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Thoughts of the Season

During this time of the year, our thoughts often turn to what brings us joy and thankfulness and we reflect on the blessings that we have in our lives. Rotarians are often found working—ringing bells, selling newspapers, sorting food or personal care articles, collecting, shopping for, and distributing winter coats and other winter wear, “adopting” whole families to support during the Thanksgiving or Christmas season—in multiple ways finding opportunity to serve humanity in local communities—and experiencing joy and fellowship in doing so—just look at these faces!!



There have been thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of words written and thoughts shared about Thanksgiving, Christmas, the holiday season, this most wonderful time of the year. One of my favorites is this one that speaks to gift suggestions: “To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”

Thanks to each one who has or will share of your time, energies, or treasure to make this winter season—holidays and beyond—a bit brighter, warmer, or more secure for others. You may never meet some of those you serve but your generosity will be appreciated—somewhere on someone’s face, tears of gratitude will flow because of your kindness and care. Thank you for serving humanity!

January Focus...

Vocational Service

The focus of Rotary in January is on Vocational Service. The following “take action strategies” were gleaned from the Rotary International website. Which one will your club use when promoting vocational service in January?

- Host a classification talk program to foster knowledge of member vocations.
- Organize tours of member workplaces to gain better understanding of other vocations.
- Present a program on Rotary Fellowships and encourage members to join one associated with their vocation.
- Develop a service project that utilizes the vocational skills of members.
- Organize a seminar/workshop on ethics in the workplace and invite local non-Rotarian business leaders.
- Develop a program where your club presents ethics awards to business professionals who demonstrate high ethical standards.
- Sponsor an essay or speaking contest for young people on the meaning of the 4 Way Test.
- Recruit members to give career guidance to a young person; participate in a career day for youth.
- Gain an understanding of Vocational Training Teams. Plan to explore and participate in such an experience in the future.

The opportunities to focus on vocational service are many and varied, can be short term or long term, and part of what distinguishes Rotary from other organizations. Consider what your club can do to promote vocational service. Find more information and ideas in the Rotary publication: An Introduction to Vocational Service.

Atlanta’s Center for Civil and Human Rights



Another reason to attend the RI Convention in Atlanta: At this beautiful museum, you will learn about The American Civil Rights Movement and its significance for the progress of human rights across the world. Conveniently located between the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium, the Center takes you on an exploration of the fundamental rights of all human beings. You will leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights. This unique museum is not to be missed.





Shout Out! YEAH!!

The Rotary Club of Oscoda...

Networking with Business, Our Youth, and Entrepreneurs

By Arnie LeRiche, Public Relations Team Member

The 2016 calendar year was one where our Rotary Club ventured out in some different ways to reach out and network with local business. We also involved our Oscoda High School Interact students in an “entrepreneurial” experience during a 2-day camp. We did all this during two separate “pilot” events while partnering with our county economic development organization (Develop Iosco), two Chambers of Commerce (Oscoda and Tawas), and the MSU Extension.



Most recently, during RI's October Monthly theme for Economic and Community Development (See October Dispatch) our club participated in a business EXPO called “Showcase Iosco” held at the Tawas High School, in Iosco County's county seat. Our Club rented an Expo “booth” along with nearly 50 local businesses and a dozen non-profits.

Pictured in our booth are Don and Patt Stansloski and new Rotarian Cathy Wusterbarth. Don and Patt answered questions about our club projects, community service activities, etc. Our key club project, Pre-school Literacy and reading book distribution, now into its third year with a District Grant, was a big hit in all conversations with business leaders. A new project flyer, developed by Patt as one of three project team members, was widely distributed. Don and Arnie travelled throughout the 60+ booths during the 4-hour event talking with business leaders about their business, our club projects, our community service events and handing out club brochures.



