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# District Dispatch

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## PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Rotary International has designated February as **Peace and Conflict Resolution Month**.

Today, over 60 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Our evening news has far too many stories of strife and exile. Rotary Peace Fellows, including our own Jeanne Schaller of Midland who travelled to Bangkok, Thailand this past year, work to prevent and mediate conflict.

The goal is to develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. Jeanne continues her work as a mediator here in our District. To learn more about Jeanne's continuing effort, read the November 2015 District Dispatch. Rotary International provides up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.

Jeanne will also be sharing her Peace Scholar experience with us at the District Conference in Alpena on May 20-21.

We certainly need more Peace in the world!

**Thanks for all you do for Rotary!**

### FLINT WATER CRISIS

The Flint water and health situation is an unconscionable crisis. The Flint area Rotary is part of District 6330 which encompasses the southern portion of Michigan's thumb from Flint to Port Huron and a portion of Ontario, Canada.

This past week, I shared a letter from the Rotary Club of Flint, President Amy Krug, with all Club Presidents in our District. The letter suggests four ways that we as Rotarians can help support efforts to assist those in need.



**District Governor  
Mike Kelly**

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## Notes from DG Mike (continued)

Of equal concern are the long term impacts on children's health. I have contacted District 6330 District Governor Nancy Ottewell, and she recommends we follow Amy's letter. The suggested ways to help are:

1. Club level donations can be made to the **Rotary Club of Flint Charitable Foundation**. These funds will be utilized to support water related efforts in the Flint area.
2. Individual Rotarians are encouraged to donate to **The Flint Child Health & Development Fund** which was established at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to support the delivery of critical public health, medical, and community-based services and interventions that address and mitigate the short and long term impacts experienced by Flint, Michigan families exposed to lead as the result of the 2014-2016 Flint Water Crisis.
3. Individuals wishing to **donate water** can do so through one of the established distribution sites. The site for donations is dependent on the size of the donation.
4. People wishing to **volunteer** can report directly to the Red Cross (1401 S Grand Traverse St, Flint, MI 48503) anytime between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Please do not call ahead, just come. Please be prepared to volunteer in winter conditions.

Another way that we can "be a gift to the world!"

## Welcome District Governor Nominee Designate

**Michael Elliott**, currently Assistant Governor for the Saginaw Area Rotary Clubs, has been selected to serve as District 6310 **District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND)**. Michael will serve as District 6310 District Governor during the 2018 – 2019 Rotary Year.

Michael was born and raised in Saginaw and is a Marine Corp Viet Nam veteran. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley since 1981 and has served two terms as Club President, most recently during the 2014 – 15 Rotary Year.

Michael has been with Merrill Lynch since 1981 and currently serves as First Vice President – Wealth Management in Saginaw. His community service includes Vice President of the Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity, Secretary of the Torch Club of Saginaw Valley, and the Board of Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra as Past President. Previously, he was President of Hidden Harvest in Saginaw and a board member of the Covenant Healthcare Foundation. Michael obviously understands "Service above self!"

Michael and his wife, Linda have one son, Jonathon, who is his business partner and is also the Resident Director of Merrill Lynch's office in Sun City, Arizona.

Please congratulate Michael! We welcome his knowledge and service to our District 6310 Leadership Team.



**2016 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 20 – 21 in ALPENA**  
**Alpena Events Complex (APLEX), 701 WOODWARD AVE**



**Join Leaders – Exchange Ideas – Take Action!**

District 6310 Rotarians and guests, please plan to join us in Alpena for our annual District Conference on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21. Just a few of the highlights include great speakers (Rotary and Non Rotary), Miss Michigan, Awards and recognition for District 6310, Individual Club "Rotary Heroes," our Yellow Rose ceremony, and an opportunity to volunteer for a short and easy community service project.

We will also have breakout sessions about our global water and sanitation projects in the Dominican Republic, membership, grant writing, social media, nutrition and healthy living, and public image.

Jeanne Schaller, our Rotary Peace Scholar, will also be sharing her Peace Scholar experience with us. In addition, on Saturday afternoon, we are planning a private charter Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary Shipwreck tour aboard the *Lady Michigan*, a large, comfortable restroom equipped glass bottom vessel which allows you to almost reach out and touch shipwrecks.

