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VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotary International has designated January as **Vocational Service Month**.

The concept of Vocational Service is rooted in the Second Object of Rotary, which calls on Rotarians to “encourage and foster:”

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- Recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- Using each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, we can put these ideals into action by:

- Using our skills to serve our community, our district and our world
- Inspire others to behave ethically
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development

Here are just a few examples of vocational service:

- Networking with non-Rotarian professionals
- Providing career counseling for unemployed or underemployed adults
- Giving career guidance to a young person
- Working with Rotaract, Interact, RYLA or YE students

If you do any of these things, you are performing “vocational service.”

And if vocational service motivates you, then you are in the right place because vocational service is among those things that sets **Rotary** apart from other service organizations. — Another way that we can “be a gift to the world!”

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!



**District Governor
Mike Kelly**

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION—GIVE TO GET

By Chair Eileen Jennings

Happy New Year to all of you! Hopefully, we have all enjoyed the holidays. We have put away the decorations, turned off the lights on the bushes outside our houses, and realized that a decorated house looks great, but so does a stripped down house. If you are like me, you are still eating the treats you received as gifts – trying not to eat them too quickly.

Many of us now turn our attention to taxes. My first task is to prepare a list of my charitable contributions for the deduction on my return. Somehow this makes me more willing to calculate the income and the taxes due. We complain about paying taxes, but most of us are fortunate that we have enough income on which to pay taxes. Remember that all of your donations to the Rotary Foundation, whether to the Annual Fund or for Polio Plus, are fully tax deductible.

Matching Gifts by Employers

We do not often remind members to consider whether their employers have a matching gift program. But don't forget that gifts to The Rotary Foundation qualify for those matching gifts from your employer. Many insurance companies and other businesses that have independent contractors or franchisees also will match your contribution or give to the charity of your choice. Please double the value of your gift whenever possible.

Giving by Clubs and Rotarians to Date

As we turn the corner into this new year, and the last half of the Rotary year, it is time to assess our progress in building our gifts to The Rotary Foundation. You may have noticed that each month Connie includes a kind of thermometer or measurement scale to mark our progress towards 100% participation of members and \$161,000 goal for the Annual Fund. This month, as of January 6, 407 of our 1377 members have contributed to the Annual Fund. They have given a total of \$74,986. This is a great number. Thanks to all who have contributed.

As I reviewed club giving, I noticed a huge discrepancy in the giving by various clubs. I pay more attention to how many persons in a club give than to the total amount of the giving. In six clubs, NO members have given anything to the Annual Fund yet. However, on the other hand, **every member of the Birch Run Club** has already given something. **Bad Axe** shows contributions by 44 of 47 members, **Cass City** shows 24 of 30 members have given, **Oscoda** shows 13 of 19 have donated, and 19 of 22 members of **Saginaw Sunrise** have contributed. Congratulations and thank you to these clubs!

Of course, total dollar giving also is important. **Frankenmuth, Saginaw, and Cass City** lead in the total number of dollars contributed thus far. Thank you too for your generosity.

Estate Gifts to the Foundation

Perhaps this is a good time to also remind you to make a gift from your estate to The Rotary Foundation – SHARE. Many of us review our estate plans as we prepare our tax returns. If you do, think about giving at least \$1,000 from a life insurance policy or your retirement fund to The Rotary Foundation Endowment – SHARE. (The SHARE part ensures that our district will share the earnings on your gift in perpetuity.) Forty-seven (47) individuals have notified Rotary that they have included the Foundation in their estate plans, to the benefit of this district. I am urging more Rotarians to follow suit. Could we have 100 Rotarians who have designated the Foundation to receive some amount by the end of this Rotary year?

Programs for your Clubs

If your club needs a speaker about the Foundation, please do not hesitate to ask Rod Bieber or me to attend a club meeting. We have spoken to many clubs already this year, but are available for more invitations. As we move into the spring, we will also be offering speakers about our District and Global Grant programs. Remember that, to qualify for a District Grant, your club has to contribute to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. You have to give to get!!