Attendees also were treated to five separate training or public information forums throughout the event. Only lasting 20 minutes but jammed packed with useful information, these forums provided unique opportunities to our club to network/discuss with businesses shared priorities for community service, involving our youth in volunteerism or educational/business opportunities. One such topic was a presentation about opportunities for low income families with students to receive subsidized, low-cost premiums for high speed broadband internet through a federal/state program called “Lifeline for Subsidized Broadband.” Outreach of this program is through the Develop Iosco and Connect Michigan broadband organizations as well as the broadband vendors’ outreach to our area school districts. (For more information: <http://www.connectmi.org/low-cost-internet>)

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The Rotary Club of Oscoda Shout Out! (continued)

Our Rotary Club also helped sponsor a pilot youth oriented educational seminar on Business Entrepreneurship Education (B.E.E. Camp) offered by MSU Extension, IRESA and a local advocate (Cliff Miller) for entrepreneurship and business development. Our Rotary Club and a civic-minded local Oscoda restaurant, Camp Inn Lodge, each financially sponsored one OHS Interact student to attend this 2-day camp where they enthusiastically: learned concepts of business planning, visited several local small businesses, formed teams to develop a business concept and business plan and present it to a panel of local business leaders. This quote by one of the students tells it all, “I now want to pursue my ideas and try to make something out of them,” which was one of the goals of the camp and was highlighted by the team from [Incuba8](#), an innovation and design consultancy located in Midland, Michigan. Caryn and Katryn, co-founders of Incuba8, worked with students to craft their ideas before getting feedback from community leaders.

Several tangible benefits realized through our Club’s involvement in these two events:

- (1) Students are very much looking forward to attending another B.E.E. Camp,
- (2) Several businesses and one non-profit will be visiting our club or presenting as a guest speaker,

Both pilot projects are expected to be repeated in 2017 with increased enthusiasm and enrollment, especially with our YOUTH.



For full article about the B.E.E. Camp or links to other topics such as “Lifeline Broadband Subsidies,” go to our Rotary Club Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OscodaRotaryClub) and specific subject posts. or call Arnie Leriche at (989) 255-0698

“The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They’re learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They’re living lives that are better, happier, and healthier — because of *Rotary Serving Humanity.*”

Rotary International President John Germ

10th Annual Rotary Foundation Gala

On Friday, November 18th, over 300 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal and outstanding program at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth to recognize the outstanding work of the District in supporting The Rotary Foundation and honoring recipients of Paul Harris Fellow Award recipients.

The following club awards were presented by Immediate Past District Governor Mike Kelly in recognition of donations during the 2015-2016 Rotary year:

100% The Rotary Foundation Giving:

Rotary Clubs of **Birch Run, Caro, Cass City, Durand, Frankenmuth Morning, Oscoda, Saginaw Valley** and **Shepherd**

Per Capita Giving:

Cass City: \$340.63/member

Pigeon: \$262.86/member

Midland Morning: \$259.53/member



Polio Plus Giving:

Rotary Clubs of **Bad Axe, Bay City, Caro, Cass City, Corunna, Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Morning, Harbor Beach, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Oscoda, Pigeon,** and **Saginaw Valley**

Additionally, newest members of the Paul Harris Society (individuals who give \$1,000 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation) were recognized:

Brenda Kretschmer, Caro; Danied Bade, Frankenmuth; Stephen Jennings, Frankenmuth, Stephen List, Frankenmuth; Chris Yonker, Ithaca; Jennifer Kendrick, Midland; Kevin Kendrick, Midland; and David Hood, Owosso.

Recognition was provided for **Andreas & Tracy Teich, Bay City**, as the newest members of the Bequest Society, those with estate commitments of \$10,000 or more.

Major Donors, those whose combined personal giving to The Rotary Foundation has reached \$10,000 (initially) and increments of \$10,000 for each additional level, were honored:

Level One: **Eileen Jennings, Mt. Pleasant; Kenneth Schaeffer, Mt. Pleasant**

Level Two: **Charles & Nancy Cusick, Bay City**

Overall, our District was recognized at Rotary Zone 29 for the third highest per capita giving in the Zone!

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

One of the highlights of the 10th Annual Rotary Foundation Gala was the presentation of new non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow recipients. Past Rotary International Director and Keynote Speaker Larry Lunsford used points to present a District-wide award to local newsman, **David Maurer**. Dave serves on a number of charitable committees and as news director for Saginaw-based Radio Station WSGW, providing information on happenings in the Great Lakes Bay Area, including many Rotary-sponsored events.