A Mail-in Registration Form is provided on the next page. Better yet, check out our full conference site page, including all current schedules and events and "Online Registration" at [www.rotary6310.org](http://www.rotary6310.org)

DG Mike Kelly



## Mail-in Registration Form

District 6310 Conference  
and Assembly 2016

May 20 - 21, 2016

### Conference and Assembly Location:

APlex Conference Center  
701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 354-6164

Attendee #1	
First Name	
Last Name	
Rotary Office	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Rotary Club Name	
Phone Number	
E-Mail	

Attendee #2	
First Name	
Last Name	
Rotary Office	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Rotary Club Name	
Phone Number	
E-Mail	

	Per Person	Number	Total Amount
Full conference - early registration through April 1	\$130		\$0
Full conference - regular registration after April 1	\$155		\$0
Friday full session and banquet	\$110		\$0
Friday evening banquet and reception only	\$75		\$0
Friday daytime sessions including lunch	\$45		\$0
Saturday full session and banquet	\$110		\$0
Saturday daytime sessions with breakfast / lunch	\$65		\$0
Saturday evening banquet and reception only	\$55		\$0
NOAA Shipwreck Tour (Saturday at 2:30)	\$20		\$0
Total Registration Amount			\$0

Registration prices do not cover hotel lodging. Please book separately.

**Be sure to mention "Rotary Conference" for discounted rate**

The Sanctuary Inn is the former Holiday Inn

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### Mail Check to:

Ann Burton c/o Rotary Club of Alpena  
PO Box 58, Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 358-4924 or [akb@alpenapower.com](mailto:akb@alpenapower.com)

### Register and pay online at:

[www.rotary6310.org](http://www.rotary6310.org)

Cancellation policy: 100% before April 1; 75% April 1-19; no refund after April 19

# WELCOME ASSISTANT GOVERNORS 2016-2017

By District Governor Elect Cheryl Peterson

As we begin our training and preparation for the upcoming Rotary year, three new Assistant Governors will join the District Leadership Team. Although these new leaders will not officially assume their role until July 1, we want to welcome them to the team now as they will begin to have more involvement with clubs during the training opportunities for club leaders in the next several weeks.

**Larry Arendt** of the Bay City Morning Club will be working with the clubs in Area 7: Bay City, Bay City Morning, Midland, Midland Morning, and Pinconning/Standish. Larry has been a Rotarian for seven years and is “enjoying every minute of it.” Larry joined Rotary because he was looking for a service club that gave back to the community. He states: “Not only did I find that but the service expands to the international level which is even more rewarding.” Larry has served as his club president--- a role that he found most satisfying. In preparing for that role, he joined a water and sanitation trip to the Dominican Republic so that he could personally see where his club funds were being utilized and bring back his experiences to his club. Welcome Larry!

**Joyce Bremer** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Corunna for ten years. As Joyce was growing in her professional career, she knew of several Rotarians and respected the work these individuals did through Rotary and their Rotary family. Joyce states: “When I had an opportunity to choose a service organization to volunteer in I knew exactly which organization that would be...Rotary!” Joyce cites her first time as club president as a time when she grew closer to each club member and felt those relationships were a gift that came with the role. She has also served as YEO, involved with eight unique and wonderful Exchange Students, including hosting three exchange daughters. Joyce feels that she has received more from her relationship with the students than they experience while here. Welcome Joyce to Area 3: Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, and Owosso!

In Area 6, working with the clubs in Clare, Gladwin, and Mt. Pleasant will be **Joyce Swartzmiller** of the Gladwin Club. Joyce has been a Rotarian since March 3, 1992. Why, you ask? Because, in Joyce’s words: “I like helping others and the Rotary motto fit me as well as working with all the great people in the Gladwin Club.” Her favorite role in Rotary has been working with the many and varied Group Study Exchange teams that we have hosted in our district over the years since she has been a member. She has found satisfaction in those experiences as she has loved learning about the home countries of the team members. In return, she has enjoyed the opportunity to teach GSE team members about us and the way we live our lives. Welcome Joyce!

We want to thank Peggy Pickler, Pat Post, and Steve Wildes for their service as Assistant Governors. These three individuals have served our district well---bringing a broad set of leadership and personal skills to the work of Rotary in District 6310. Their service has strengthened our district, they have helped to extend the reach of Rotary within our district and beyond, and we appreciate their ongoing commitment to Service Above Self. Please thank them for being a part of doing good in the world!

