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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTHCARE MONTH

Rotary International has designated April as **Maternal and Child Healthcare Month**.

The Rotary Foundation

Our six areas of focus

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

...to do good in the world

Our members improve access to essential medical services for mothers and their children. These efforts are aimed at reducing the number of children under age five who die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation—a figure that is currently estimated at 7 million. **Imagine, that equates to over 19,000 child deaths per day!**

According to another estimate, more than 80 percent of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. Our members provide education, immunizations, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

All 32 Rotary Clubs in our District have provided financial support to our global projects that are designed to improve health for citizens around the globe. All of the six “Areas of Focus” of the Rotary Foundation are interconnected.

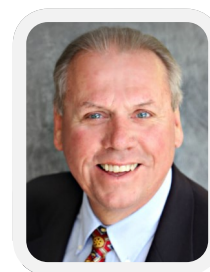
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Notes from DG Mike (continued)

When we improve water and sanitation with our projects in the Dominican Republic we are supporting our disease prevention and treatment and healthcare as well. We truly are focused on “Service above self”!

I hope you are registered or will be soon to attend our “Celebration” of Rotary at our District Conference on May 20 – 21 in Alpena. More details are included in this edition of the District Dispatch.

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!



**District Governor
Mike Kelly**

Making Your Estate Plans

By TRF Committee Chair Eileen Jennings

When you update your estate plan, don't forget to include The Rotary Foundation SHARE.

If you designate The Rotary Foundation to receive at least \$1,000 and notify the Foundation of your designation, you will be recognized as a Benefactor. If you designate at least \$10,000 you will be recognized as a member of the Bequest Society. Larger gifts carry additional recognitions.

One of the easiest ways to leave a gift is to name The Rotary Foundation SHARE as the recipient of all or some of the proceeds of a life insurance policy. Many of us purchased life insurance policies when we were younger and wanted protection for our young children in the case of our premature death. Now, our circumstances may have changed, and we don't need this insurance for spouse or children or even to pay for our funeral expenses.

Of course, we can make The Rotary Foundation SHARE a beneficiary of our will or living trust, our charitable remainder trust, or our retirement plan. Giving to The Rotary Foundation SHARE from certain assets (like retirement plans) can have significant advantages in skipping some taxes. Consult your tax advisor and/or estate planning attorney for details.

If you have an IRA, you can also make gifts to The Rotary Foundation SHARE now. Federal law allows you to make a tax-free gift from your individual retirement account (IRA) directly to The Rotary Foundation. This law has now been made permanent. Known as the IRA charitable rollover, this law allows individuals 70½ and older the ability to transfer up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts directly to a qualified charitable organization without being subject to federal income taxes on the distribution. You must transfer the funds directly from your IRA.

Why do I keep saying that you should designate your estate gift to The Rotary Foundation SHARE? If you give through SHARE, the gift will be invested by the Rotary endowment fund and 50% of the earnings will go into our District Designated Fund (DDF), the fund that the district uses to match club international humanitarian projects. If you do not include SHARE in the designation, all of the earnings on the gift will go into the Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

For further information and assistance about giving options, email plannedgiving@rotary.org or call the Rotary International office at 847-866-3100.

Annual Conference: Great Opportunity to Relish What it Means to be a Rotarian

[Register Now](#) for Rotary District 6310 Conference, May 20-21 in [Alpena — Sanctuary of the Great Lakes](#)

Service to others is an essential part of being a Rotarian, and this year's District Annual Conference takes being a "gift to the world" to heart. Starting on Friday afternoon, May 20, all conference participants will have the opportunity to participate in the **Feeding Kids Ministry Service Project**.

Pallets of food will be onsite and ready for creating individual packets for school-age youth. The packets will then be discretely placed into each child's backpack so they have food for the weekend. Hundreds of elementary and junior high children in Alpena benefit from the Feeding Kids Ministry during the school year and then in the summer through a 12-week daily lunch program.

Another great two-part session offered on Friday afternoon will help Rotarians take full advantage of **Internet and Social Media Tools** to more effectively reach out to your community, engaging all ages in Rotarian sponsored events and programs. The sessions will also help you become more familiar with tools like District 6310's Clubrunner website.



On Saturday, the focus will broaden to **"Global Rotary Projects: Process and Success."** A panel of Rotarians will discuss international projects, how they got involved, and what practices they used to ensure their success. Additional sessions will highlight nutrition and healthy living, building your Rotary Club's membership, effectively projecting the Rotary brand and public image, Rotary grant writing, community building projects such as Habitat for Humanity, and the Rotary Peace Scholar program.



