



# District Dispatch

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## Economic and Community Development Month

Rotary International has designated October as “Economic and Community Development” month. Did you know that nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

As Rotarians, we are grateful for our “gifts” and our theme this Rotary year is to share them. Let each of us continue to do our part to improve the quality of life of others during this month.

### The DG 2015 Tour

As your District Governor, I have completed visits to all 32 Rotary clubs in District 6310. I am just overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for all the wonderful “good works” that our clubs and the nearly 1,400 Rotarians do in their community, our district, and around the world! Be proud of your achievements!

I have also participated in other exciting events and projects in our clubs, many of which appear elsewhere in the Dispatch, on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict6310](http://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict6310) or on our website [www.rotary6310.org](http://www.rotary6310.org) Check them out!

Each club has a unique personality and culture, but they all find special ways to share their Rotary spirit. **Thanks for all you do for Rotary!**

### Upcoming Events

**World Polio Day** – Saturday, October 24. RI Kick-off is Friday, October 23. Organize a “Pizza for Polio” fundraiser.

**District 6310 Rotary Foundation Gala** – Friday, November 20, at Zehnder’s, Frankenmuth, Michigan.



District Governor  
Mike Kelly

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# Foundation Gala — November 20, 2015

By Chair Eileen Jennings

Be sure to save **November 20** on your calendar. On that Friday evening, we will hold our Ninth Annual Foundation Gala at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. This event has become one of the largest gatherings of Rotarians in the District, and it will again this year be a celebration of our District's generosity toward The Rotary Foundation. No requests for donations will be made at the dinner.

Our keynote speaker will be Stephanie Urchick, immediate past Rotary Foundation Trustee (2012-2014). Stephanie is a member of the Rotary Club of Canonsburg Houston Southpointe in southwest Pennsylvania. She is an inspirational speaker about the international work of Rotary.

Stephanie has received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation; she is a Major Donor and Bequest Society member. She has been District Governor, Regional Foundation Coordinator for our Zone, and delegate to Councils on Legislation. She has provided leadership training at Rotary Institutes, Zone meetings, and Rotary Leadership Institutes. She has taken part in a variety of international service projects, which we will hear more about during her address. Currently, she is the chair of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee, planning for special events at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.



Stephanie Urchick

Jeanne Schaller, recently returned from her three-month study in Thailand as a Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar, will also give us a report on her travel and experiences.

Of course, we will enjoy another delicious dinner prepared by the Zehnder's staff, preceded by a social hour.

## We are this \_\_\_\_\_ close to eradicating polio!

By Chair Chuck Cusick



We are "This Close" to eradicating polio, but we must continue our efforts until Pakistan and Afghanistan are declared polio free. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nigeria polio free last week.

Pakistan has recorded 32 cases this year vs. 178 at this time last year. Afghanistan has recorded 12 cases this year. Last week, the vehicle of a polio vaccination team was hit by an IED. One vaccinator died and another lost both legs in the attack. Our efforts to end polio are small in comparison to those health workers.

Rotarians are preparing to visit India to participate in a National Immunization Day (NID). If you are interested in joining this group, contact [inbound@hipoints.com](mailto:inbound@hipoints.com). The group will travel from February 12 to February 27, 2016.

An "End Polio Now" poster is now available at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org). Preparations continue for Rotary's World Polio Day kickoff event on 23 October. A toolkit of resources to help Rotarians get involved with World Polio Day – including messaging, social media posts and graphics – was distributed to Rotarians in mid-September. Find these resources at <http://www.endpolio.org/docs/default-source/world-polio-day/world-polio-day-toolkit-en15.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

# Will 2015-2016 be Your Year?

By Annual Fund Chair Rod Bieber



A recent conversation overheard at a local Rotary Club meeting...

"I would like to be a Sustaining member of the Rotary Annual Fund."

"That will be **no** money down and \$ 2 per week please," stated the Foundation Chairperson.

"What? Only two dollars per week? How can that be?" questioned the Rotarian. "I want to do great things with my money, **be a gift to the world**, help improve literacy, provide clean drinking water, improve sanitation, fight malnutrition and improve people's lives both in District 6310 and around the globe. All that for only \$2 per week?"

"Yes," responded The Rotary Foundation representative, "you can indeed be a *Gift to the World* as a Sustainer by giving \$2 per week to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. *Be A Gift to the World*, and you probably will never even miss the \$2."

"All of this for only \$2 per week? \$2! Then why doesn't every Rotarian do this?"

"Many do. Many Rotarians give significantly more to the Annual Fund. Becoming a Sustainer, however, is the first step toward a lifetime of being *A Gift to the World*."

OK,... the previous conversation may or may not have taken place. However, it is the truth, certainly fair to all concerned, a great way to build good will and better friendships, and definitely beneficial to all concerned!

When we give to the Annual Fund we combine our gifts with other Rotarians around the globe to work magic in people's lives. Our seemingly small gifts can save or improve lives half a world away or right in our own backyards.

