



# District Dispatch

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## Rotary Serving Humanity



**District Governor  
Cheryl Peterson**

### Welcome to Rotary 2016-17!

As your district leadership team, we are committed to supporting the work of our clubs in District 6310 as together we serve humanity locally and around the globe!

Our congratulations to IPDG Mike Kelly for an outstanding year as District Governor in 2015-16. We had much to celebrate at the Passing of the Gavel event on June 28 in Saginaw in recognition of Mike's leadership to "Be a Gift to the World."

While final reports are not yet available, as of this writing, we have surpassed our Annual Fund and Polio Plus giving goals, experienced an increase in membership, and made great strides in engaging youth through the establishing of several new Interact Clubs across our district. Thank you, Mike, for leading us to a record-setting year!

John Germ, Rotary International President, (pictured at right with DG Cheryl) has selected the theme for this year:

### Rotary Serving Humanity

These three words speak to the core of what Rotary is all about---whether we are doing good in our local community or in a far-away place, we are serving humanity. As we celebrate in this year the centennial anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, created in 1916 to do good in the world, we will seek opportunities to serve humanity within our district and beyond.



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# Rotary Serving Humanity (continued)

We have a strong leadership team at the district to assist and support you in your club's efforts this year. Please call upon them for your club programs and to help you in specific areas of service: Membership, The Rotary Foundation, Polio Eradication, Humanitarian Service, Public Image, Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project, Youth Service, and Youth Exchange. Contact information can be found online in the district directory as well as sourced through your club president.

With the International Convention being held in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 2017 and including a grand celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of The Rotary Foundation, we also have an International Convention Chair, Dee Dee Wacksman. You will be hearing more information regularly about the convention, and I hope that many of you will make plans to attend this once-in-a-lifetime celebration!



Because this is such milestone year for The Rotary Foundation, we are placing significant emphasis upon the foundation---both in service and in funding. You will hear more about our Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project with focus in both local and international communities, an emphasis on use of foundation recognition points to further the awareness and reach

of Rotary in our district, great global grant projects that your club may choose to support, and opportunity to be part of a great public health milestone---moving ever closer to the eradication of polio.

Such work requires fuel for the funding stream---fuel that comes from the gifts of individual Rotarians. You have been generous givers in recent years!! To continue to support district and global grants and in recognition of this milestone foundation year, we expect to achieve--we need to achieve--another record year in Annual Fund and Polio Plus giving. You will hear more about this during the District Governor visits to your club and throughout the year.

It is critically important that we grow our membership and engage our youth. Strategies to support both are being implemented. Our club presidents have done a great job in projecting club membership growth. We expect to see a Satellite Club formed in our district. Several opportunities exist for new Interact Clubs throughout the district. And the number of clubs interested in sponsoring a Youth Exchange Outbound Student is increasing.

Now is the time to seek out and seize opportunities to become a more vibrant club---to fully live out Rotary Serving Humanity in our local and international communities. To serve through Rotary, in the words of John Germ, is: "an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity."

2016-2017 District Governor

*Cheryl Peterson*

## 2016-2017 Monthly Themes

Each year, Rotary establishes a calendar of themes for each month. This presents opportunity for each club to concentrate on programs to promote these themes in their respective month. By using these themes as a guide, each club can ensure that all the various opportunities in Rotary are shared throughout the year. Of course, use of this strategy is at each club's discretion.

**August is Membership and New Club Development Month.** There are many resources on MyRotary to help you in developing one or more programs on membership for the month of August.

Follow this link to review them: [www.rotary.org/membership](http://www.rotary.org/membership) Resources on mentoring, induction, orientation, and other membership topics are available through this link to help your club become a more vibrant club.

You are encouraged to reach out to Rich Fleming, Chair of District 6310 Membership Committee, for assistance with a membership program. Rich and other members of his committee are available to you throughout the year to help you with membership needs, strategies, and programs. He can be reached at [flemi1rj@cmich.edu](mailto:flemi1rj@cmich.edu)

# ANOTHER ROTARY YEAR OF “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

By IPDG Mike Kelly

My District 6310 “Year of Leadership” shared with 1,410 wonderful Rotarians throughout our 18 county district has come to an end as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Words alone cannot express my appreciation for all the outstanding work that all of you do in your respective clubs, your communities, our district, and around the world on behalf of Rotary! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your District Governor! What comes from the heart, reaches the heart, and you have touched my heart!

