



# District Dispatch

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## Basic Education and Literacy Month

Rotary International has changed some of the “Rotary Month Designations” from prior years. **September is Basic Education and Literacy Month.** To see the revised calendar go to page 11 of this newsletter.

“Education and literacy” is also one of the six areas of focus for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Rotarians planning new service projects are encouraged to consider this area and the many opportunities for innovative projects.

Many of the Rotary Clubs in District 6310 have excellent literacy and education projects each year. I am overwhelmed at the outstanding community service, including “education and literacy” projects that we are involved in. The list of just a few includes; distribution of books and materials, backpack programs, teacher and student recognition, scholarships, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and many, many more. If your club does not currently have a related project, this is a good time to start.

In a follow-up to August as “Membership Month” and as my District Governor 2015 Tour continued, there were several newly inducted and potential new Rotarians at many Rotary Club meetings. Don’t stop now! Continue to add new faces and new ideas to your club. And when you do, get them involved right away in your club’s projects and activities. That is why they joined Rotary!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### This month:

**Rotary Zone 28 – 29 “Motor City Zone”** – Leadership Training for current and future District leaders held September 9 – 13 at the Marriott Detroit Renaissance Center.

#### Mark your calendar, more information to follow:

**World Polio Day** – Saturday, October 24. Organize a “Pizza for Polio” fund raiser.

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



District Governor  
Mike Kelly

“Be a gift to the world”

# Welcome, New Members of District Foundation Team



By Chair Eileen Jennings

Each year, many Rotarians throughout the District volunteer their time to advance the humanitarian work of Rotary. Your Foundation Committee meets four times a year to review Foundation fundraising and to approve grant requests using Rotary Foundation funds. The committee is quite large and welcomes anyone who wants to participate. All Past District Governors and current Assistant Governors are invited. But some persons have specific jobs on the committee.

Here is a list of coordinators of particular Foundation programs:

Chair, Foundation Committee	Eileen Jennings
Stewardship Coordinator	Al Nietzke
Annual Fund	Rod Bieber
Major Gifts/Paul Harris Society/Bequests	Bill Parlberg
Polio	Chuck Cusick
Grants and Global Grants	Penny St. Cyr
District Grants	Paul Moore
Vocational Training Teams	Lynne Mischley
Global Scholars/Peace Scholars	Tom Miles
Water and Sanitation Resource Group	Randy Ettema

Most of these familiar names are returning to their same responsibilities this year. But there are three changes. This year, **Roderick Bieber** has taken over as coordinator of Annual Fund giving, after Bob Chadwick stepped down. Rod is a member of the Saginaw Rotary Club. He has served as club president and Assistant Governor. He is already at work contacting clubs and encouraging contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. If your club needs a speaker about the Foundation, Rod will try to accommodate you. He can be reached at [rjbieber@newyorklife.com](mailto:rjbieber@newyorklife.com). Whether or not you contact him, you will be hearing from him!

**Penny St. Cyr** of the Pigeon Rotary Club has been overall chair of Grants. This year she will also assume direct coordination with clubs of Global Grants, as Cheryl Peterson moves onto her job as district Governor Elect. Penny too has been president of her club and has served the District in several capacities. If you are planning to apply for a Global Grant, please contact Penny early on so she can work with you from the very beginning. Write to her at [pstcyr@strategicincomesolutions.org](mailto:pstcyr@strategicincomesolutions.org).

Finally, Dave Morgan stepped down as chair of the Water and Sanitation Resource group, and has been replaced by **Randy Ettema**. Randy is a recent president of the Frankenmuth Morning Club and has been active on the Water & Sanitation Group since its inception. Randy welcomes new members of this group, and he can be reached at [muthsoccercdad@hotmail.com](mailto:muthsoccercdad@hotmail.com).

We thank all of these Rotarians who have stepped up to bring the international and humanitarian face of Rotary home to our District.

# Presidents-Elect: Save the Dates

By DGE Cheryl Peterson



Great Lakes PETS, the learning/training session for Presidents Elect (PE) will take place on **March 10-12, 2016**. This is a critical learning opportunity to help assure your preparation to assume leadership of your club on July 1, 2016. Please save these very important dates on your calendar.

Equally important is a new training session that we are introducing this year: Pre-PETS training. We have found in the last two years that we have had much to share with our PEs and have had to address too many key topics in too short a time at PETS. In order to better prepare you for your year as president, we have created a Pre-PETS session. A full agenda will be announced in the next few weeks with this session focusing heavily on planning for your year, meeting facilitation, engaging members, and sharing District priorities.