Additional recipients were as follows:

Rotary Club of Alpena, George LaFleche, volunteer, community service, and Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Rotary Club of Bad Axe, Beth Bouverette, life-long volunteer and fund raiser for local charities

Rotary Club of Bay City, Avram Golden, advocate for diverse projects impacting Bay City

Rotary Club of Bay City Morning, Mary Ida Doan, Mrs. Santa Claus and community volunteer

Rotary Club of Birch Run, Cheryl Hadsall, supporter of the Birch Run community

Rotary Club of Caro, Sheila Fritz, waitress for the weekly Rotary Club luncheons living the 4-Way Test

Rotary Club of Cass City, Kate VanAuken, librarian and literacy advocate

Rotary Club of Corunna, Russell Ritchie, veterinarian and county fair volunteer

Rotary Club of Durand, Janice Harper, retired teacher and educational volunteer

Rotary Club of Frankenmuth, Michael Larges, community and church volunteer

Rotary Club of Frankenmuth Morning, John Deterding, fire chief and first responder

Rotary Club of Gladwin, Don Kehoe, municipal official and community volunteer

Rotary Club of Harbor Beach, Ron Wruble, parks and recreation director and volunteer coach

Rotary Club of Ithaca, Cathy Timmons, local official and school volunteer

Rotary Club of Midland, Jeanne Schaller, professional mediator and Rotary Peace Fellow

Rotary Club of Midland Morning, Dan Kozakiewicz, safety and workforce development volunteer

Rotary Club of Millington, Jody Dean, nurse, local official, and Chamber President

Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, Dr. Jan Pol, veterinarian and television show personality

Rotary Club of Oscoda, Belle Flora, local community resource provider

Rotary Club of Owosso, Lori Young Rowlison, youth promoter and volunteer

Rotary Club of Pigeon, Mike LePage, local official and community volunteer

Rotary Club of Pinconning/Standish, Ellen R. Charlebois, community and art council volunteer

Rotary Club of Saginaw, Ken Streeter, homeless shelter provider

Rotary Club of Saginaw Sunrise, Scott Carmona, community and Saginaw Valley State University supporter

Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley, Eric Gilbertson, non-profit and civic board member

Rotary Club of Sebewaing, Don Beers, school board member and student mentor

Rotary Club of Shepherd, Ronald Rhynard, local festival volunteer and Citizen of the Year

Rotary Club of Vassar, Sandra Keyes, local charities volunteer

(Note: More complete biographies were provided in the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition booklet provided at the Gala)

Vocational Training Team

...Preparing for Their Trip to Uganda

By Chair Lynne Mischley

A District Grant Vocational Training Team (VTT), composed of Rotarians and non-Rotarians will be traveling to Muko region in southwest Uganda for two weeks, January, 12-24, 2017, to provide vocational training to the staff of Agape Community Transformation (ACT), a partnership of two ecumenical Christian organizations, in Uganda and Michigan. This grant is sponsored by the Midland Rotary Club along with the Midland Morning and Bay City Morning Rotary Clubs. The team will be working primarily with the staff of ACT, and also board members and community leaders.



Left to right: Tim Dyste, Sue Waechter, Diana Stubig, Suzanne Greenberg, Vanessa Brooks Herd, and Dick Dolinski

Team members and areas of focus for the training:

Dick Dolinski: Rotarian, retired from Dow Chemical Company Corporate Vice President in Human Resource for 32 years, which included several years in years Asia. He has travelled to Nigeria three times with Rotary for Polio eradication and Water and Sanitation Projects. He founded a nonprofit called The Legacy Center which does research and programs to improve youth learning and development. He will be co-training the staff and Board of Directors in Leadership, Board Development, and Project Management, as well as sharing his expertise related to components of effective education.

Tim Dyste: Rotarian, retired from Dow Corning Corporation in 2014 after a 27 year career. His last position was as the Site Manager of the company's flagship Midland Manufacturing Site. He spent four years in Shanghai, China managing a plant there. Prior to working for Dow Corning he was a CPA at Deloitte for a number of years. Tim and his wife, Sue, return to China twice each year to work with NGOs. Tim serves on ACT's U.S. Agricultural sub-Team. He will primarily be working with the lead staff and the ACT Muko H.A.N.D.S. (Helping Agricultural New Development and Sustainability) Team on various agricultural efforts while there. This will include addressing issues with soil analysis deficiencies and designing projects to assess and test the results of various field experiments.

Sue Waechter: U.S. Director of ACT has been involved in the work since its inception in 2006. Before retiring, Sue had her own consulting business for 25 years helping nonprofits in the U.S. and abroad to be strategic, promote great leadership and sustainability, among other areas. Sue has led teams to Uganda seven times for this work. She will be teaming up with Dick Dolinski to teach Leadership, Project Management, and Board Development as well as supporting Diana Stubig in working with the Muko Empowerment Program.