One Rotary Summit

By District Governor Mike Kelly

The first ever District 6310 “One Rotary Summit” or ORS was held on Saturday December 5, 2015 in Saginaw. Over thirty attendees representing two-thirds of the Rotary Clubs in our district were engaged in the sharing of best practices and new ideas.

It was an excellent interactive session led by Immediate Past District Governor Dee Brock and your District 6310 Leadership team. The fresh approach to exchanging ideas including small group discussions on “Case Studies” relative to membership, public image, and The Rotary Foundation generated some great suggestions for enhancing our Rotary efforts.

If your club was there, talk to your representative about the program and how to improve your club’s success in these three critical areas. If not, be sure to be there next time.

— Another way that we can “be a gift to the world!”

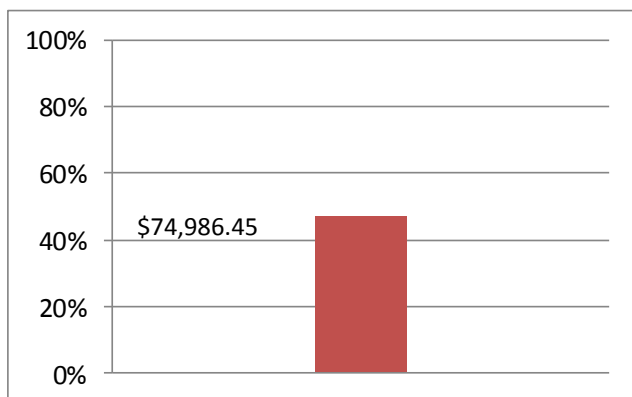
PETS Registration

PETS registration for 2016 is now available online. The website for registration is www.GreatLakesRotaryPETS.org where you will find event and lodging information. The registration fee for Presidents Elect (PEs) is underwritten by our district, including conference meals; however, each President Elect must complete a registration form and is responsible for personal lodging arrangements. All other attendees must complete the registration form as well as submit the conference fee.

PETS 2016 will be March 10-12 and once again held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Early registration will help assure lodging in the conference hotel.

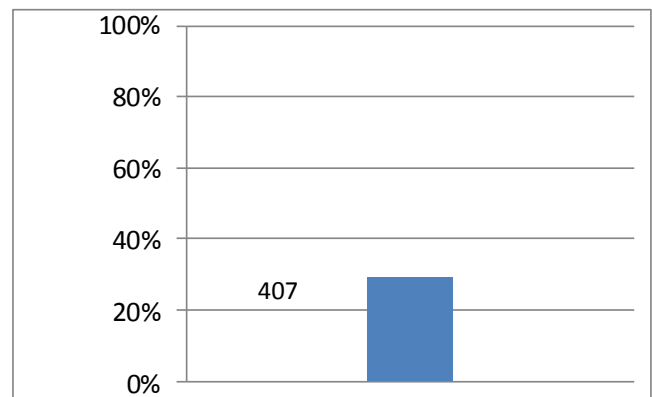
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 1/06/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 1/06/16

Another Year, Another Step Closer

By Polio Plus Chair Chuck Cusick

Another year, another step closer to a polio free world. Fewer cases in fewer places than ever before.