As your District Governor Elect, I am asking each PE to reserve **one** of the following dates on your calendar for Pre-PETS: Saturday, **February 13** or Saturday, **February 20** from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The location will be announced shortly. We are also holding Saturday, February 27 as an inclement weather make up day if needed.

Attending Pre-PETS will position you for a meaningful PETS experience, enhance your leadership skills for leading your club, and give you more time to assimilate a large amount of necessary information. We want you to be well prepared, to be successful, and to have fun in your year of leadership. Your attendance at Pre-PETS will contribute to achieving those goals. Please mark your calendars now!!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE GALA!

Plan to attend our 2015 Rotary Foundation Gala. The Gala will again be at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth on Friday, **November 20**.

Our keynote speaker will be Stephanie Urchick. Stephanie is an inspiring speaker about the Rotary Foundation and its work. She was a trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2012 to 2014, and she is now the Chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee. The culmination of this celebration will take place at the International Convention in Atlanta in 2017.

More about the Gala later, but please reserve the date on your calendar!

**"We cannot forget that our potential members will be asking themselves, 'What's in it for me?' We need to demonstrate the value of Rotary by showing that becoming a Rotarian will enrich their lives, as it has ours."**

**Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran**

# Your Foundation Dollars at Work

By Chair Eileen Jennings

The District Grants Committee has made its recommendation to Rotary International for how we want to spend our District Grant during the 2015-16 Rotary year.

The District has \$33,715 available for District Grants. We had \$41,705 of requests. For the first time, we were unable to fund all grant applications. We will provide support for 25 projects, in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$4,000. All 17 clubs that applied for funds, and RYLA, will receive something.

For the first time, we will be funding two international projects – one in Guatemala submitted by Bay City, and a Vocational Training Team (VTT) from Uganda submitted by Midland. Projects within the district range from Coats for Kids to literacy projects, from weekend feeding programs for low income children to start-up funds for an Interact club at a junior high school, and several community improvement projects.

Clubs cannot yet begin to spend the grants. The District Grant Committee will now summarize all approved grant applications and submit them as a “block” to Rotary International for funding. When RI approves the grant, Paul Moore will notify the clubs and then they may begin work or spend money on the projects. We expect RI approval will be received by November 1 (hopefully earlier).

## New Oral Inactivated Polio Vaccine

By Chair Chuck Cusick



The world has been trying to eradicate polio for almost 30 years. Africa has now been polio free for over one year. We have made tremendous progress but we are not there yet. The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) has been used for decades in many countries, but the final cases continue to escape us.

We now have a new tool, a second vaccine, the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV). Soon all countries will give one dose of IPV. Normally it takes decades to introduce a new vaccine, but the IPV will be introduced in 126 countries in three years. As of May, 19 of 126 countries have introduced the IPV. The IPV will help us get to our end goal of eradicating polio.

So far this year there have been 37 cases of wild polio virus, 29 in Pakistan and 8 in Afghanistan. At this time last year, 148 cases were recorded.

October 24 is World Polio Day. If you are interested in a program on polio, contact Chuck Cusick, email address – [cvcusick@aol.com](mailto:cvcusick@aol.com).

Note: Chuck will be out of the country until September 24.



## Around the District



Front row: Judy Metcalf, Kathy Kursch, President Joyce Gluch, Dee Brock

Middle row: Jim Wyman, Tom Tolsdorf, Ralph Barry

Back row: Dean Travis, Brian Jakubowski, Walt Berry, Harold Metcalf

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** recently celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary service to the community of Shepherd and to the world. The club's charter date is January 11, 1940, however the club waited until July 30<sup>th</sup> to hold its anniversary dinner and program. Please recall that in January, this club was in the midst of planning and preparing for the 2015 District Conference.

Besides remarks from District Governor Mike Kelly and a recounting of club history and service projects by Walt Berry, the nearly fifty people in attendance were treated to an inspirational presentation from PDG/RPIC Georgene Hildebrand entitled, "The Spirit of Longevity." Immediate Past District Governor Dee Brock presented the Rotary International Recognition Certificate to President Joyce Gluch.

The meal was delicious and the fellowship was extraordinary...in true Rotary fashion! The Rotary Club of Shepherd wishes to thank all those who were able to attend that evening and those who sent their good wishes. The club is looking forward to many more years of community service and "doing good" in the world.