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Vocational Training Team (cont.)

Diana Stubig: retired in January, 2012. In her career, she worked for Xerox Corp in Lansing, MI for 20 years, holding several positions with the last being a Financial Analyst. During the 12 years prior to retirement, Diana was a General Manager for a Transportation Company in Canton, MI. Diana currently serves as an USA ACT Board Member, MEP sewing coordinator and the MUKO H.O.P.E. (Helping Orphans Prosper and Endure) team in support for the sponsored children. In Uganda, Diana will be working with staff on computer skills/Internet Searches/Databases, etc. and marketing strategies for the Muko Empowerment Program (MEP). This program is designed to create job training and opportunities to earn a fair wage for the women and men of the villages. She will also continue to coach the women sewing. This will be the second visit to Uganda, working with the ACT group.

Suzanne Greenberg: Served as President and CEO of the Child Abuse & Neglect Council Great Lakes Bay Region for 21 years. She has brought a number of child protection, safety, and advocacy programs to the region. She has a commitment to and passion for stopping child abuse and neglect. She is on the ACT board and the HEAL team. She will work with the staff of the HOPE (orphans program), focusing on child development and child management strategies, and abuse and neglect prevention, intervention and treatment approaches. Staff and possibly guardians of the children will be participants in the training.

Vanessa Brooks Herd: Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), and Project Director, Youth in Transition Program at SVSU. She has been to Uganda four times—most recently a semester sabbatical. This sabbatical project was built on three previous trips to Uganda, two with groups of students who engaged in service projects. These projects included assessing community needs, engaging in dialog with stakeholders and implementing locally sanctioned programs. During the sabbatical she was working with Ugandan grandmothers who are raising AIDS orphans and has developed a parenting guide for them. On this VTT she will be working with the new program HEAL (Health Elemental to All Life), a health promotion program. She will be training the staff and village facilitators who are assisting the villagers in creating an action plan to address identified health issues.

Rotary Clubs in the District can schedule a presentation to your club about their experience after February by contacting Lynne Mischley, District VTT Chair; lynnemischley@gmail.com. Additionally, participants at the District Conference in May will be able to listen to the team present how the training project went during the program on *Saturday, May 20th in the mid-day session, please check this with Cheryl.*

Rotary Club “Health Check”

As you prepare for this festive holiday season and reflect on the past year, you may also be thinking about your New Year’s resolution. Many people resolve to improve their health and well-being. Could your Rotary Club benefit from a similar exercise?

Take the [Rotary Club Health Check](#), an easy online quiz to help your club recognize problem areas and prescribe remedies.

Once you’ve taken the health check, tell RI how you did. What challenges will your club address in the new year?

Describe your club’s next steps in the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#) or write Rotary International at membership.minute@rotary.org —you might be featured in an upcoming webinar!



'Tis the Season...

For thanksgiving for blessings of the past year;
For celebration of all those special moments of today;
For anticipation for a wonderful year to come.

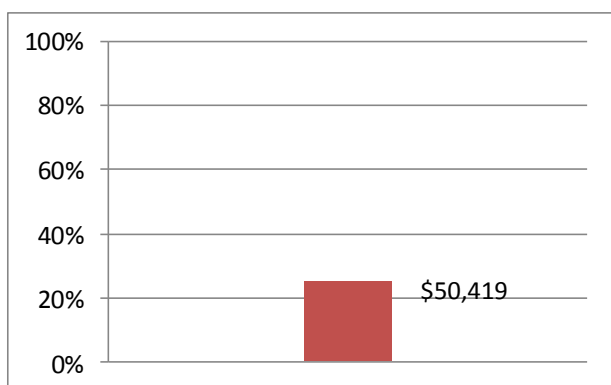
For making a year-end gift to The Rotary Foundation.

"Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary Clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease. The [Every Rotarian Every Year](#) initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year." If you've not yet begun to gift to The Rotary Foundation, year-end would be a great time to start.

Year-end giving—there's still time to make a gift that makes a difference.