We are pleased to share that the following Assistant Governors will continue to serve in 2016-17:

Area 1 (Alpena, Oscoda):	James Wolf
Area 2 (Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Pigeon, Sebewaing):	Don Rogers
Area 4 (Alma-St. Louis, Breckenridge, Ithaca, Shepherd):	Paul Hornak
Area 5 (Caro, Cass City, Millington, Vassar):	Lola Wendt
Area 8 (Birch Run, Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Morning):	Tom Johnston
Area 9 (Saginaw, Saginaw Sunrise, Saginaw Valley):	Michael Elliott

We are fortunate to have a great group of AGs to assist our clubs in creating an outstanding year and to help your club build upon the great work already being done in your communities.

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NOTES

By Chair Eileen Jennings

## ***Giving Tuesday***

You will remember that The Rotary Foundation takes part in Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, when on-line donations to charities are encouraged. This year, donors from 38 countries gave over **\$178,000**. Not only did The Foundation raise 76% more this year than on Giving Tuesday 2014, it also had the most online donations made on a single day in the past two years. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make Giving Tuesday 2015 a success!

Our neighboring district in western Michigan, District 6290, had the highest participation with 66 donors raising \$7,000 to support our Foundation's activities. The district now has an opportunity to receive a visit from Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith!

## ***Recent District Giving to the Foundation***

You are all doing a fantastic job in giving to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus this year. Thanks for your generosity. Thus far, you have given a total of **\$95,910** to the Annual Fund, and **\$29,435** to Polio Plus. We are well on our way to our goal of \$160,000 for the Annual Fund and \$40,000 for Polio eradication.

Since early January, 85 additional Rotarians have donated to the Annual Fund. Large increases in donors show for Durand, Frankenmuth, Midland, and Pigeon. Birch Run is a 100% EREY club and Bad Axe is 90%. This means that every member of the Birch Run Club has given to the Annual Fund, and almost every member of the Bad Axe Club has done the same. Eight clubs have given an average of over \$100 per member, with Cass City leading with a whopping \$281 per member!!

Some clubs wait to send in their members' contributions until the end of the Rotary year. We encourage these clubs not to wait: send in the donations as your members give them to you.

## ***District Grant Activity***

For the current Rotary year, our District awarded District Grant funds to 17 clubs and RYLA. Thus far, only 9 of these clubs have requested the first installment of these grants. Your club can receive the first 50% of the grant by completing the information sheet that Paul Moore sent to you.

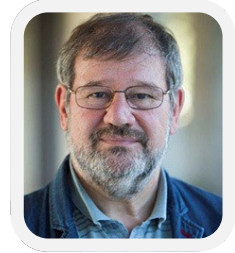
If your club project is now expending money, or ready to expend money, you should set up your District Grant bank account, deposit your club's funds and the first installment from the District, and write the checks to make payments as due. Some clubs incorrectly seem to think they should not request funds until the project is completed. Club members should not be paying for expenses and holding on to the receipts for reimbursement until the end of the Rotary year. If you have questions, please contact Paul Moore at [pmoore@villageofbirchrun.com](mailto:pmoore@villageofbirchrun.com).

## ***Global Grant Activity***

The Saginaw Sunrise Club and its partner Guntur Rotary Club in Andhra Pradesh, India, have filed the final report on their Global Grant that provided hygiene training, reverse osmosis plants (for clean water), and toilets to villages in India. We await final approval of the report and closing of this grant. Congratulations to these two clubs.



# WHO's New Director of Polio Eradication: The End is in Sight



Michael Zaffran

Posted on **January 21, 2016** by **Rotary International**

*In February, **Michel Zaffran** will take over as director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO). Most recently, Zaffran has served as coordinator of WHO's Expanded Programme on Immunization. He has also served as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI), and represented WHO on the working group that designed and launched GAVI. We caught up with him recently to ask his thoughts about this new challenge:*

I am extremely excited, but also emotionally very moved, to have been selected for this position. I started working for the World Health Organization in September of 1987 in the immunization program. A few months later in May the World Health Assembly endorsed the resolution to actually eradicate polio. I was just at a very junior level but remember seeing my bosses work on the resolution, and so I was there from the very beginning. So to actually toward the end of my career be coming back and heading the program for its last miles basically is very exciting and very moving.