For those who want to get out and explore the magnificent Lake Huron area, you will have the opportunity to visit the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center on Saturday afternoon. Pre-registration is required for those who would like to explore Lake Huron shipwrecks on the *Lady Michigan*, a glass-bottom passenger vessel 65 feet in length.

[Register today](#) so you can be sure not to miss what promises to be a fascinating and inspirational weekend of keynoters, workshops, community service and adventure as you explore Alpena -- Sanctuary of the Great Lakes!

Won't you help the Rotary Club of Alpena make sure this year's District Conference is a great success? Here are four ways you can help:

- Visit the [online registration site](#) today and complete the registration process.
- Make sure your club is planning to have a wonderful gift basket or other item that showcases your local community in the silent auction.
- Support your club's effort in nominating your Rotary "Hero" of the year to be recognized at the annual conference.
- Encourage your local youth who have participated in Rotary activities throughout the year to come along and learn more about Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchanges.

Every Rotarian Every Year

By TRF Committee Chair Eileen Jennings



It is hard to believe that another Rotary year is almost over. The year will end at the end of June, just three months from now. We will be very busy with all the special events in family lives – graduations, celebrations, etc. Then we have our Rotary spring projects, including the transfer of officers.

Before we get too caught up in these special occasions, let's finish the job of making our gifts to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. If you are the Treasurer or Foundation Chair of a club, be sure all those gifts from members have been sent in to Evanston. Every year, at least one club sends in its money after the deadline and the members and club look like they did not give anything in the present Rotary year. Let's see if we can avoid that this year.

Giving has been strong thus far. As of March 30, our district has donated \$115,170 to the Annual Fund and \$32,377 for Polio Plus. Our goal for the Annual Fund in 2015-16 is \$160,000. We can make or exceed this goal!

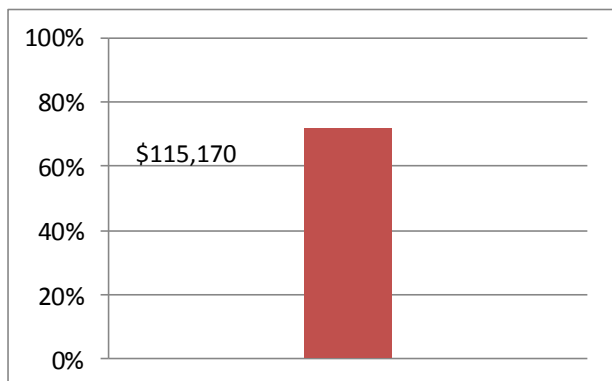
As I work with clubs, I notice that there are very few clubs where ALL members give something to The Rotary Foundation. Even clubs that are very generous in total giving often have many members who give nothing. Congratulations to the three clubs that already have 100% giving and two more clubs that are "this close." Now I make a plea for Every Rotarian to give something to the Annual Fund – even if it is only \$10.00.

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

How many more clubs can become EREY clubs this year?

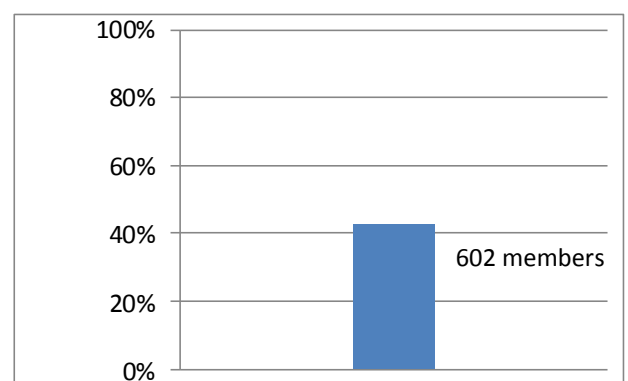
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 3/30/16

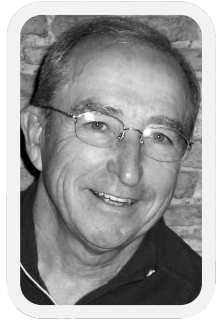
1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 3/30/16

Polio Immunization in India

By Chair Chuck Cusick



The switch from trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine occurs this month. Click on the following link to a video that helps to explain this change. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9gjhFOiNKI>

As of 30 March 2016 only nine cases of wild polio virus have been found, two in Afghanistan and seven in Pakistan. Last year there were 21 cases by this date.



Nancy Cusick has returned from her trip to India, where she participated in a National Immunization Day (NID). There were rallies with drums, music, and loud-speakers to let the villagers know that it was time to begin the immunizations.