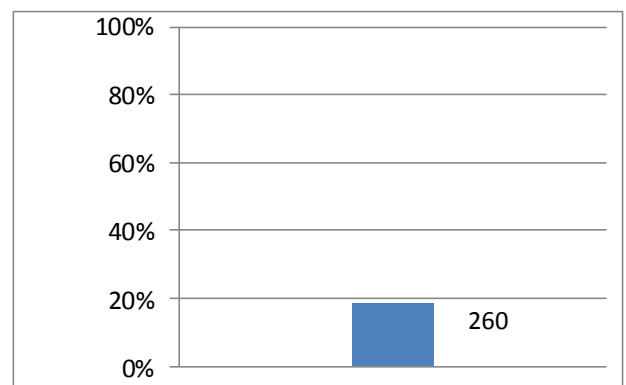
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017



Annual Contributions as of December 10, 2016

1400 District Members



Contributing Members as of November 1, 2016

Note: Number of contributing members as of December unavailable on date of publication.

PolioPlus News

By Chair Chuck Cusick



Brad Howard, RI Director, will be leading a trip to India on March 24, 2017. In addition to touring India, you will participate in a National Immunization Day. If you are interested, you can learn more at www.howardtours.net.

One of the major achievements of our polio eradication efforts can be attributed to the Plus in Polio Plus. Routine immunization coverage has expanded throughout the countries where we work. For example, in Bihar, India routine immunization coverage has gone from 31% in 2004 to over 80% today.

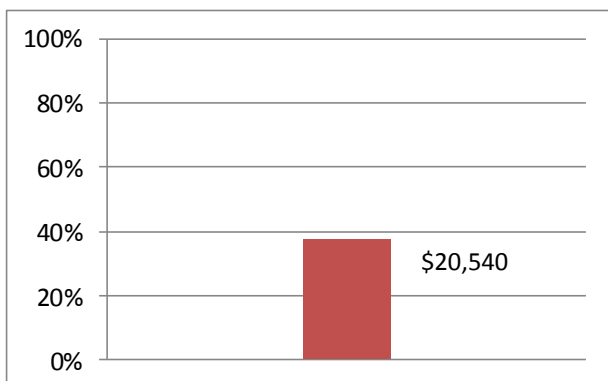
The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) has published its most recent recommendations: in light of the global supply constraints of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), SAGE strongly recommended that countries start preparing for two doses of fractional IPV (fIPV) in lieu of a single full dose. Various studies have now demonstrated that two doses of fIPV is better than one full dose of IPV at boosting not just humoral immunity, but in OPV-primed populations also mucosal immunity (critical to interrupting virus transmission in a community). This approach could significantly improve the global IPV supply situation, by reducing the volume of IPV needed to cover a population. Some countries are already increasing their use of fIPV, both in routine and supplementary immunization activities. FIPV, alongside OPV, has also been shown to be an effective tool in outbreak settings and can be operationally implemented even in supplementary immunization activities.

Health workers in conflict-affected areas continue to work towards [containment of poliovirus](#) and surveillance in the face of tremendous security challenges. Accounts of their work formed a highlight of the meeting of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean last week on next steps to implement the WHO Global Action Plan for Poliovirus Containment (GAP III) and its newly released [Containment Certification Scheme \(CCS\)](#) and to update National Action Plans for containment. Polio National Certification Chairs, National Coordinators for containment and major laboratories and facilities were in attendance.

As of November 30, there have been 34 cases of polio reported – Afghanistan 12, Nigeria 4, and Pakistan 18. Last year, 60 cases were reported.

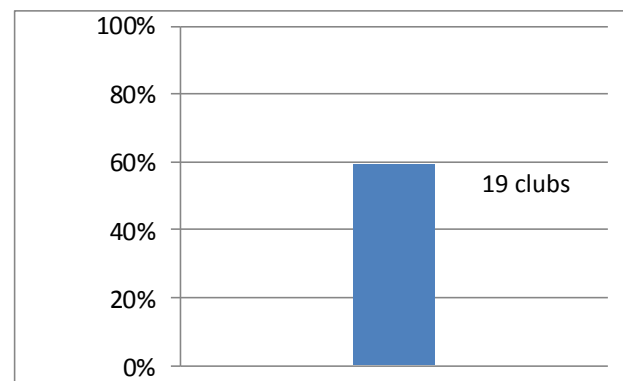
If your club is interested in a program on polio, please contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com.

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017



PolioPlus Contributions as of December 10, 2016

32 District Clubs



Number of contributing clubs as of December 10, 2016

16 clubs

YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS



Youth Exchange Students spent the weekend of November 13-14 at Northwood University for the Outbound Interview Weekend. The purpose was to select students for the next group, who will depart August 2017. Three panels of experienced Rotarians and past exchange students interviewed each student, and parents were also interviewed. A special thanks to District Governor Cheryl Peterson and District Governor Elect Patricia Post for participating on an interview panel.