My past experience has prepared me very well for this role. I have been working with all of the key partners for many years. And as the WHO's director of polio eradication, I will need to interact closely with the various stakeholders and ensure their contributions remain well coordinated.

Over the past three years, specifically as part of the Polio Eradication End Game Strategic Plan, I was the chair of the Immunization Systems Management Group responsible for coordinating the efforts of partners to prepare for the withdrawal of type 2 oral polio vaccine (OPV) from 155 countries and for the introduction of the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) into 126 countries. All of this work has been done very closely with Rotary, with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Gates Foundation, and UNICEF.



So let me talk a little about this important step. As you know, the OPV is a very efficient and very effective vaccine. But in some rare cases, it can actually cause the disease from the attenuated (weakened) live virus it contains. It can even return to being virulent, circulate, and cause outbreaks.

There are three strains of the polio virus. Last year, the Polio Eradication Global Certification Committee certified that no natural cases of type 2 have occurred since 1999 and that the virus had been eradicated. From a public health perspective, it is no longer acceptable to be causing the disease with the weakened form of type 2 when it no longer exists in nature. So during a two week period at the end of April, all countries that are currently using OPV either in routine programs or in campaigns — there are 155 such places — will switch from the trivalent OPV (which contains weakened forms of all three types) to a bivalent OPV (which only contains types 1 and 3).

At the same time, we are introducing the injectable inactivated polio virus vaccine (IPV), which contains all three types of the virus in a killed form, into routine immunization systems. This will ensure that people continue to have protection and immunity against type 2 in case an outbreak were to occur, either from vaccine not entirely removed or because of an accident at a laboratory or manufacturer.

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## The End is in Sight (cont.)

### What remains to be done

We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up. The fact that we declared Nigeria no longer endemic, that cases are just restricted to Pakistan and Afghanistan, sends a signal — which of course is a very good signal — of positive results. But at the same time there is a danger it can obscure the fact that we need to continue for a period of time to have very good surveillance in Africa and continue immunizing children. There are countries in Africa that are at risk, should anything happen, like we have seen in the past where the virus is imported from endemic countries.

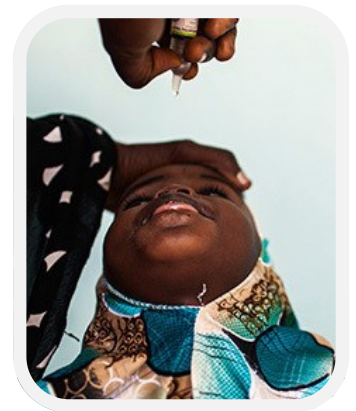
Rotarians who have been so engaged and active in helping the program so far cannot let go. They need to continue to support the program and not only in Pakistan and Afghanistan, but in Africa where we need to ensure that there are the right campaigns conducted with high quality. What Rotarians should do is to continue to advocate that the job is not done yet.

When we stop transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and even after we have certification of global eradication, we will need to maintain high quality surveillance to ensure the virus is contained and not released into the environment.

And we need to make an effort — and Rotarians can contribute to this substantially — that the lessons learned through the polio eradication initiative, that the laboratories that we have established, that the skills that we have developed, that the staff we have trained, are not lost to public health. But that they are transitioned to new public health challenges. This is the fantastic broader legacy of the program.

I would like to recognize the unique role that Rotary and Rotarians have played in this fantastic adventure. You had the vision as early as 1979 that this should be done and you convinced the rest of the world to move ahead and do it. You have been there at the very beginning; you have been there all along.

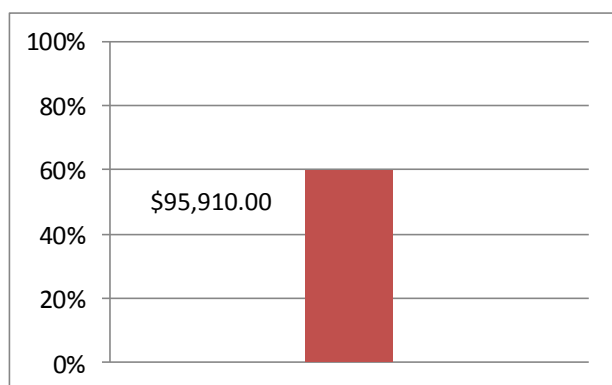
Don't give up now, we are so close, we've got the end in sight.



