

District Dispatch

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Notes from DG Dee

District Conference

The District 6310 Conference was a huge success. The speakers, the breakout sessions, the special presentations, and the award ceremonies went pretty much as planned. The Conference Committee has the satisfaction of knowing their efforts and hard work resulted in a great experience for all who attended.

From the opening program to the governor's farewell song to the District, many memories were made. The Yellow Rose Ceremony honored Rotarians from our district who have passed away during the previous year, the Rotary Hero Awards honored Rotarians who enhance our clubs every day, and Lynne Mischley, Rotary Club of Midland Morning, received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service Award. The Incredible Dr. Pol entertained us Friday night, PDG Georgene Hildebrand, Zone 29 Public Image Coordinator, reminded us that as Rotarians we have a strong connection to more than a million other Rotarians around the world, and we heard an amazing and inspiring story from Geoff Goll, polio survivor and Zone 29 End Polio Now Coordinator.

If you were able to attend that weekend, then you know that we certainly did join leaders, exchanged many ideas, and were inspired to take action. And, as MC Walt Berry, Rotary Club of Shepherd, observed, "It seems to me that Rotary is all about relationships and legacy." Yes, it is. That's how we Light Up Rotary!

Youth Services

On Friday night at the District Conference, approximately 50 youth joined us for the dinner and the program. It was awesome! Nearly all of the Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students were present, several RYLA students and counselors joined us, Interact students from the Mt. Pleasant and Caro clubs were there, and the CMU Rotaract students were "in the house." Stephanie Bird, president-elect for that club, was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award. I couldn't stop smiling as one of my goals had been to have as many students present as possible. I was one happy DG!



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2014-2015 District Governor
Delores "Dee" Brock

Notes from DG Dee (continued)

Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a leadership program that provides general Rotary education to Rotarians who are early in their Rotary careers or who might have a strong interest in future Rotary club leadership. The purpose of RLI is to “assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of our Rotary clubs.” The curriculum is divided into Parts I, II, and III. Each Part consists of six-50 minute sessions facilitated by certified RLI faculty members. The price of each session is \$75.00 and that cost includes all training materials as well as breakfast and lunch. Our district has always encouraged clubs to cover all or part of the cost for their members to attend.

On May 30th District 6310 will host the Institute at Baker College in Owosso. The event will take place at the Baker College Welcome Center located at 1309 South M-52 in Owosso. For the past two years, presidents-nominee have received Part I of the training at P.E.T.S. This would be an ideal time for those who have already taken Part I to take Part III!

For further information and to register please go to www.rligreatlakes.org. You can see other scheduled dates and locations on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Congratulations to Presidential Citation Clubs!

Rotary Club of:

Alma-St. Louis

Bay City Morning

Caro

Durand

Frankenmuth Morning

Midland

Midland Morning

Oscoda

Saginaw

Saginaw Sunrise

Saginaw Valley

CMU Rotaract

President:

Harmony Nowlin

Larry Arendt

Cynthia Schlaud

George Polen

Randy Ettema

Kevin Kendrick

Sharon Miller

Arnie Leriche

Ken Santa

Ken Lechner

Michael Elliott

Benjamin Reyhl

“I’ve heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I’ve heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can’t help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?”

RI President Gary Huang

Rotary Club Heroes 2014-2015

This year was the first opportunity for clubs to declare their Hero and have that person honored at the District Conference.