Eight students applied and were accepted, they and their sponsoring clubs are Callen McDonough, Bay City; Rebecca Collins-Pfeiffer, Mt. Pleasant; Melanie Rogers, Bad Axe; Molly Ernest, Midland; Jeremiah Drabik, Midland; Laney Strouse, Midland Morning; Grace Pnacek, Midland Morning; and Anna Parish, Midland Morning. These students and parents began their preparation under the guidance of Joe Sawyer and Jim Kranz, District Outbound Coordinators in the afternoon on Sunday. In January the students will be notified what country they will be going to, and then three weekends of training will follow prior to departure.



Additionally, during this weekend the Inbound students presented to the Outbound students and their parents. They did an excellent job promoting their countries. We have 11 Inbound students in District 6310 coordinated by Jan Lampman, and hosted by various clubs: Miranda, Mexico, Frankenmuth; Joao, Brazil, Midland; Austeja, Luthuania, Chesaning; Aayushi, India, Cass City; Camilla, Denmark, Owosso; Moeto, Japan, Caro; Soo Jung, South Korea, Bay City; Lukas, Germany, Midland Morning; Jose, Bolivia, Midland; Chiara, Italy, Sebewaing; Lua, Brazil, Corunna.

Our Rebound students participated as well presenting their experiences and discussing their exchange experiences with the students and parents.

(Thank you to Lynne Mischley, District Outbound Recruitment Facilitator, for submitting the information and pictures for this article)

ROTARACT NEWS



The **Northwood University Rotaract Club** members have been busy!

In October, the Rotaractors participated in Northwood University's **Go M.A.D. Day**. Go M.A.D. Day is a day of volunteering, as a university, in the community. The Rotaractors spent their morning working at the Shelter-house Re-Sale Shop on Saginaw Road contributing to the 2800+ hours served.

The Rotaractors expressed their thanks to the Rotary Club of Midland for their generous donation of club signs (see above). These signs will be displayed at meetings and events. Special thanks to Club President Tawny Ryan Nelb for facilitating this wonderful gift, and also to Jim Nigro for working so hard to keep with the branding of Rotary International and of Northwood University. The Rotaractors and advisors appreciate the signs very much!

Also in October, Advisor Carly Witkop and four Rotaractors attended a **multi-district leadership conference** with 13 other Rotaract Clubs from Michigan and Canada. The conference was held in Cadillac, Michigan.



The Rotaractors are fundraising by selling "Proud to be a Member" signs. The yard signs are being sold for \$15. Money raised through this fundraiser will support club activities such as service projects, philanthropy, and socials/team building.

Carly and Rotaract Secretary Ashley Curtiss attended the 10th Annual Foundation Gala in Frankenmuth, Michigan, and were able to sell signs to Rotarians from other clubs. Thank you to District Governor Cheryl Peterson for her support and allowing the club to fundraise. You may recognize some of the purchasers!



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Randy Ettema, Rotary District 6310 Global Grants Chair, recently spoke to the **Rotary Club of Bay City** about Rotary's water initiatives in the Dominican Republic (DR). As the District's Water & Sanitation Committee Chair, Randy and other local Rotarians have made several trips to the Dominican Republic including one at the beginning of November 2016. Clubs in our district have made a strong effort to impact several communities in the DR with improved water and sanitation infrastructure.

Reporting on the most recent trip, Randy said that the main message Rotary brings is one of hope. Hope for a better quality of life through education, health improvement and pride. Rotary is improving the lives of people, one person at a time. Using a slide of a map, Randy showed the region in which Rotary has been working. Currently, there are three introductory grant requests in process and funded by clubs in the District. These cover hand washing, wells, water filters, and latrines.

The **Morning Rotary Club of Bay City** is proud to support the The Nate & Mary Ida Doan Santa House. This latest donation helps fund the reindeer who are visiting in Bay City this year: Dasher, Dancer, and Jingle (the daughter of Dancer).

The club is even more proud to support Mary Ida Doan as their Paul Harris Fellow honored at the recent Rotary Foundation Gala.

Shown with the super-sized check are Mary Ida and Club Secretary, Connie Deford.