Stations were set up where the children would come to receive the two precious drops of vaccine. The child would then receive their “purple pinkie.” For the following three days, health workers would go house to house to identify children yet to be immunized. She was able to share her experience at PETS.

Nancy also helped build a water retention dam with Rotarians from Australia, England, Canada, and the United States. This was a Rotary Foundation Global Grant.

If your club is interested in a presentation on polio, contact Chuck Cusick, cvcusick@aol.com 989-667-7990.



“We might not do what Mother Teresa did — give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her. We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion — knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.”

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Rotaract and Interact News



Central Michigan University
Rotaract presented Carla Ives
 of Heart Cry International
 \$250 for the Street Boys of
 Uganda Project.



On March 16, 2016, members of the **Rotaract Club of Saginaw Valley State University** and the **Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley** met at Delta College for the Veteran Expo. This year's expo featured service providers and organizations from the community and a free screening of Project 22 (a documentary regarding veteran suicide). The guest speaker was Dr. Miller (VA Chief of Mental Health).

According to Bethany Alford, Chief Petty Officer, United States Navy (Coordinator of Veteran Services) – over 300 veterans attend Delta College.

The Rotaract Club goal was to inform students, teachers, and administrators about their nearby club and membership opportunities. They now have 17 members and growing.



Pictured at our table on the main campus are two Rotaract members: Brenda Martinez and Ipsit Patki.



Mark Fuhrman, Linwood Elementary School Principal; Nicole Gerhauser, Pinconning High School student; Clay Plachta, Standish-Sterling High School student; and Mark Williams, Standish-Sterling High School Principal.

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** met recently at Standish-Sterling High School to hear a presentation on two community service projects that the new high school **Pinconning & Standish Interact Club** plans to undertake this spring.

The first project will be a spring clean-up at local businesses that have been supportive of school activities. Each business will be contacted to see what sort of sprucing up they might like to have done by students this month.

The second project will be a Day Camp in June at Pinconning County Park for young children, kindergarten through 5th grade. The theme of the camp will be "Connecting Children to the Land" to mirror the theme of the Rotary Club's Saginaw Bay Nature Festival, "Connecting People to the Land and Water." The students said they hoped to introduce local residents to nature and wildlife resources at Pinconning County Park since so many seem unfamiliar with this great Saginaw Bay facility. Those being enlisted to help organize and run the camp include DNR staff, the Boy Scouts, area college biology students, the local land conservancy, and Bay City State Recreation Area staff.

Around the District

Rotary Club of Caro President Brenda Kretzschmer congratulates and presents a new Paul Harris Pin to Barbara Osentoski for achieving her Paul Harris Fellow Plus One designation. Each \$1000 donation to The Rotary Foundation earns an additional stone in the Paul Harris Fellowship Pin.

Congratulations to Barb on her new designation.



The **Rotary Club of Cass City** celebrated their 16th annual St. Pats Dinner/Auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 19. It was a great success thanks to club members and community. There were silent and live auctions, three mystery auction items, and reverse draw, gun, and jewelry raffles. A catered authentic Irish meal as well as music & dancing highlighted the evening.

Hats off also to our St. Pats committee chairperson, Emily Philips, who pulled it all together and also to our host for the evening member Jason Bitzer, and all those who supported this great event.

The club voted for its "Rotary Hero" prior to the dinner/auction; and it was unanimous that Valerie Hartel, our Treasurer for the past 20 years, should be honored for her dedication and expertise as our Treasurer and as a volunteer in other areas of service to our community and world. It was a pleasure to announce her as our Rotary Hero for 2015-2016 that evening, so she was honored at the Dinner/Auction as well.

The **Rotary Club of Clare** has been partnering with Love Inc. of Clare County to help people in need in the county. In December, the club donated 5 full beds and 5 twin beds with linens and pillows. Love Inc. has given out around 1,200 beds in the six years they have been open. Five of the new pillows and three beds were given to a family that had a house fire around Christmas.

During Easter week, the Clare Rotary, again partnering with Love Inc., delivered 30 Easter dinner baskets to families that were in need. The Rotary assembled and prepared the baskets and delivered them throughout Clare County. Love In the Name of Christ (Love Inc.) is very thankful for the donations and service given by the Clare Rotary Club to people in need in Clare County.





Spring break proved an opportunity for **Rotary Club of Midland** President Kevin Kendrick and his wife, Jennifer, to visit their sister club in Midland, Ontario, where they were welcomed to Canada by President John Lister and club members. Temporarily, the club is using the Midland Curling Club for their meetings.

The sister city club was chartered approximately 50 years ago, and they currently have about 65 members. They support a number of local causes and on the average, raise about \$250,000 per year, which is amazing for a club of that size. Most recently, they presented a check for \$50,000 to a senior citizens home in the area.