Remember also that \$1 of your \$2 comes right back to District 6310 three years down the road to be directed by our District toward projects that we deem important.

Why not make 2015-2016 your year of *being a gift to the world*? Join your fellow Rotarians around the globe and make the commitment today to becoming a Paul Harris Sustainer and donate \$2 per week (\$100 per year) to the Annual Fund.

**"This war of ours—which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear—this war will be won. It will be won soon. *We are counting down not in years, but in months.*"**

**Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran**



# Will You Help Us Reach Our 2015-2016 Annual Fund Goal?

By Chair Eileen Jennings

Congratulations again to all the clubs and Rotarians who helped our District achieve record-setting contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in 2014-2015. **We gave a total of \$154,549**, which was a per capita amount of \$113.39 per Rotarian. This is a phenomenal giving record. It means that we will have more money to spend on District Grants and Global Grants three years from now.

District Governor Mike Kelly and Foundation Chair Eileen Jennings consulted on setting our District goal for this current year. We agreed that our goal is **\$161,000**. If we grow to 1,400 members, this will be a per capita gift of **\$115 per member**,

For as many years as we can remember, we have asked each member to contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. This is the first year we are asking you to increase your individual giving to \$115. We know that not every Rotarian can afford to give this much, but others in the clubs can afford more. We already have about 49 Paul Harris Society members who give \$1,000 per year, which provides the first \$49,000 towards our annual goal.

Rotary records indicate that *only 784 of our 1,363 members gave anything last year* to the Annual Fund. We know that some members gave in the names of their clubs, so the real number is somewhat higher. But there is lots of room for more participation. We are asking that Every Rotarian give something to the Annual Fund this Rotary year. Surely everyone can afford something.

Our clubs have set goals for giving that total \$150,586. But three clubs have not yet set a goal, and seven additional clubs have set goals of less than \$100 per member. We know that a few clubs set a modest goal so they can always exceed it. Thank you to those clubs that set ambitious goals and are already on their way to achieving them. As of October 8, \$15,735 has already been given to the Annual Fund by Rotarians in our District. We have a little stretching to do to reach the \$161,000 goal by next June 30. But we can do it!! We have made a great start!

**WILL YOU JOIN US IN HELPING TO REACH THIS GOAL?**



## Around the District



DGE Cheryl Peterson, PDG Dee Brock, DG Mike Kelly, PDG Gus Braeutigam, PDG Bill Parlberg, and PDG Al Knoll

The **Rotary Club of Frankenmuth** held a club assembly on September 17 to honor those with perfect attendance during the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

A total of 35 were honored with perfect attendance ranging from 1 year to 53 years. However, the highlight of the day was honoring PDG Harold "Gus" Braeutigam with SIXTY (60) years of perfect attendance!

Gus joined the club on September 8, 1955, was Club President 1963-1964, and served as District Governor for the 1987-1988 Rotary year. He served as leader of the Group Study Exchange Team to Germany in 1992 and was the District Representative to the Council on Legislation in Chicago in 2002.

Gus is a Paul Harris Fellow (16 levels) and a charter member of the Paul Harris Society. He and wife Jeanne are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. His Rotary history and experience are a testimony to "Service Above Self."

Congratulations to Gus and all honorees of the Rotary Club of Frankenmuth!

Linda Heemstra, member of the **Rotary Club of Bay City**, was honored with the Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award by the Bay Area Community Foundation's annual Faces of Philanthropy event.

She is a member and leader of a number of organizations, including the Kantzler Foundation, Bay City Garden Club, Bijou Orchestra, United Way of Bay County and of course, the Rotary Club, where she was one of the first female members in the late 1980s.

Linda has been honored with the YWCA Princess Wenona Award, the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay Distinguished Service Award, Rotary Club of Bay City Rose Award, and the Bay City Garden Club Award for Civic Improvement.

She helped write a number of grants, including the one to install a statue of Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, in front of the community foundation's building.

In an article regarding her award in a recent edition of *The Bay City Times*, she is quoted: "I love the camaraderie of Rotary. The exchange of information that goes on at the lunch table and the fact that we do all of this philanthropic work is so great and important."



Linda Heemstra (in front of the Wirt Library in Bay City)

(Photo Andrew Dodson/MLive.com)





Members of the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** were recently honored as new Paul Harris Fellows.

Pictured from left are: Treasurer Mike Hanisko, President Ken Piotrowski, Magen Samyn, Larry Arendt, and Larry Ehrlinger.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Midland** were pleased to welcome back Bob and PDG Ruby Iwamasa, pictured with President Kevin Kendrick and Peace Fellowship Scholar Jeanne Schaller.

Jeanne recently returned from Thailand and shared some of the intense training she received as well as some of the individuals she met and learned from. In the short term, Jeanne will apply what she has learned in teaching conflict resolution skills to students in Bullock Creek and Meridian. Longer term, we will be examining the possibility of instituting a District-wide program.