Rotary Club of:	Hero:	Caption:
Alma-St. Louis	Garth Anderson	<i>Go To Guy</i>
Alpena	Bob Krafft	<i>Shining Example</i>
Bad Axe	Lowell McDonald	<i>Community Legend</i>
Bay City	Rob Clark	<i>Steadfast Service</i>
Bay City Morning	John Shankool	<i>Iron Man</i>
Birch Run	Louis Schultz	<i>He Does It All</i>
Breckenridge	Sarah Dufour	<i>Go Getter</i>
Caro	Carol Starling	<i>Interact Starter</i>
Cass City	Lambert E. Althaver	<i>Model of a Rotarian</i>
Durand	Cloyse Lundie	<i>History Teller and Doer</i>
Frankenmuth	Dr. Ed Goyings	<i>Local, District & International Servant</i>
Frankenmuth Morning	Maria Bierlein	<i>Making Rotary Look Good</i>
Gladwin	Phillip Caffrey	<i>Committed Elder Rotarian</i>
Ithaca	Dr. Jack Lincoln Humm	<i>Can-Do Attitude</i>
Midland	PDG Ruby Iwamasa	<i>Living Rotary</i>
Midland Morning	PDG Dom Gagliardi	<i>The Living Four-Way Test</i>
Millington	Alfred Burns	<i>Way to Go Alfred</i>
Mt. Pleasant	Kathy Beebe	<i>Club Changer</i>
Oscoda	Mary Reitler	<i>Promoter of Youth and Literacy</i>
Owosso	Ken Somerlot	<i>Unwavering Dedication</i>
Pigeon	PDG Ted Leipprandt	<i>Ask Ted</i>
Pinconning-Standish	Michael Stoner	<i>Instrumental Founder and Nurturer of Club</i>
Saginaw	Carl Hubinger	<i>Solid and Steady</i>
Saginaw Sunrise	Shelley Norris	<i>Making Our Club Shine</i>
Saginaw Valley	Jack Cleveland	<i>Steady Sustainer</i>
Shepherd	Judy Metcalf	<i>Always the Rotarian</i>

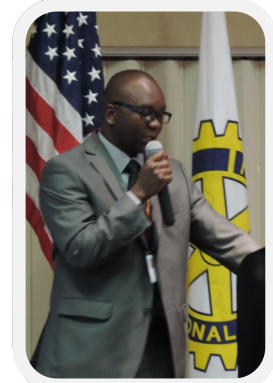
District Conference Photos



PDG Duane Reyhl, DG Dee Brock, DG-Elect Mike Kelly, DG-Nominee Cheryl Peterson, DG-Nominee-Designate Patricia Post



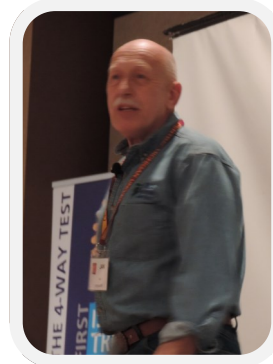
Front Row: PDG Ken Schafer, PDG Ruby Iwamasa, PDG Dom Gagliardi. Back Row: PDG Eileen Jennings, PDG Ted Leipprandt, DG Dee Brock, PDG Georgene Hildebrand, PDG Duane Reyhl



Global Scholar Peter Ekadu



Selfie taken by Walt Berry, Shepherd Rotary Club, MC for the Conference



Speaker, Dr. Jan Pol



RI President Representative Wayne C. Cusick of California



Samantha Rogers (with Bad Axe Club President and proud Dad Don Rogers) presenting a break-out session regarding her trip to the Dominican Republic



District Administrative Assistant Connie Deford conducting Yellow Rose Ceremony



District Trainer Mary Cunningham presenting a break-out session



Rotary Zone 29 Public Image Coordinator and PDG Georgene Hildebrand



District Polio Chair Chuck Cusick with Speaker Geoff Goll and DG Dee Brock

Around the District



It was a battle of wills during May's 10th Annual Altrusa Bee for Literacy, when 12 three-member adult teams competed and went through more than 300 words before a winner was declared -- and that winner was the **Rotary Club of Saginaw** team, called the Rotary Spellarz.

Team members Melissa Spranger (club treasurer), Sam Merrill, and Catherine McMichael won with the word hematite (a mineral) during a long, long "final two" battle with The Word Slingers, a team from The Saginaw News. The money raised benefits a program for second graders at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. Pictured are members of the Rotary team (seated to right of banner) and their noisy supporters who cheered them on to victory (other Rotary Club members.)

Fourteen members of the **Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club** read "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" to all ten second grade classrooms in Alma (Hillcrest Elementary) and St. Louis (Carrie Knause Elementary) during literacy month in March. The book was written by Andrew Shoup of the Fairborn Rotary Club in Fairborn, Ohio on the occasion of their Club's 75th anniversary celebration. The story focuses on Rotary's 4-Way Test, which describes Rotary's ideals:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotarians read the book to each classroom, talked about Rotary as a service club and what it does in the community, provided each child with an associated activity book and a 4-Way Test book mark. A copy of the hardcover book was left in each classroom. An additional 30 copies of the book were distributed to businesses around the community to leave in their waiting rooms. The club hopes that this effort will increase the awareness of Rotary in general, and what the Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club does locally in our communities. The project was funded by the Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club and a Rotary District 6310 grant submitted and received by the club for this project.