Child receives polio drops

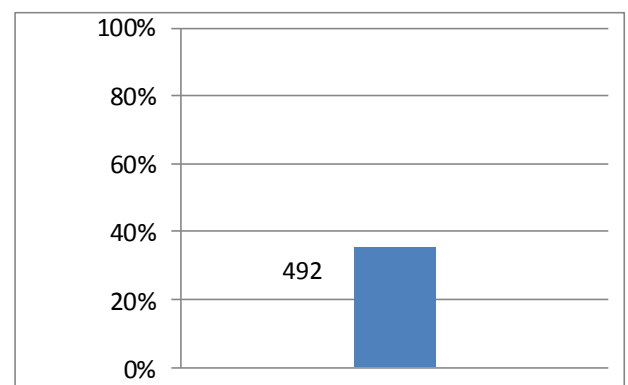
## Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 2/08/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 2/08/16



# District Grants and Global Grants Training

By The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Eileen Jennings

Dates have been set for training for clubs so that they can apply for District and Global Grants for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. Please mark your calendars.

On Saturday, **April 9**, we will have a session on District Grants, followed by a training seminar for Global Grants. Both training sessions will be at COPOCO (the credit union) on Wilder Road in Bay City. We will also offer training for District Grants during the District Conference on **May 20-21** in Alpena. We are uncertain of the time and day of this training.

At least one member of a club must attend a training session in order to apply for a **District Grant**. We know that there is resistance from some clubs about having to attend training for District Grants, if someone from the club has attended the training in the past. We have discussed this issue and have decided that attendance from someone in the club is still required. We encourage clubs to send a different person for training this year. We will also address a few changes in the criteria for awarding the grants. If your club has not applied for a District Grant in the past, we strongly encourage you to send a representative to the April 9 training session.

For 2016-2017 we will have **\$37,583 available** for District Grant projects. **Grant applications will be due by June 30, 2016.** If you are new to the process, you may need time to plan your project. Clubs new to the process may have trouble completing the application by June 30 if they wait to send a trainee to the seminar in late May.

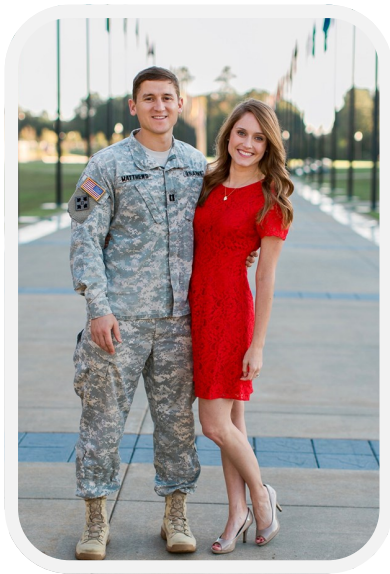
We did not conduct a Grants Management Training session for **Global Grants** last year. We had a session where we talked about this at last year's District Conference, but it was not the training required by Rotary International. We have heard from five or six clubs that are either definitely planning to apply for a District Grant, or are thinking about it. We strongly encourage all of these clubs to send at least one club member to the training session on Saturday, April 9. If your club will not be sponsoring a Global Grant this next year, you are welcome, but you do not need to attend this training.

Details about the Training for District and Global Grants will be forthcoming. At this time, we just want you to plan ahead so that your club can send someone to the training.

**"Before this Rotary year comes to its close, I ask you to do what I have done: to leave home, to board your flights, to travel toward the unknown with an open heart and an open mind, confident that Rotary will welcome you. Join me, and your fellow Rotarians, as we *Connect with Korea — Touch the World.*"**

**Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran**

## News from Former Ambassadorial Scholar Tyler Matthews



It was a pleasure to meet with the Midland Rotary Club in early January to provide an update on my experience in the Army. I'm forever indebted to the members of District 6310 for providing me the opportunity to serve as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at Oxford. Here is a quick update on my plans as I transition from the military, as well as two recent applications of how Rotary has influenced my service in the Army.

This month we're moving to the San Francisco Bay Area. I've accepted a job at Facebook and will start there in early February. I've always been interested in how people share, connect, and relate with each other---at Facebook it will be my job to understand how this occurs online in the sharing economy, with the end goal being a more open and connected world.