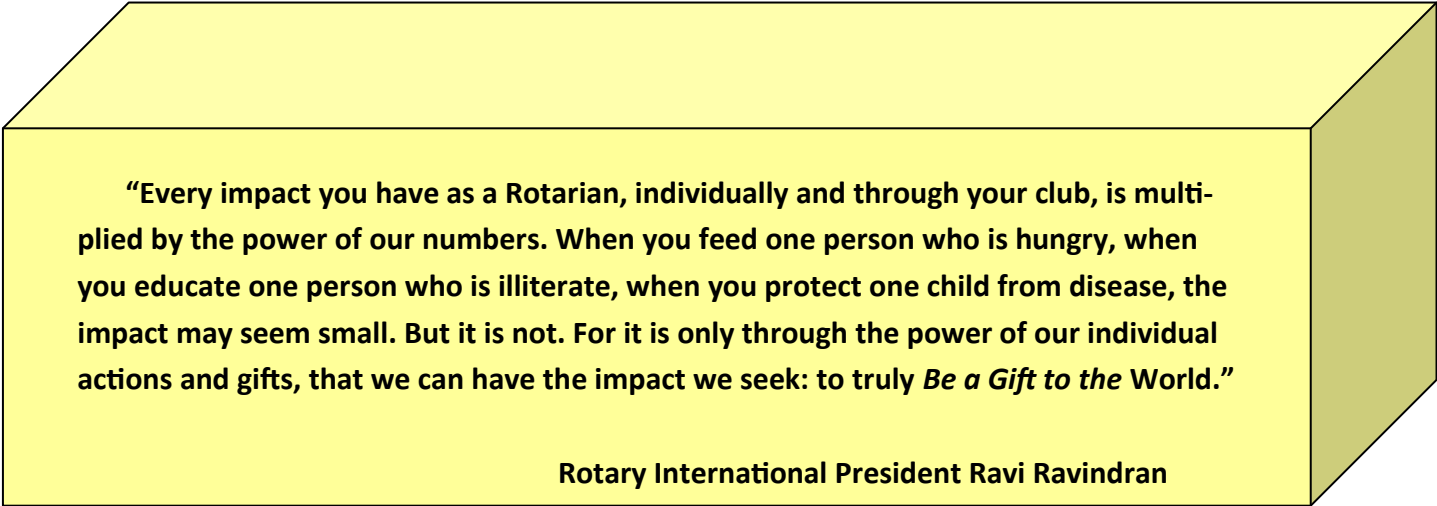
When we look back on 2015, it may well be seen as the year the tide irreversibly turned on polio. Wild poliovirus is more geographically constrained than it has been at any point in recorded history. As of 30 December 2015, 70 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from the only two remaining polio endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, compared to the 341 cases found in nine countries during the same period in 2014.

From Nigeria being removed from the list of polio endemic countries to the declaration of wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) eradication to the closure of several outbreaks, progress against polio has accelerated in its remaining strongholds. We are rapidly closing in on the finishing line.

District Conference

The District Conference will be held May 20-21 at the APLEX in Alpena, Michigan. Plans are being finalized and information will be provided soon.

Look for a personal email this week with registration details.



"Every impact you have as a Rotarian, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers. When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. But it is not. For it is only through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly *Be a Gift to the World.*"

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Around the District



Congratulations to Ben Reyhl upon his graduation from Central Michigan University. Ben is a charter member of the **CMU Rotaract Club**, joining in 2012. He served the Rotaract board as treasurer, president elect, club president, and past president. He has been a kiosk of Rotary knowledge, teaching incoming students the history and merits of Rotary.

As a leader, Ben attended both district and club events, participated in community and international projects, and helped with fund raising. He attended RYLA during high school and returned as a counselor this past summer.

As active as he has been in the Rotaract Club, he achieved an incredible academic record and excelled as a faithful CMU band member. He worked on campus during the summers.

Our CMU Rotaract Club has never existed without Ben's active involvement. We will surely miss him as he leaves, but the foundation Ben carefully helped build will support many years of subsequent growth and fruitfulness.

Thank you Ben for your leadership, commitment, and for your giving and caring spirit. We love you and will miss you immensely.

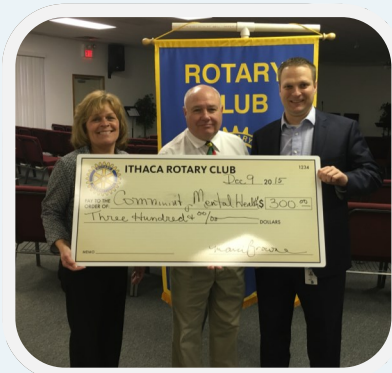
*(Mamma) Kathy Beebe,
CMU Rotaract Adviser, Mt Pleasant Rotary Club*



Pat Duffy of the Gratiot Optimist Club was presented a \$300 check to be used to purchase coats, hats, and boots for area needy children. (Pictured above) President Kim Hodge presented the check.

Rotary Club of Ithaca

President Kim Hodge presented Member Marci Browne with a Paul Harris Fellow Award at a recent meeting. The Ithaca Rotary Club purchased the award for the outstanding service she has given to the club.