The accomplishments of all District Officers, Committee Chairs, Club Officers and all of you as Rotarians are far too numerous to list, but here are a few of them:

Record level contributions from our District to both the **Rotary Foundation Annual Fund of \$182,423** and **Polio Plus Fund of nearly \$49,000** - Over \$231,000 total as of this date.

Membership growth of 2.5% to **1,410 Rotarians in 32 Clubs**.

**Rotaract Club** growth and **Interact Club** expansion from 4 clubs to 10 and still climbing.

Many successful grant-funded projects in and outside of District 6310.

Record attendance at our District 6310 **Annual Rotary Foundation Gala** in November.

First ever international **Interact service project trip** to the Dominican Republic.

Hosted **Dominican Republic Rotarian** partners in our Water and Sanitation efforts.

First ever **“One Rotary Summit”** leadership training session.

Rotary is indeed the finest humanitarian organization in the world, and I am proud to be a member – I hope you are too! **Best wishes to DG Cheryl Peterson** and this year’s leaders, and I am sure as the new Rotary year goes on you will continue to

## “Be a gift to the world”

**My sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you do for Rotary!**



# What a Year! Past Giving Records Blown Away!

By Chair Eileen Jennings

I am having difficulty finding the words to express my exhilaration and delight at the contributions you all have made to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus during the 2015-2016 year. And you know I am never without words!

As of today, **you have given** a total of **\$182,423** to the Annual Fund and **\$48,850** to Polio Plus. This is by far an all-time record for the Annual Fund and a record for recent years for Polio Plus.

Last year you all gave a total of about \$155,000 to the Annual Fund. Mike Kelly and I set what we thought was a stretch goal of \$160,000 for Annual Fund giving for this year. Well, you blew that goal out of the water. You gave **\$25,000 MORE** this year than last year! Your giving has surpassed our wildest dreams.

Last year, Chuck Cusick reinvigorated our Polio eradication campaign. Giving was \$43,076, after previous years' giving of \$20,000 or less. But this year, you increased that amount even more to \$48,850. You are making an important difference in our efforts to completely eliminate polio.

I am so proud of all of you. Thank you seems so inadequate. But Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your Annual Fund giving has made more funds available for future District Grants and more money available for Global Grants. The increase comes just as we are receiving more requests from more of your clubs for support of significant international humanitarian projects around the world.



**District 6310, you rock!!!**

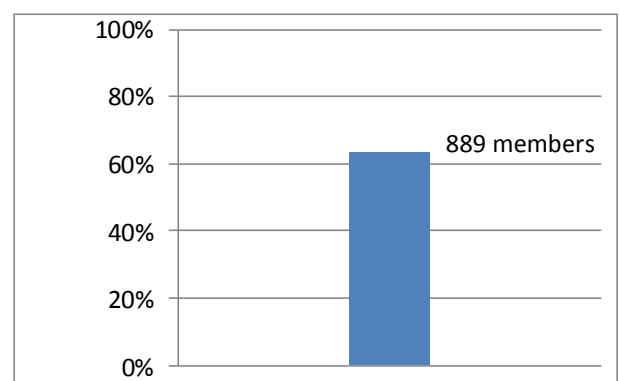
## Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 7/09/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 7/09/16

# RI Polio Plus Goal Reached!

By Chair Chuck Cusick



Congratulations! We have met our \$35,000,000 goal and will be receiving the full 2 for 1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Our good work is not done, but we are close. This could be the year that we see the last case of polio caused by the wild polio virus. Only 17 cases have been reported this year: 6 cases in Afghanistan and 11 in Pakistan.

The July issue of the *Rotarian* magazine has an excellent article on our efforts to eradicate the polio virus. This will give you an appreciation for the work we are doing and where our monies are used.

If your club would like a presentation on polio and Nancy Cusick's recent trip to India where she participated in a National Immunization Day, contact Chuck Cusick at [cvcusick@aol.com](mailto:cvcusick@aol.com).

## Uganda Vocational Training Team

A District Grant-sponsored Vocational Training Team (VTT) composed of Rotarians and non-Rotarians will be travelling to Uganda for two weeks in mid-January, 2017 to provide vocational training to the staff of Agape Community Transformation (ACT), a local Non Governmental Organization. This grant is supported by the **Midland Rotary Club** along with **Midland Morning** and **Bay City Morning Rotary Clubs**.