Meanwhile, I will continue to serve as an Infantry Captain in the US Army Reserves as an adjunct professor of military science at the University of California-Berkeley. My wife Jordan starts grad school this month through the University of Michigan's online Masters in Nursing Program. She'll complete her degree from California with periodic travel back to Michigan, and will continue to work as a RN in a Bay Area hospital. Her goal is to start her career as a Family Nurse Practitioner in late 2017.

**Rotary Applications in my Army Career.** My experience as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar prepared me for effective leadership and service as an infantry officer in complex operating environments in Afghanistan in 2014. Two events in particular stand out.

First, my Rotary experiences and lessons learned in Oxford prepared me to train my platoon's soldiers to be culturally informed and sensitive when working with our Afghan partners. Second – because of our platoon's cultural sensitivity and savvy – my platoon was able to effectively execute complex missions in support of the Afghan National Elections in the spring of 2014, in which we helped Afghan security forces and election officials carry out a very successful election. (See Article "Ballot Recovery & Election Support in Zabul Province", Infantry Magazine, linked below).

**I want to thank you again for your continued support.** I'm proud to call Mid-Michigan home, and look forward to staying in touch and returning soon to share more about my service in the private sector at Facebook.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2016.

Tyler Matthews, CPT, US Army Reserves  
Menlo Park, California

Article: [http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/magazine/issues/2015/Jul-Sept/pdfs/Matthews-Ballots\\_LAYOUT.pdf](http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/magazine/issues/2015/Jul-Sept/pdfs/Matthews-Ballots_LAYOUT.pdf)

## Around the District



Cub Scout Pack #3134 was recently chartered at Washington Elementary School in Bay City, MI, with the support of the **Bay City Morning Rotary Club**, the Pack Chartering Organization. The Club received the Cub Scout Pack Charter on 1/7/16 at the same time the Cub Scouts received their uniform vests. This is a non-traditional Cub Scout Pack in that it meets during the school day in school once a week, has a Cub Master that is a staff member of the Boy Scouts of America, does not use traditional full uniforms (uses the vests shown in the photo), but participates in all other Cub Scout activities.

Larry Arendt, member and past president of the club (shown in the top row, third from left) is also a member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians whose purpose is to promote scouting through Rotary and said this fits in perfectly with that purpose. Thanks to an anonymous donor from the Rotary Club, the Cub Scouts will be receiving their Pinewood Derby cars to prepare them for their first competition.

It's a cold icy night and a car veers off the road into a deep snow filled ditch. Darkness. A tornado blows down trees and down come the power wires. Darkness. Lives are at stake. Time is of the essence. Darkness. Accidents and emergencies happen. Being prepared is what our first responders train for. Having good tools will help them win the battle to save lives.

Bringing light to the darkness was the goal of the **Birch Run Rotary Club** "Life-Saving Lights" Grant Project. As a result of local fund raising and a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, two Honda EU2000i1A Generators with 20,000 Lumen Lights were purchased for use by the Birch Run Fire Department and the Taymouth Fire Department.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, the Birch Run Rotary Club welcomed Birch Run Fire Chief Dave Matzke, Taymouth Fire Chief Bob Bowns, Assistant Fire Chiefs Larry Prueter and Ed Gubbins who brought the two lights to the Rotary Club meeting. These powerful lights will help save lives. Not only do they put out five times more light than anything on the trucks, they are portable and can be used as a power source for the jaws, saws-all, and other equipment. The cost for the two light systems was \$5,512.68.

Club President, Carmen Sawchuk, would like to thank all of the volunteers; family, and friends of the Birch Run Fire Department, Taymouth Fire Department, and the Birch Run Rotary Club for making this project a success. An additional "Thank You" goes out to the Frankenmuth Jaycees for allowing these volunteers to assist at their World Expo of Beer.

"This was truly a combined community effort. The Birch Run Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a truck raffle. Proceeds from the raffle also helped the Rotary Club to reach their goal," President Sawchuk stated.





During the recent holiday season, members of the **Rotary Club of Caro** shopped for gifts for 12 area families.