The **Rotary Club of Corunna**, recently presented the Paul Harris Fellow Award to two members: Joe Sawyer, pictured at left, and Cheryl Frasier, pictured at right, both with Club member and Assistant Governor Joyce Bremer.

Cheryl and Joe have been long time members of the club. Joe currently serves as Treasurer of PETS, treasurer of the Central States, and is Co-Chairman of the Outbound Youth Exchange Program.





The **Rotary Club of Durand** annually participates in holiday activities at the Durand Union Station. Their Rotary tree greets visitors with the traditional blue and gold colors of Rotary.

The Durand Union Station is a 111-year-old historic building that is also the home of the Michigan Railroad History Museum, an educational and entertaining source of Michigan's rich railroad history.

The Museum Information Center and Archives contains a wealth of railroad information for rail enthusiasts, researchers, and genealogists.

Living in the United States, we sometimes take it for granted that most of our schools have computers and that our students have the opportunity to use those computers to sharpen their technological skills.

In the Dominican Republic, not every school can offer its students this same opportunity, which is why the **Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club** recently donated money to a grade school in the Dominican Republic to help them purchase computers for their students.

Located in Villa Trina, Dominican Republic, the school, which is named "Ulpiano Cordova," wants to give its students every opportunity to learn how technology can connect them to the world. With just a \$500 donation, the school was able to purchase two computers with workstations that can be used by students at the school.



Randy Ettema, member of the club and Global Grants Chair for the District, has traveled to the Dominican Republic several times to represent the club on international projects. Ettema recommended the Frankenmuth Club use some of its money from an international grant to help the school.

Ettema said, "The Saginaw Rotary is partnering with Villa Trina on some other international projects, and this seemed like a great way for the Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club to get involved. I'm proud that our club was able to help them with such an important initiative."



Photos show students checking out the new computers.



Members of the **Rotary Club of Midland** are shown with donations for their Stuff the Duffel campaign. The duffels were stuffed on December 1st.

In addition to this fund raiser, additional opportunities for service by club members during the month of December include scheduled bell ringing for the Salvation Army on two different dates and a dinner for senior citizens.

Dave Keilitz presented Keith Feight of the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** with the Vocational Excellence Award for his many contributions to both the business community in Isabella County and philanthropic work that he has done in the area.

Isabella County is certainly lucky to have him!



Several members of the **Rotary Club of Pigeon** recently attended the ribbon cutting of the Pigeon Walking Path. It will now be known as Scheurer Path to Fitness.

Dirt removed to create the bed of the trail has been added to Rotary Hill. The hill is about six feet less in height and has a larger footprint. A vehicle will now be able to mow it all.

Everyone rejoices that Past District Governor Ted Leipprandt has lost a job.

UPCOMING EVENT



The Rotary Club of Saginaw Downtown invites you to attend a luncheon presentation on January 4th, 2017 at the Saginaw Club.

Guest Speaker

Rich Wells of The Dow Chemical Company

VP of Operations, Canada and USA North

Site Director, Michigan Operation

President & CEO, Union Carbide

**Topic: Dow Chemical mergers and their impact on the
Great Lakes Bay Area**

Date: January 4th, 2017

Time: 11:30 to 1:30 pm - Registration at 11:30 with lunch served at 12:00

Cost: \$20 for a plated lunch

Place: Saginaw Club, 219 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mi 48607

RSVP by 12/29/16 to saginawrotary@yahoo.com

or Deanna at [989-233-7761](tel:989-233-7761)

Save the Dates

January 26, 2017	Council of Governors	Zehnder's, Frankenmuth
February 11, 2017	Pre-PETS (attend one)	COPOCO Credit Union, Bay City
February 18, 2017	Pre-PETS (alternate date)	COPOCO Credit Union, Bay City
February 25, 2017	Pre-PETS (weather alternative)	COPOCO Credit Union, Bay City
March 16-18, 2017	President Elect Training Session (PETS)	Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
March 31-April 1, 2017	World Peace Conference	Ann Arbor
May 19, 2017	District Assembly	D'Mar Banquet & Conference Center, Owosso
May 19-20, 2017	District Conference	D'Mar Banquet & Conference Center, Owosso
June 10-14, 2017	Rotary International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia



Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Bay City - 102 years - Chartered January 1, 1915

Shepherd - 77 years - Chartered January 11, 1940

Frankenmuth Morning - 10 years - Chartered January 5, 2007



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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