Non-Rotarian subject matter experts are being sought to provide practical hands-on instruction in the following areas:

Marketing/Social Media/Handicraft Retailing—explore handicraft sales and promotion in Uganda and exports

Community Health Management—village health promotion and facilitator training

Up to 100% of travel and related expenses of the selected individuals will be provided. For further information and an application, please contact the project leader, Rotarian Dick Dolinski, at [rdolinski@tlc4cs.org](mailto:rdolinski@tlc4cs.org) or 989.859.2290.

**"Make sure that Rotary serves humanity as much as it can as well as it can, and that Rotary changes as many lives as it can for the better. One good work at a time."**

**Rotary International President John Germ**

# Centennial Literacy Humanitarian Project

## Let's Celebrate!!!

By Chair Louis Schultz

One hundred years ago, Arch C. Klumpf of Cleveland, Ohio, became the 6<sup>th</sup> President of Rotary International. He proposed, in his own words, "an endowment fund for Rotary with the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." His creation, The Rotary Foundation, has become one of the most prestigious fellowships in the world with assets that exceed over one billion U.S. dollars. That is truly incredible.



Arch C. Klumpf, founder of The Rotary Foundation

Now, in the 2016-17 Rotary year, incoming District 6310 Governor Cheryl Peterson says 'let's all celebrate.' The Rotary Foundation has been a key instrument in allowing all of us to do good in the world throughout the last 100 years, and in years to come. In honor of this milestone anniversary, Cheryl is introducing our *Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project* which will unite all of the clubs in our District in two specific areas of focus—locally and internationally.

Locally, each club is being asked to place and sustain a chartered Little Free Library somewhere within their own community. Internationally, each club is asked to collect used English written children's books, pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, to be shipped to needy libraries in The Philippines, especially those that had been recently ravaged by Typhoon Haiyan.

This district-wide project symbolizes the mission of The Rotary Foundation which is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Cheryl will introduce the Centennial Humanitarian Literacy Project while making her

club visits. She has assembled a committee to follow up with each of the 32 clubs in the district to provide all the specific plan details, including timelines. Mimi Herrington (Bad Axe Club), Tom Cook (Owosso Club), Gena Gates (Pinconning-Standish Club), Melissa Barnard (Midland Morning Club), and Louie Schultz (Birch Run Club) are each assigned a group of clubs.



This Little Free Library was erected in Frankenmuth this summer at Memorial Park by the [Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club](#) to honor School Superintendent Mary Anne Ackerman for her commitment to education.

The [Birch Run Rotary Club](#) placed this Little Free Library in the middle of town at Gazebo Park to commemorate the passing of 13-year-old Ashley Muehlenbeck who loved butterflies. Initially, in 2004, the club built an \$80,000 butterfly sanctuary in Wilderness Trails Zoo the year she died. The Little Free Library was built in 2014, ten years later.



The committee hopes that you will find this district project to be enjoyable, worthwhile, and very achievable for each and every club. In May, 2017, at the District Conference in Owosso, we can all 'celebrate' our tribute to The Rotary Foundation with the successes of our project. There likely may be some very special awards, too.



## Passing of the Gavel to 2016—2017 District Governor



From left: DGN Michael Elliott, DGE Patricia Post, DG Cheryl Peterson, IPDG Mike Kelly, PDG Delores Brock, PDG Eileen Jennings, PDG Alfred Swaggert



New Assistant Governors Larry Arendt and Joyce Bremer are recognized by District Governor Cheryl Peterson



DG Cheryl reviews district goals to “turn dreams into reality”

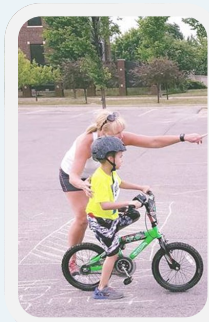


## AROUND THE DISTRICT



The **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** teamed with the Bay Area YMCA to hold the first annual Kids Triathlon on Sunday, June 26th.

The winner received a new bicycle donated by a local bike shop.



District Webmaster Jennifer Kendrick, Outgoing President Kevin Kendrick, and President Tawny Nelb

The last meeting celebrated Kevin's amazing 18 month presidential tenure. President Tawny Nelb noted that he helped the club reinvigorate committees, start new humanitarian initiatives, helped many members engage more actively as Rotarians, and take advantage of the myriad of opportunities available for service.