In October **The Rotary Club of Cass City** asked the Cass City High School principal, Chad Daniels if they would like to partner in raising funds for Polio Plus. Going far beyond what we ever imagined, he promoted Polio Plus during homecoming week and they had a competition as to what class could bring in the most coins and dollars for Polio Plus! The kids really got into it – some bringing duffle bags full of change. The results were announced at the Pep rally at the end of the week. The Senior class won with the sophomore class close behind! The total brought in was \$2,899.25! The Cass City Rotary club would like to thank Mr. Daniels and the whole student body of Cass City High School who contributed to this worthy cause!

In December the club membership again planned for their annual “Christmas for Kids” project. According to Emily Phillips, chairman of the toy collection campaign, the project started this year with contributions from Rotarians and community members, and shopping on Black Friday. It continued through December with another shopping trip and sorting, organizing and handing out the gifts to 91 families for a total of 184 kids in all. Many, many thanks to all the Rotarians, Emily Phillips, Curtis Chrysler for lending us their facilities again, and the whole community of Cass City for getting behind this great project!



The **Rotary Club of Midland** has been making a concerted effort to increase The Rotary Foundation contributions and to meet their annual Foundation goals. They recently recognized seven Paul Harris Fellows—six new and one PHF+1.

Pictured (L-R) are New PHFs Mike Beale, Todd Gambrell, Taitia Shelow, Jennifer Kendrick, Tom Adams, Drummond Black (PHF+1), and Kevin Kendrick. Also pictured is Club RI Subcommittee Chair, Chris Tointon.



The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** recently viewed a video of Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman (1992-93) making a presentation to a President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) 4 April 2001. The title of his talk was, "If I Could Be President Again". It was hilarious, insightful, entertaining and as current today as when it was first given. For those who didn't see it a couple of quotes directed at incoming presidents aim well at all Rotarians. 'Success of Rotary is in your hands.' 'A Rotary Club has to be relevant to your community, if you want the young to come and join'. Check the speech at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBf8JQGxFaA>



Incoming Rotary Assistant Governor Larry Arendt, speaker Ervin Bell, and Rotarian Barb Fisher

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** recently heard a presentation by Ervin Bell on TRI-CAP [Tri County Community Adjudication Program] based in Saginaw. The focus of the TRI-CAP program is to reduce the number of felony offenders admitted to prisons.

The TRI-CAP program is designed to assist persons convicted of crimes to modify their behavior before entering the prison system culture. For more information go to [www.tricap.net](http://www.tricap.net).

Members of the **Pinconning & Standish Interact Club** recently gathered to elect officers.

Congratulations to the new club!



The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** recently worked together to provide dinner and to volunteer work hours at the Isabella County Restoration House rotating shelter. The club donates their time and provides food for the homeless shelter twice a year and finds the experience very rewarding.

Service Above Self in action!

## Upcoming Events



The poster features a central image of a pint glass filled with red beer. A red banner across the middle of the glass reads "END POLIO NOW" in yellow and white text. To the left of the glass is the Rotary Club of Clare logo, which includes a yellow gear-like emblem and the text "Rotary Club of Clare". To the right is a circular logo for Four Leaf Brewing, featuring a green four-leaf clover and the text "FOUR LEAF BREWING". Above the glass, the text "Pints for Polio" is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. Below the glass, the text "Four Leaf Brewing" is written in a black serif font. At the bottom, the date "February 17<sup>th</sup>" and time "5-8pm" are displayed in a black sans-serif font.

**Pints for Polio**

**END POLIO NOW**

Rotary Club  
of Clare

FOUR LEAF  
CLARE BREWING

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Four Leaf Brewing

February 17<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

The Four Leaf Brewing Co. is located at 412 N. McEwan in Clare. Soft drinks will also be available. Proceeds will go to the RI Polio Fund and on top of that, the [Rotary Club of Clare](#) will match the amount that is made on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm.





MT. PLEASANT ROTARY CLUB

53RD ANNUAL  
BEEF & TURKEY  
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# Dinner

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Saturday, February 20, 2016

5 pm to 7 pm

Dine-In\* or Take-Out Available!



**Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn**

2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant

\$20 Adult and All Take Out Meals

\$10 Kid Meals (12 yrs. Old & Younger, Dine-in only)

**Musical entertainment!**

Tickets Available from any Rotary Club member  
or

Mt. Pleasant Agency - Central Insurance  
119 South Franklin Street

**[www.mprotary.com](http://www.mprotary.com)**





Saginaw's  
Entertainment  
Event of the Year!