Gratiot County Mental Health was awarded a \$300 check for child services. (Pictured at left: Kim Hodge-President, Joe Barden- Rotary member, and Steve Vernon- Gratiot County Mental Health CEO.)



The **Rotaract Club of Central Michigan University** recently celebrated a Christmas party at the home of advisor and Youth Committee Chair Kathy Beebe.

In accordance with their usual protocol, ugly Christmas sweaters were the order of the day!



On Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, the **Corunna Rotary Club** and the Fraternal Order of Police combined their services to sponsor a Christmas party for approximately 30 foster children in the Owosso/Corunna area.

Pizzas and pop were served to all and each child received gifts that were delivered by Santa Claus who arrived in a vintage police car.

This annual event is organized by Corunna Rotarian, Henry Phillips, and is made possible by the generous contributions from Corunna Rotarians and members of the FOP.



The **Northern Bay & Arenac Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** recently announced that the Northwoods Wholesale Outlet of Pinconning has agreed to be the sponsor for the first Saginaw Bay Nature Festival, which will take place in April 2016.

The Pinconning Linwood Chamber of Commerce will sponsor marketing and logistical activities related to the festival. Sponsorships for individual components of the festival will be as follows:

- Student nature art competition — The Rotary Club of Bay City
- Student Conservation Project competition — Chemical Bank
- Birding Derby — Bittersweet Quilt Shop
- Lecture series on topics related to the Saginaw Bay — Pinconning Rotarians

In addition to programs in local schools, there will be a series of presentations during the month of April on topics such as wildlife photography, landscaping with native plants, invasive species, the Saginaw Bay fishery, bird migration, and the Ojibway language.

On January 7, 2016, the Rotary Club met at Standish-Sterling Central High School to hear a presentation by the Director of the Environmental Science Institute (ESI) at Saginaw Valley State University, David Karpovich, on the focus of the Institute, and the work it is doing to coordinate a Conservation Project Competition as part of the Rotary Club's 2016 Saginaw Bay Nature Festival.

The Saginaw River watershed is the largest in Michigan, covering about 8,500 square miles. Saginaw Bay covers over 1,100 square miles. ESI staff study a variety of conditions which contribute to the degradation of the bay, and they are often able to propose conservation actions to help improve the local environment.

ESI staff is working with students at both Standish-Sterling and Pinconning High Schools to design a conservation project. Examples of possible projects include: invasive plant removal on municipal property or park followed by replanting of native species; stabilization of a river or ditch bank to prevent erosion; development of an access point to a river for canoes/kayaks, hiking trails, swimming, boating, etc; development of a platform for viewing birds or wildlife or a fishing platform; identification of storm drains susceptible to contamination and development of a proposal to prevent dumping of harmful contaminants or erosion of soil. These were offered simply as examples. The winning proposal will be referred to one of the area's grant funders for possible implementation.



Shown in the photo on the left are students and teachers from Standish-Sterling and Pinconning High Schools along with four representatives of SVSU.

Left rear are Adrienne Cole and David Karpovich, program speaker, of the SVSU Environmental Science Institute.



Shown at left are **Rotary Club of Durand** President Mary Warner-Stone and guest speaker Lloyd Lamphere.

Mr. Lamphere taught at the Durand High School for 39 years and is still involved in the driver's training program. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

His topic was the Civil War, and he noted that there were 17t Michigan soldiers at Gettysburg, and overall Michigan lost 15,000 soldiers in the Civil War.

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** conducted its annual food drive for the benefit of the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry on December 12. They used the parking lots of the Shepherds Pie Antiques and the Dollar General store and greatly appreciate the support of both organizations.

Dollar General also agreed to prepare "food bags" in any amount for customers who wanted to make donations. Nearly \$600 was donated in this manner.

Several members of Dollar General zone and district management came to Shepherd to assist the store manager for the day. In addition to handling the food, they provided a food drive sign and furnished coffee and donuts to the Rotary Club members.



Carmen Sawchuk, Ray Mondragon, and Louie Schultz (shown above).



Excited with anticipation, the students of Bridgeport and Birch Run Schools were all smiles when they received their own dictionaries and thesauruses, thanks to the **Rotary Club of Birch Run**.