Welcome back Jeanne!



The **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** recent program featured former CMU Rotaract Club member Lindsey Miller (pictured at left) and Robin Duthie who recently returned from a trip to Uganda with Heart Cry International and interactions with the Street Boys Group.

They help boys who left their homes due to parental alcoholism, trying to help their families, or in search of jobs to help their families. Once they reach the big cities they don't have money to get home and end up homeless and have to steal to stay alive.

The Street Center provides food Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week, and helps to return or resettle these children to families. They also teach the children to use tools and other skills.



Three new members were recently inducted to the **Rotary Club of Owosso**.

Pictured from left (all in front) are Anne Harkema, Rob Dorsey, and Jonathan Tamayo, joined by their respective sponsors, Ken Henry, Bob Vogl and Phyllis Seelye.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Terry Lutz!

Terry and his bride Cindy (Miller) are members of the **Rotary Club of Pigeon**. They exchanged vows on Saturday, September 26, at Salem United Methodist Church. Both are Paul Harris Fellows.



**The Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** recent program featured two representatives of Standish-Sterling High School, Zack Metevia and Clay Plachta, who addressed the club on their experience last June as representatives at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Camp program in Harrison. They were sponsored by the club along with two students from Pinconning High School.

Both students described their participation in the program as life changing. Zack said he has attended other leadership programs but none of them compared to this one. Both young men said they went to the camp not knowing what to expect. They thought a leader was someone who takes charge, but they found out that approach does not work within a large group, all of whom are potential leaders. They realized a leader needs to listen to others, and that sometimes it is as important to follow as to lead. Zack described it as a surreal experience.

The young men said they would like to share what they learned with other students in their school. They believed one way to do that is by re-activating the high school Interact Club that was established there a few years ago. This time, they would like to include students from Pinconning High School as well. *[Rotary club members indicated their willingness to help them get the club together again, and to see what is involved in expanding it beyond just one school.]*

They suggested that it would be a good idea to include younger students [juniors and sophomores] in the leadership camp program in the future so that they have time to institute what they have learned over a couple years. Seniors are often too busy their last year in high school to do so. The idea of starting an alumni group made up of persons who have gone through the leadership training was also mentioned. One of the students said that from his participation in the camp he had gained a sense of unity and a sense of community.

## Upcoming Event



The Rotary Club of Bad Axe is bringing the Harlem Ambassadors to Bad Axe on Monday, **October 26, 2015**, to play against the Rotary Dream Team, composed of local celebrities and community leaders.

The Harlem Ambassadors play "Harlem-style" basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks and hilarious comedy routines. This will be great, family fun for everyone! The Harlem Ambassadors will also conduct a Stay in School, Stay Off Drugs, Don't Be a Bully school assembly for grades 3-7 that day. All proceeds from this event will go to the Bad Axe Public Schools Project Playground and the new Interact Club of Bad Axe High School, a Rotary sponsored community service club.

The game is at 7:00 p.m. and doors open at 6:20. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and students. Children 4 and under are admitted free with an adult. Tickets are available at Bad Axe Public Schools, Northgate Pharmacy, Independent Bank (Bad Axe), or at the door. Tickets can also be purchased online by visiting the Rotary Club of Bad Axe's Facebook page!

There will be a free autograph session after the game until the last fan leaves, and an autographed game ball will be auctioned off during the game

Find out more about the Harlem Ambassadors by visiting their website at [www.harlemambassadors.com](http://www.harlemambassadors.com).

Contact Assistant Governor Don Rogers for any further information or questions at 989-315-1025 or email [donr2829@gmail.com](mailto:donr2829@gmail.com).





**THE 2015 CASS CITY ROTARY CLUB** (front, l-r) Val Hartel, treasurer; Bert Althaver, board member; Carl Palmateer; (second) Steve Bagnall, Mark Karwowski, president; Francis Ozim, Greg Biddinger, board member; Emily Phillips, board member; Jackie Roe, secretary; Cheryl Wiley; (third) Allison Zimba, Colleen Langenburg, Amy Peters, board member; (back) Carolyn Sorenson, Kory Batchke, Dave Milligan, board member; David Osentoski; Jim Bolton, Michael Sines, board member; Jason Bitzer, Peter Christiano and Carrie Luana. Missing Alice Zaleski, board member; Carrie Bryce, Craig Bellow, Debra Kranz, Jim Kranz, Mary Cunningham, Steve Erickson and Pat Curtis.

The **Rotary Club of Cass City** recently celebrated their 85th Anniversary.

Lambert Althaver (front row) celebrated his 50th year with the club!

### Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

**Saginaw Valley** - 43 years - Chartered October 21, 1972

**Midland Morning** - 27 years - Chartered October 10, 1988

**Pinconning/Standish** - 8 years - Chartered October 12, 2007

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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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