Gwen Lorenc (center), with Mercantile Bank, was inducted into the **Alma/St. Louis Rotary Club**. She was nominated by Marita Harkness (left), and inducted by Club President, Harmony Nowlin (right)."





The **Rotary Club of Millington** honored four students (pictured at left with District Governor Dee Brock) from Millington High School with the Golden Rule Award on April 27. Four students are selected each year by the high school teachers and counselors to receive this award.

On Saturday, May 9, 2015, members of the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish**, in conjunction with a representative of the Pinconning Arts Council, planted 44 trees and shrubs at the Pinconning band shell to delineate the perimeter of the band shell's audience viewing area.

The landscaping of the band shell is the Rotary club's community service project for the year. Work began last November with the placement of six large trees to stake out the limits of the site. The trees planted on Saturday were provided to the club by the Saginaw Correctional Facility as part of the prison's inmate horticulture program. Additional shrubs were acquired from the Arenac Conservation District as part of its annual tree and shrub sale.

All items planted are native Michigan species and should do well at the band shell. Trees planted include arborvitae, tulip trees, black tupelos, and tamaracks. The shrubs are highbush cranberries and ninebarks. These plants have joined the river birches and serviceberries planted last fall to compose a very nice setting. The purpose of this project is two-fold: to create an outdoor theater using plants alone; and to demonstrate that it is possible to create a beautiful environment using native plants rather than exotic ones imported from other parts of the world.

The wisdom of this effort will be shown in the years ahead as the trees and shrubs mature.



NOTICE: The **Gladwin Rotary Club** will host the Rotary Sports Banquet at Riverwalk on June 2. There will be no club meeting that day at noon.



The **Durand Rotary Club** honors students each month.

Pictured from left are Club President George Polen, Rotary Students of the month for May, Courtney White, Hope Fox, August Tomasek, and Craig McCrumb, Superintendent of Schools and Rotarian.

President Matt Hufnael presents a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the **Owosso Rotary Club** to Devin Gill, Director of the Friends of the Shiawassee. This was one of the club's district funded projects for 2014-15.



The Pigeon Rotary Club recently had a program by the Laker Robotics Team, their school advisor and Rotary mentors. The students, with very little assistance from advisors, from the middle school (first year in competition) and from the high school (second year in competition).

The students start the season at a kick-off in late fall where they see a video of the challenge for each level. The club saw both videos. The students then receive some common-to-all equipment and are then told to be creative. Creating can cost money which is also controlled by the rules. One of the big needs right now is a second laptop computer to facilitate practice.

The club also watched a video of the Lakers in action at the recent state competition. All students are underclassmen which should bode well for competing in the future.



Rielley Himes, the Mt Pleasant High School Citizen of the Month, recently shared a video with the **Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club**. She put the video together as part of the Believe project for her English class. It is a moving video about her travel through the "resource room" and struggling with and overcoming a learning disability.

Rielley believes you can do anything you want to do with a bit of hard work. She also wants to bring attention to how labeling students "special" may not be the right solution. Her college plans are to go into teaching Special Education.

The **Midland Noon Rotary Club**'s annual Spirit of Rotary Award recipients for 2015 represent the Rotary motto of Service Above Self with a twist — the three winners chosen were each born in a different decade (1970s, 1980s and 1990s). So, when the club honored Leslie Perry, Kristen Squires and Luke White at the award luncheon on April 30, the theme was "The Spirit of Rotary Through the Years."

The Spirit of Rotary Award is given annually to honor community members under the age of 40 who are not Rotarians but are shining examples of Service Above Self by leading lives of service and demonstrating leadership potential.

"The selection committee was amazed to discover that in prioritizing the top three candidates for this award, there was representation from three decades. It was a sign to us that indeed the Spirit of Rotary exists throughout the ages; and that values and ideals are enacted from generation to generation," said Stephanie Leibfritz, chairperson of the selection committee. Following is a little information about the recipients.

Leslie Perry is the engagement director for the Greater Midland Community Centers, where she is responsible for leading the organization's marketing communications, human resources, and fund development efforts. "Leslie is a champion of Rotary's Four Way Test in her personal life and work life. She believes in opportunities to be successful in life for everyone. Growing up on a farm in Frankenmuth, she had the value of hard work instilled at a young age. She overcame many challenges to achieve many goals," said Chris Tointon, the Midland Noon Rotary member who nominated her.