The **Rotary Club of Millington** celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Monday, August 31, 2015, the exact same date as they began their wonderful journey of Rotary service in 1940. In attendance for the dinner celebration were about 35 Rotarians, community leaders, and guests. Among those enjoying the event were 14-15 Millington "Rotary Hero" Alfred Burns, who joined Rotary in 1953. He is the son of charter member Harry Burns. His son Wayne, Club Treasurer, is a third generation Rotarian. And if you think that is special (it is!), Alfred's wife, Albertine, was there that evening and was the pianist at the original Charter meeting as a young teenager in 1940!



Pictured Left to Right: President Scott Wegrzyn, District Governor Mike Kelly, Pianist Albertine Burns, and 62 year Rotarian Alfred Burns

84<sup>th</sup> District State Representative and Sebawaing Rotarian Ned Canfield also joined in reviewing the outstanding historical display of the first 75 years of Rotary in Millington. Keynote speaker for the 1940 Charter dinner was John Emmett Richards, District Governor 1932-33 (the first of nine District Governors from the Rotary Club of Alpena).

What an outstanding and generous group of Rotarians! Hopefully, their service will continue for at least another 75 years!





Pictured at left at a recent meeting of **The Rotary Club of Durand** are District Governor Nominee Pat Post, Club President Mary Warner-Stone, and District Governor Mike Kelly.



Picture by Nick King/Midland Daily News

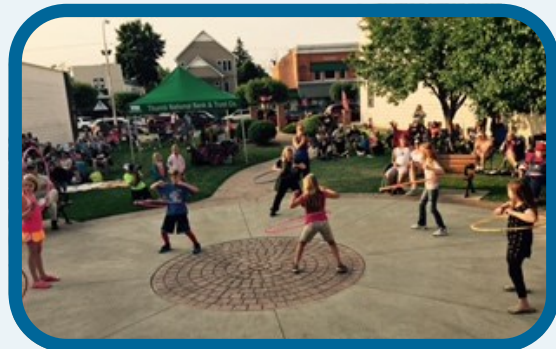
The Tridge Walk has become Midland's Labor Day tradition, and according to Club President Kevin Kendrick, this year's 24th annual walk attracted more than 300 participants.

The annual Labor Day walk began in 1992 when former Judge Henry Hart gathered a group of his friends. This year's event, sponsored by **Midland's** two **Rotary Clubs** — morning and noon — included music from the Resonators Drumline and the Jolly Hammers Dulcimer Group, refreshments, and a free raffle drawing with 75 prizes donated by local businesses. The walk was led by Midland Mayor Maureen Donker.

"It's one more way Midland is coming together to serve the community."

The **Cass City Rotary Club** hosted ten summer concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings at Rotary Park. The concerts were free to all.

One concert was the Sesquicentennial celebration to help recognize Cass City's 150th anniversary. It included over 10 variety acts, including a popular hoola hoop contest during intermission.





**The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** recently honored Paul Harris Fellows.

Bob Rulog is a PHF +1, and the club donated funds to designate former exchange student from Turkey Tuvana Turdes as a PHF.



Do you know this Zombie?

(See Page 11 for his identity)

## Special Invitation

Jennifer Jones, RI Director, Zones 28 & 29, has issued the following invitation:

Rotarians join me and Rotarians from Rotary Zones 28 and 29 and around the world at the *Rotary Day at the United Nations* in New York City. We will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations on Saturday, November 7. Why does the United Nations host such a special event for Rotary International? 49 Rotarians participated in the drafting of the United Nations Charter. Rotary International holds the largest non-governmental office at the United Nations. The vision of peace and understanding aligns with Rotary's vision.

In addition to hearing from United Nations and Rotary leadership on the post-millennium goals and new United Nations and Rotary initiatives, our Zones 28 and 29 have some fun events planned.

If you have particular questions on the event, please contact our Zone 28 and 29 RI Day at the United Nations coordinators, PDGs Elise Cadigan at [jhwks77@yahoo.com](mailto:jhwks77@yahoo.com) or Pat Merryweather at [dg6450pat@aol.com](mailto:dg6450pat@aol.com).