The **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** recently welcomed two new Rotarians.

From left to right are Matt Hagen, his sponsor Robin Duthie, Wafa Hozein, and her sponsor Krystal Campbell.



The Rotary Club of Pigeon 'Wine & Cheese Fund Raising' event was a great success. The purveyors of quality wines and cheese, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits; Dizzy Daisy winery; Vine 'N Berry; Artigiano – Artisan Cheese Shoppe, did a great job. A special thanks to Kevin Sturm and Shooter's Grill and Lorraine and Mike LePage of Village Quick Stop for their assistance. And a special note for Teresa, "Thank you so much for the role you played in making the Rotary Wine & Cheese Tasting event so successful." There were approximately 90 in attendance (20 Rotarians), and it appeared everyone had a good time.

Preliminary records show \$1,650 in corporate sponsorships, \$715 was raised from raffle ticket sales, and \$680 at the door for ticket sales.



Jean Saxon, Jill Gunter, and Lori Schu-

At a recent **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** meeting, members welcomed Jill Gunter, who works for The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, Illinois. Jill was raised in the Pinconning area, attended St. Michael's School, and graduated from Standish-Sterling High School. She went on to Alma College and had the opportunity to study in France. Later, she lived in Northern Ireland where she met her husband. They later lived in Spain.

In 2008, she and her family returned to the United States, and she began working for The Rotary Foundation in Evanston. Her foreign study and travel benefited her because the Foundation deals with over 500 Rotary districts throughout the world.

Jill began work at the Foundation with the Ambassadorial Scholar program, then moved on to District Grants administration. Presently, she works with the Peace Fellowship program. She said Rotary partners with universities around the world to sponsor studies in conflict resolution. The American partner is Duke University and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where a Master's Degree in conflict resolution and a variety of disciplines related to peace and security are offered. There is also a three-month Professional Development Certificate in peace and conflict studies that can be earned by individuals already working in the field. One hundred openings in the program are available each year and there are usually about 400 applicants.

The club continues to publicize their Saginaw Bay Nature Festival. One of the items that will be included in the April 23 raffle is a quilt (shown at right) that was produced and donated by inmates of the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland.

There will also be a quilt and bird bath donated by Bittersweet Quilt Shop, and a kayak and smoker donated by Northwoods Wholesale Outlet.



On March 19th members for the **Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley** spent the first day on the job at the Saginaw Children's Zoo excavating the site for the Penguin Exhibit Project. Members will be working to install a glass wall at the back of the exhibit for better viewing of the penguins.

Pictured taking a break from the hard work are several members and their families. The following day more help was received from the Rotaract Club of Saginaw Valley State University. Plans are to have the project completed by the night of the club's benefit raffle campaign dinner at the zoo on May 19th.



Upcoming Events

SAGINAW BAY NATURE FESTIVAL



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE LAND AND WATER

Join members of the [Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish](#) for one or all of the Lecture Series on issues related to the Saginaw Bay.

- **Thursday, April 14, 4:00 PM** -- Roger Eriksson, *Birds of Michigan Photography*. Join one of Michigan's leading wild-life photographers as he shares photos and stories about capturing the beauty of Michigan birds on film.
- **Monday, April 18, 4:00 PM** -- David Karpovich, *Environmental Science Institute at SVSU*. Hear about watershed research and educational efforts to design and implement projects to address the conservation needs of the people of the Saginaw Bay region.
- **Monday, April 18, 7:00 PM** -- Mike Kelly, *The Saginaw Bay Fishery*. The Saginaw Bay is known as one of the world's greatest freshwater fisheries -- join a discussion of the fishery's past and the work going on to make it better.
- **Tuesday, April 19, 4:00 PM** -- Zachary Branigan, *The Magic of Migration*. Learn the *why* and *how* of the great annual migration of birds through the region.
- **Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM** -- Tom Long, *Landscaping for Wildlife*. Learn the importance of using native Michigan trees and shrubs when landscaping, both to benefit wildlife and to create a sustainable environment in your own backyard. In addition, MSU Extension will be presenting programs to every 9th grade biology class on using native plants to benefit wildlife, with native plants being provided to students for planting during festival week.
- **Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 PM** -- Dan Borushko, *Astronomy* [at Pinconning Boys & Girls Club]. Learn about telescopes and the constellations seen from this part of the globe from a local amateur astronomer, and join children in viewing the midday sky [weather permitting].
- **Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 PM** -- Trevor Edmonds, *Invasive Species - Plants & Animals*. Learn about species accidentally or deliberately introduced into our region, the detrimental effect many of them have on native species, and the ongoing efforts to control them.
- **Thursday, April 21, Noon** -- Isabelle Osawamick, *Ojibway Footprints on the Land*. Join Pinconning/Standish Rotarians at their weekly meeting to discover the meaning and pronunciation of Michigan place names left us by Indigenous Peoples, from a representative from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Anishinaabe Language Restoration Department.
- **Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM** -- Jeanne Henderson, *Backyard Bird Feeding*. Learn how backyard bird feeding helps with winter bird survival, the importance of maintaining clean feeders using preferred foods, and opportunities to participate in bird-count reporting.