Temple Theatre Complex

Friday, February 26  
5 pm to 11 pm

Downtown Saginaw

All Tickets \$30  
Includes Horizons Buffet  
Advance Purchase Advised

Temple Theatre Box Office  
templetheatre.com  
(877) 754-SHOW (7469)

West Side Decorating  
5789 State St. (989) 793-6182

Oppermann's Cork N Ale  
2940 Midland Rd. (989) 797-8466

More Event Info  
[www.saginawonstage.com](http://www.saginawonstage.com)

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Saginaw  
Proceeds go to various local charities



**15 Bands  
3 Stages**

Donny Brown & the VanDell-Tones  
*Original Rock*

Eastside Mike & Friends  
*Americana*

Equinox  
*Celtic*

Honesty & Michael  
*(Honesty & The Liars Acoustic) Folk, Blues*

Jim Pagel Jazz Trio  
*Jazz*

Joe Balbaugh  
*Various*

Laurie Middlebrook  
*Country-Variety*

Marsupial Creampie  
*Electro-Acoustic Reggae-Pop*

The Melshell Tones  
*Variety*

Mike Brush Trio with Julie Mulady  
*Jazz*

New Reformation Band  
*Classic Jazz*

Robert Lee Revue  
*Smooth Jazz*

23 North  
*Blues, Jazz*

The Lucky Nows  
*Americana*

The Robertson Brothers Band  
*Americana*

Mark your calendars for the Rotary Club of Saginaw's major fund raiser, "Saginaw on Stage Music Festival", to be held on Friday, February 26, at The Temple Theatre Annex from 5-11pm. Tickets are \$30, which includes full event pass and "Horizon's Buffet Dinner".

Among the 15 bands performing on 3 stages are The New Reformation Band, The Laurie Middlebrook Band, Donny Brown and the Vandell Tones, Equinox, Mike Brush and the Robert Lee Review.

Not only is this a rare opportunity to see so many great acts in one venue, but also a chance to support **The Rotary Club of Saginaw** and its many local charitable endeavors.



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**ROTARY  
PANCAKE  
SUPPER**



**Supper Includes:**

- All You Can Eat Pancakes
- Sausage
- Applesauce
- Butter & Syrup
- Milk
- Coffee

**H.H. Dow High School Cafeteria**

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
4:00 to 7:30 pm

**TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR OR THROUGH ANY  
MIDLAND NOON ROTARY MEMBER**

Adult \$5    Children \$3 (12 or under)

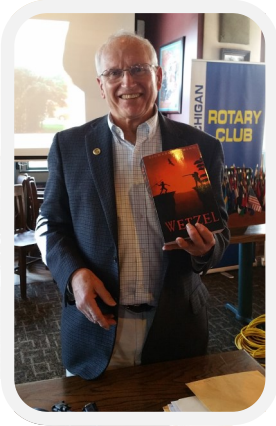
*Proceeds go toward servicing the needs of our community.*

NOTE: Jeanne Schaller was our District 6310 Peace Scholar in 2015



## NOTICE—NEW MEETING LOCATION

The new location for the **Birch Run Club**, which meets Tuesday at 7:30 AM  
Leo's Coney Island, 8645 S. Main Street, Birch Run, MI



**Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club** member and District Membership Chair **Rich Fleming** recently published the book, *Wetzel*, and gave a presentation to his Rotary Club about his research and the publication of the book. The book is dedicated to his late brother, Loren, who introduced the historical figure, Lew Wetzel [in a Zane Gray novel], to Rich as a boy

Peter Koper, Professor of Language and Literature (Emeritus), Central Michigan University, writes in part, in the Foreword of the book..."The story of Lew Wetzel that his brother read to Richard Fleming in childhood was the story of a frontier hero. There was enough of courage, strength, and adventure to catch the imagination of a boy, and Fleming remembered the story, as many boys might.

What is unusual is that he returned to it in later life with an unusual intensity, seven years of research and writing, *Wetzel* was the result of that return, and it is a historical novel whose fiction rings truer than much academic history of the encounters between European settlers and the aboriginal inhabitants of North America...."

The book is available in electronic and paper version at Amazon.com. You might even persuade the author to sign your copy!



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

**Saginaw** - 102 years - Chartered February 1, 1914



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