## Upcoming Events

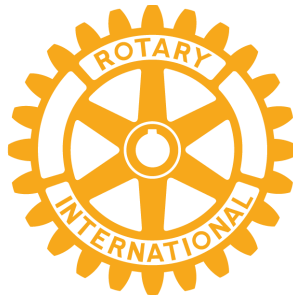
<b>2015 THIRSTING TO SERVE 11<sup>th</sup> Annual WATER CONFERENCE</b> <b>Partner Districts 6360(10 yrs) &amp; 6380 (10 yrs) &amp; 6310 (4 yrs)</b> <b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015: 6 PM Reception Amway World Headquarters</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015: THE ART OF SAFE WATER</b> <b>8:30 AM – 3:30 PM</b> <b>PRINCE CONFERENCE CENTER, CALVIN COLLEGE, GRAND RAPIDS MI</b>	
TIME	SPEAKER
8:30	Welcome DG 6290 Tom Schmidt
8:35	Safe Water Challenge, Eileen Conran w/6290 PDG Ross Conran
8:40 - 9:20	Stream of Conscience, Christine Destremes, Ex Dir, Art for Water
9:20 -10	The Art of Partnerships, Virginia Ryan, WASRAG Secretary/Management Team
10-10:30	The Art of Monitoring Projects, PDG Carolyn Meub, RD 7870, New Hampshire
10:30-10:45	Morning Break
Breakout #1 11-11:45	Willow Room: Thinking Outside the Box/Using Technology to Examine Issues (Teacher Institute but open to all attendees) Larry Jozwik, Pres. GraphTec Educational Consulting
	White Pine: Volunteering in a Developing Country: Martha Loren Hildreth
<b>Noon</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Presentation of Safe Water Prize</b>
Breakout #2 1 - 1:45 PM	Willow Room: Systems Thinking & Sustainability & Taking Action (Teacher Institute but open to all attendees) Larry Jozwik, Pres. GraphTec Educational Consulting
	White Pine: Youth Can Help too, Samantha Rogers, Interactor, Bad Axe, MI RD 6310
	General Session Rm: Stream of Conscience continued and hands on w/Christine Destremes
Breakout #3 2-2:45 PM	Willow Room: Monitoring & Evaluation-Ryan Rowe, Knowledge Manager, Water Institute Univ. No Carolina at Chapel Hill
	White Pine: Global Grants - Elk Rapids RC Global Grant in Haiti w/Pure Water for the World
2:50 PM	The Art of Using Lessons Learned, Robert Hildreth, RD 4060, Dominican Republic
3:30 PM	Send Off
INFORMATION: <a href="http://www.thirstingtoserve.org">www.thirstingtoserve.org</a> Questions: <a href="mailto:sbodenner@gmail.com">sbodenner@gmail.com</a> , 616-433-5400	

Our District helps sponsor "Thirsting to Serve." We will have a table display of our District projects around the world, and Samantha Rogers (daughter of Assistant Governor Don Rogers) will give a presentation on her trip to the Dominican Republic last November.

The dates of the conference have been moved to coincide with Art Prize in Grand Rapids.



# Rotary



## **The Rotary Club of Cass City Beer - Wine - Cheese**



**Wednesday,  
September 16, 2015  
Gilligan's Bar and  
Grill  
(Banquet Room)  
7 pm — 9 pm**



**THE ONLY ZOMBIE RUN IN THE AREA HELD ON A GOLF COURSE!**

**THE RUNNING DEAD**  
zombie run

10.10.15

Rotary Club of Bay City presented by 



**OH YEAH!!! THEY'LL BE CHASING YOU**

Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) <http://bit.ly/1K7Ertc>

All pre-registered adult racers (5K, 8K, Double Z) will receive a FREE Tech T-shirt to ~~take~~ **take** for!

REGISTER	Now thru Aug 31	Sept 1 thru Oct 5	Race Day
5K Run/Walk	\$25	\$30	\$35
8K	\$25	\$30	\$35
Double Z	\$30	\$35	\$40
Freaky Fun Run/Walk	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 7

Kids 5 & Under Free (with paying adult)

# DID YOU KNOW?

The Rotary Monthly Calendar has changed as of July 1, 2015. If you're planning your Rotary year, here is the new information.

**JULY** — Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

**AUGUST** — Membership and New Club Development Month

**SEPTEMBER** — Basic Education and Literacy Month

**OCTOBER** — Economic and Community Development Month

**NOVEMBER** — Rotary Foundation Month

**DECEMBER** — Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

**JANUARY** — Vocational Service Month

**FEBRUARY** — Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

**MARCH** — Water and Sanitation Month

**APRIL** — Maternal and Child Health Month

**MAY** — Youth Service Month

**JUNE** — Rotary Fellowships Month



The Zombie is none other than PDG and current District Treasurer Bob Chadwick!

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

**Owosso** - 94 years - Chartered September 1, 1921

**Birch Run** - 16 years - Chartered September 2, 1999

**Saginaw Sunrise** - 14 years - Chartered September 7, 2001



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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