director of the Owosso Historical Commission. Doran was sponsored by Sue Montenegro, pictured at right.



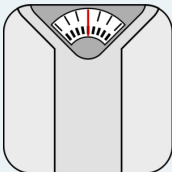
MISSING! Half a Rotarian



That's a good thing believe it or not. Sixteen members and guests of the **Rotary Club of Alpena** joined a four week fitness program at the local health club with amazing results. Several years ago, Bay Athletic Club in Alpena began a program called Corporate Fit Challenge (CFC), and has achieved worldwide success. Businesses, governmental units, and organizations have all joined the challenge over the past several years.

The program divides participants into teams. Each team is assigned a coach, have full access to all classes and equipment at the club for the entire four weeks. Group workouts are scheduled twice weekly, "homework" is assigned (wall sit, push up, hover etc.) and members are encouraged to communicate with coaches and fellow Rotarians to offer encouragement, share ideas, and toss around a few challenges for fun.

With the idea that you "cannot out work a bad diet," food consumption is closely monitored and healthy eating is strongly encouraged. Recipes, healthy food ideas, and grocery store sales on such items as, fish, chicken, turkey and salad items, appear frequently on emails being exchanged. Journals of everything eaten (and drank) and daily workouts are maintained and reviewed by the coaches. The consumption of alcohol and soft drinks are strongly discouraged due to the effect they have on your diet.

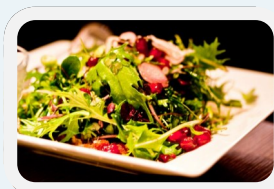


The program met with great success with the group losing a total of 84.4 pounds and a total of 53.75 inches of body mass. The weight loss winner lost 19.5 pounds and the inch worm award winner lost 9 inches. All in just four weeks!



Congratulations to this dedicated group of Rotarians.

When you come to Alpena and see someone running to a meeting....



or eating just salad at the luncheon,
it's a good bet he or she is a fit Rotarian!!!

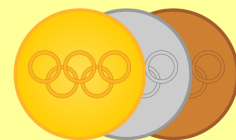
DGE Michael Kelly says, "A fit Rotarian is better able to serve."

The **Rotary Club of Ithaca** honored their scholarship winners at the Ithaca High School Senior Honor's Night. Each of the winners receive a \$500 college scholarship.

Pictured from left to right: Club President Kim Hodge, Courtney Crumbaugh, Lacie Mates, and Club Youth Activities Chairman Steve Bakker.



On May 2, the Club hosted the Special Olympics Track Meet for Area 29 and Area 7 (serving the area from St. Johns to Gladwin). The club has hosted the event for more than 20 years. This year, over 120 athletes participated in this year's event. All participants receive a medal and lunch is also provided. Twenty-two Ithaca Rotarians and Ithaca High School students work at the 5-hour event which helps to prepare the athletes for the State Special Olympics Meet in Mt. Pleasant the first of week of June each year.





District Governor Dee Brock visited the **Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club of Pinconning and Standish** to present the Club's Hero Award to Mike Stoner. After the meeting, she visited the newly landscaped park.

The Club's regular meeting on June 11th has been cancelled. Instead, club members will assemble at 4:00 pm at the Pinconning Band Shell on Tuesday, June 9, to prepare the site for a formal dedication of the landscaping at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Wildlife Recovery Association of Shepherd will be present to discuss and exhibit examples of raptors [hawks, owls, falcons] from around the state that they have rescued and rehabilitated.

The first concert of the "Tuesdays in the Park" series will follow at 7:00 p.m. when Rifle River Folk Strings will perform.

In an effort to show respect and continued gratitude to the owner of the Riverside Spartan store in Durand the newly formed Durand Area Coop Clubs presented a \$2,700.00 check to Rev. Bill Marsh of Loaves And Fishes.

Rev. Marsh is the current coordinator of this food bank located in the village of Vernon. Their goal is to provide pantry items to those in the area struggling to feed their families.

Brad Thorsby is a local grocery store owner who has always been very generous to area service clubs when they are planning a fundraiser that brings the community together by filling a need that a single club or individual could not provide.