The 3rd graders at North Elementary and Atkins Elementary were presented with *A Student's Dictionary*, and the 4th graders at North Elementary were presented with *Webster's Thesaurus*. The club goal is to assist all students to complete the school year as good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers by providing them with the tools to achieve these goals. These gifts are theirs to use at school and at home for many years to come. The club members believe strongly in the importance of education. Education enables dreams to come true. Participation in this Literacy Project demonstrates the club's commitment to education in their community.

If your club doesn't already do this project, the Birch Run Club encourages you to please consider it. The cost is minimal and the time involved to sort and label each book can be done during a meeting. Each book is personalized by printing a label with the 4 Way Test and a "dedicated to" inscription. Many of the teachers use the dictionaries in their lessons.



Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club's Winter Wine Affair

The Morning Rotary Club of Frankenmuth cordially extends an invitation to all to join us Thursday, February 18th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth for our annual Winter Wine Affair. Enjoy an evening of fine wine sampling, great hors d'oeuvres, a live auction, raffle drawings and mingling among friends. Other drink options will be available too!

Tickets will be \$30.00 which includes admission to the event, five wine samples, a ticket for the raffle and some very nice hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Karen Zehnder at 989-652-9909 or at Amazing Engraving located at 300 West Genesee Street in Frankenmuth. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support our local community and school projects along with our International Water Project in the Dominican Republic. Come join us for an evening of fun and great wine!





Paula Liveris is hosting a Tea
With Jeanne Lound Schaller, President,
Midland Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)



At the Midland Country Club

1120 West St. Andrews

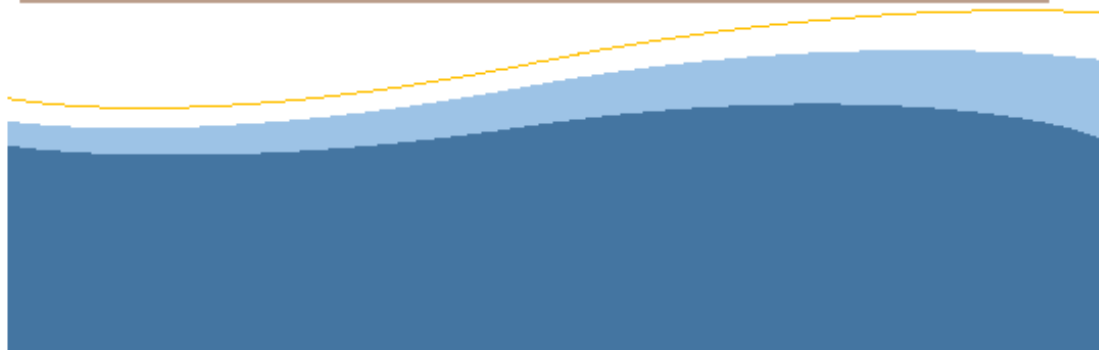
On Tuesday, February 23, 2016

3:30-5:00 pm

NP Director of Development will speak
at 4:00 pm

Focus: To increase awareness of and support for the Nonviolent Peaceforce, an international NGO that is working on "Transforming the World's Response to Conflict."

If you are interested in receiving an e-vite, please e-mail Judy Timmons at timmonsj45@gmail.com by January 15th.
Please contact Jeanne Lound Schaller with any questions at 989-832-7876 or jgschall@charter.net.



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

NOTICE—NEW MEETING LOCATION

The new location for the **Saginaw Sunrise Club**, which meets Friday at 7:30 AM

VFW Hall, 3265 Kochville Road, Saginaw, MI

NEW ROTARY YEAR RESOLUTIONS



Enrol in Rotary's
recurring giving program.

- ☐ Build peace
- ☐ Prevent disease
- ☐ Provide clean water
- ☐ Support maternal and child health
- ☐ Promote literacy
- ☐ Grow local economies

Sign up at www.rotary.org, and make *doing good*
a resolution you can keep.



Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month

Bay City - 101 years - Chartered January 1, 1915

Shepherd - 76 years - Chartered January 11, 1940

Frankenmuth Morning - 9 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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