Kristen Squires is the senior events and marketing manager at Midland Center for the Arts, where she creates marketing plans, places media buys, organizes various MCFTA events and oversees its multiple social media accounts. "Kristen's values and ethics guide her to making the right decisions. She conducts herself ethically in business decisions and in life. What I admire about her is how she is constantly reinventing herself, learning from her mistakes and thinking of others when making decisions," said Rotary Club member Mike Hayes, her nominator.

Luke White is a senior at Midland High School whose years have been marked by service and leadership. He was elected student representative for his class during his freshman year and currently serves as secretary for the student council. "Luke is an ambassador of appreciation, respect, and love. It is how he lives each day. He wakes up thinking about how he can make a positive impact on the world, then he gets busy just doing that," said Rotarian Paul White, his nominator.

The club donates \$500 to a charitable organization of choice designated by each award recipient. Perry's contribution will be made to Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay County; Squires' will go to Great Lakes Bay Animal Society, and White's will benefit Pregnancy Resource Center.

Rotary Leadership Institute Dates

May 30	Owosso,
July 25	Ann Arbor
August 8	Jackson
August 29	Cadillac
October 17	Ontario, Canada

Details and registration may be found at www.rligreatlakes.org

Upcoming Events

Caro Rotary Club Invites Fellow Rotarians To Our Annual Golf Outing



Friday, July 10th, 2015
Vassar Golf & Country Club
4 Player Scramble



Team Fee: \$240.00

Per Person Fee: \$60.00

Fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch,
refreshments, dinner and prizes.

Schedule:

Registration 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Shotgun Start 10:00 AM

Vassar Golf & Country Club:

3509 Kirk Road, Vassar MI 48768

For more information contact:

Marc Augsburg: (989) 673-3141

marc@cch-mi.org

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Caro Rotary Club

Attn: Marc Augsburg

P.O. Box 435

Caro MI 48723

Deadline for entries: June 26, 2015

Team Members

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

4. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

DRIATHLON

Hosted by:
The Bay City Morning Rotary

MCDONALD
LIFE GROUP

GMC 



2015

canoe bike run

When:
Sun., September 13, 2015

Where:
Veterans Memorial Park

5K CANOE
20K BIKE
5K RUN

2 PERSON
TEAM
OR RELAY

PRICE:
\$120
per team

male, female, and co-ed divisions
must have a partner

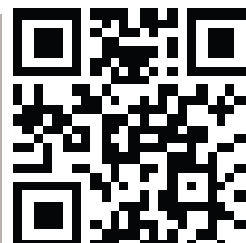
Field Capped at 200 Teams!

Proceeds to benefit Organizations in Bay County

5th Annual

DRIATHLON 
2015

For more info & to register visit us at mydriathlon.com



YOUR ROTARY IS “MY ROTARY”


(reprinted from the Midland Rotary Club Newsletter)

Do you feel like you're not quite as engaged as a Rotarian as you should be?

Do you want more information about where you stand in terms of personal contributions and member recruiting?

All of this information and more is available for you through the My Rotary website.

If you don't have a **My Rotary** account, it's REALLY simple to set one up! Just follow these steps:

1. Go to www.rotary.org and click on My Rotary.
2. Click on “Sign In/Register”.
3. If you are a first-time user, click on Create Account.
4. Fill in the account registration information (which includes your name and email address) and click on Continue.
5. You will be informed that an e-mail has been sent to you.
6. Check your email for the address you provided in the step above. You will receive this message. Click on the blue link (Activate my [account](#)) to finalize the process.
7. Fill in all the mandatory information and click on 
8. Click on Continue.
9. Congratulations! You have created your My Rotary account. From this page, you can scroll down to check out Club Goals by connecting to “Rotary Club Central.”



Mary Cunningham has announced this is her final year as District Trainer.

A big **THANK YOU**, Mary, for your service to Rotary District 6310!



Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bad Axe | - 91 years - Chartered May 27, 1924 |
| Mt. Pleasant | - 90 years - Chartered May 6, 1925 |
| Pigeon | - 78 years - Chartered May 25, 1937 |
| Durand | - 76 years - Chartered May 17, 1939 |
| Chesaning | - 76 years - Chartered May 29, 1939 |



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We encourage the submission of articles. Please provide information and pictures for a future District Dispatch to:

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