All programs will be held in the Media Center of Pinconning High School, except for the Astronomy program which will be held at the Boys & Girls Club.

- Saturday, April 23, a wrap-up banquet will be held at the Chippewa Indian Tribal Center at Saganing where artwork submitted by students will be displayed. Winners of the art and conservation project competitions will be announced. A silent auction and raffle will also be held. Tickets are available by contacting Secretary Michael Stoner at mirost62@gmail.com

Birds of a Feather

Music of the Eagles and more!

**THURSDAY
APRIL 28, 2016
6:30 PM**

**State Theatre Bay City
Admission \$10**

Essexville Verellen Fourth Grade Choir

Jeff Yantz and the Barn Hands

**The Rockin' Rotarians... with Special
Guest, Bay City's own Sound Proof**

Tickets: statetheatrebaycity.com or at the door

Proceeds help The Rotary Club of Bay City fund
youth and education community programs

Rotary Club of Vassar



Save the Date...It's Auction Time!!

THE ROTARY CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*The Vassar Rotary Club is holding its
26th Annual **LIVE** Fundraising Auction*

Saturday, April 30, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

At the Ivan Middleton Hall - Vassar Memorial Park

*Coffee, doughnuts, hotdogs, brats, pop and
water will be available at the snack bar.*

We need new and used items that are of GOOD to EXCELLENT quality to sell. Our ability to raise funds depends upon everyone's help in obtaining **donations, consigned goods and gift certificates.**

DO YOU NEED SOME CASH?? Look around your home or business for items to sell on consignment. We can get it SOLD for you!! It will help our club continue to make a difference in OUR community.

To have an item picked up or if you have any questions, please call Jason at (989) 823-7031 or email at jason@steelefuneraldirectors.com

The Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club's 2016 Spring Fahrrad Bicycle Tour May 15, 2016

The Morning Rotary Club of Frankenmuth would like to invite all bicycling enthusiasts to participate in its 2016 tour. There are offering three scenic routes to choose from: 25K, 50K and 100K. All routes begin and end in Frankenmuth at the Rittmueller Middle School located at 965 E Genesee Street. These routes parade through the city on the first leg, wind along the Cass River, across lush farmlands, have light traffic and are mostly flat with a few hills along the way.

Each participant receives maps, food stops of cookies, juice, water and fruit along the route and shower facilities upon completion. In addition, the 100K will feature a "light" lunch. The food stops are approximately 20 miles apart (7 miles for the 25K). An ANSI or SNELL bicycle helmet is **STRONGLY** encouraged.

We encourage all riders to participate in the mass start at 8 a.m.

The registration table will be open from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Middle School gym lobby. Riders on the 100K route **MUST** start by 8 a.m.



Registration fees:	
Before May 1, 2015	\$15.00
After May 1, 2015	\$20.00
Under the age of 14	\$5.00



To register and for more information, visit www.fmrotary.com.

Bring your family and enjoy our Little Bavaria!

NOTICE—NEW MEETING LOCATION

The new location for the **Rotary Club of Ithaca**, which meets Wednesday at Noon

Thompson Home Library, 125 W. Center Street, Ithaca

Note: The club meets in the lower level of the library, which is across from the Fire Station.



A huge *THANK YOU* to **Jennifer Kendrick** our new District Webmaster! Jennifer is the spouse of Midland President Kevin Kendrick, and she currently produces the club's weekly bulletin and will be updating our District Website and Facebook Page. You may contact her by email at akendrick@outlook.com

Editorial Correction: The picture on the last page of the March Dispatch incorrectly identified President Dan Courveau as the individual accepting an award at the 4th Annual Osprey Awards for Conservation Excellence. The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Business or Organization Osprey Award in recognition for creating the Saginaw Bay Nature Festival (to be held in April).

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Midland - 96 years - Chartered April 1, 1920

Frankenmuth - 77 years - Chartered April 11, 1939

Clare - 71 years - Chartered April 20, 1945

Oscoda - 44 years - Chartered April 8, 1972



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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