The clubs and organization that Brad assists formed the group (DACC) to honor him by raising funds for his favorite charity. The clubs include Durand Eagles, Auxiliary and Riders, Durand Union Station (DUSI), Durand AMVETS their Auxiliary, AMVET Sons and Riders, Durand VFW and their Auxiliaries, Friends of Byron fireworks, Durand Lions, Durand Lioness, Durand Moose and of course, the **Rotary Club of Durand**.



Thanks to a matching grant from Rotary District 6310, the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** was able to present a check to the Essexville-Hampton Public Schools Garber Robotics Team.

Pictured at left are Assistant Governor Steve Wildes, District Governor Dee Brock, Garber High School instructor Lori Flippin, and Club President Larry Arendt.

District Governor Dee also presented the club with their Presidential Citation Award — one of only 11 clubs in the district to achieve this recognition.

Upcoming Events



BRECKENRIDGE ROTARY CLUB 4TH OF JULY FREEDOM RUN/WALK

Registration Information: To register for this event:

- Complete this form, sign waiver and enclose a check for the registration fee. Mail to: Breckenridge Rotary Club, PO Box 272, Breckenridge, MI 48615
- Register on race day at Breckenridge High School. Registration will be open from 8 am until 9 am

Entry Fee: \$20 per entry

Please make checks payable to: Breckenridge Rotary Club

Date & Location: Saturday, July 4, 2015. Race starts and ends at Breckenridge High School, 700 Wright Street, Breckenridge, MI. Race held rain or shine!

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration. Race Starts at 9:00 am

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

I will be: _____ Running _____ Walking

Address: _____

T-Shirts are adult sizes – Available to first 50

City, State, Zip _____

Circle t-shirt size: Adult S M L XL

E-mail _____

Phone: _____

WAIVER

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsor, cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission to the media to use my name and photograph in the newspaper, broadcast, telecast of this event without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event. I acknowledge (or a parent or adult guardian for all children under 18 years) having read and agreed to this waiver.

Signature (Parent's Signature if under 18) _____

Date _____

Checks payable and mail to:

Breckenridge Rotary Club
P.O. Box 272
Breckenridge, MI 48615

One entry form per person



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

Greetings from former Ambassadorial Scholar

Shared by the Rotary Club of Midland

Fellow Rotarians, Greetings from Columbus, Georgia—home of Fort Benning and the US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence. It's been four years since I completed my life-changing year as a District 6310 Ambassadorial Scholar at Oxford. Thank you again for providing me with that opportunity. Below is a long overdue update on life since Oxford.

Life in the Army. In 2012 I completed Ranger School, Airborne School, and the Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning (Columbus, GA), and moved to Fort Carson (Colorado Springs). From Fall 2012 through summer 2014 I served in Colorado and deployed to Afghanistan twice as an Infantry Platoon Leader. Last year I was promoted to Captain, and I returned to Georgia for advanced leadership training at the Army's Captain's Career Course. I graduated in April and am now in a talent development role at the Army's Officer Candidate School, responsible for training and inspiring our nation's next officers to be competent leaders of character and integrity.

Next Steps. I have decided that I will leave the Army after finishing my contract in early 2016. My wife Jordan and I are excited about our next chapter. Jordan is serving as an ER Nurse here in Columbus and is excited to pursue a career as a Nurse Practitioner in the years to come. We are thrilled about our next chapter and are considering an array of options and opportunities.

Thanks. I can't thank you enough for your support. There isn't a day that passes where I don't apply lessons learned from my experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar. Because of you, I was better prepared to work with local political and military leaders in Afghanistan as a force for shared understanding, to develop cross-cultural competency in my unit of infantry soldiers in Colorado, and to approach each problem—locally and internationally—as an opportunity to arrive at a unique solution that enables lasting positive change. Thank you again.

I would love to thank you personally for your support and to keep in touch more frequently. Please don't hesitate to email me at tylergmatthews@gmail.com or to connect with me on LinkedIn.

Warm Regards,

Tyler Matthews, CPT, US Army
Fort Benning, GA

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

Harbor Beach - 90 years - Chartered June 16, 1925

Cass City - 85 years - Chartered June 21, 1930

Sebewaing - 76 years - Chartered June 27, 1939

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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