The **Rotary Club of Midland** recently honored outgoing President Kevin Kendrick. In addition to the traditional Past President Pin and plaque, he was presented with a Word Cloud (shown below) using the words members most use to describe Kevin.







During RI Fellowship Month, the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** recently enjoyed a club picnic in lieu of their lunchtime meeting.

Each member brought a dish to pass, and a delightful evening was had by all!

Shown at left are members at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their pavilion, which was held during the past Rotary year.



*Designed by Pete Coulon,*

*Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise, Wauchope, Australia*

*Reprinted from the Midland Noon Club Bulletin*

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** officer Installation dinner was held at the John E. Eichler Pavilion.

With the able assistance of President Troy Leipprandt and District Governor Mike Kelly, Jeff Leipprandt gave the following Rotarians their Paul Harris Fellow Awards: Russ Ciaramella, Tami Krohn, Tim Loehrke, Paulette Mancuso, Matt Meissner, Clark Ramsey, Dave Stewart, Bill Weit-  
zel, Terry Lerash, Brandon Yowler, Scott Miklovic.

This effort in giving to the Foundation makes the club at the end of this Rotary year a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

Many Rotarians continue to give to the Foundation after making the Paul Harris Fellow level. Level awards were also given: PHF +1 to Scott Maust and PHF+ 4 to Jeff Leipprandt. The club has at least 15 PHF+. In addition, it was noted that many of the guests in attendance are also Paul Harris Fellows.





Mike Duranczyk, newest club member; Dan Couveau, Club President; and Thomas Long

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** heard a presentation by Thomas Long, currently employed by MSU Extension in Arenac County, concerning his two and a half year experience, from 2011 to 2013, as a Peace Corps volunteer in the country of Zambia in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Peace Corps began in 1961 following an address by President John F. Kennedy to students at the University of Michigan. Today the Peace Corps seeks professionals willing to take their skills to a developing country where they can share American cultural values and learn the language and culture of another nation.

In Zambia, Tom was part of a program called LIFE - Linking Income, Forestry and the Environment. His background as a high school science teacher was put to good use as he taught subsistence farmers to improve agricultural practices with the goal of creating a more sustainable livelihood. One of the small businesses he promoted was the raising of bees for the sale of honey. He also helped provide education on such topics as malaria, HIV/AIDS prevention, and the empowering of young women to make better decisions regarding the control of their own lives. This was important in a male-dominated culture where females have few rights. Many lessons were delivered through the use of dramas and skits since literacy is quite low in rural Zambia.

As a volunteer, Tom was provided a small stipend to purchase food and other necessities. The village provided him a simple shelter without running water or electricity, like the rest of the village. Water was sometimes scarce. He said he had to be careful about drinking unfiltered water and eating meat since the health risks were great. He had only a bicycle for transportation and was 23 miles from the nearest city. Infections were common and medical help minimal, but he managed to avoid some of the major health problems faced by other volunteers. He said he was happy to have been involved with an agricultural program.

The **Rotary Club of Bay City** held its annual golf outing at the Maple Leaf Golf Course in Linwood on June 16th. For a week the sky had been beautiful and the temperatures just right. Then, the week of the outing, the forecast was for rain on the day of the event. Thursday morning dawned on a rainy sky and cool temperatures.



Carts lined up for a shotgun start

Arriving at the course, one was greeted by a full parking lot. A group of golfers were outside the door laughing and taking. Inside the clubhouse all the tables were full of golfers eating doughnuts and enjoying a good time. The shotgun start was delayed until about 10 a.m. by which time the rain had somewhat stopped. As golfers took to the course with wet weather gear and umbrellas, the rain abated some but insisted on coming back in spurts.

Throughout the day and at all locations, spirits seemed high. Nobody was complaining, and everyone was doing most of the course. This was, after all, a fund raising event. A large share of the money raised by this event helps the Rotary Club fund technology in local schools. Another share builds the club's local foundation, which is used for a range of grants, donations, and projects.

## Upcoming Events



Midland Rotary Clubs, LaLonde's Markets and Whine are teaming up to bring you the perfect meal for a summer day, with proceeds supporting community charities.

Delicious grilled cheeseburgers provided by LaLonde's Markets

Craft beer and wine provided by Whine

**Rotary Tent at RiverDays**

**Near the Tridge at Chippewassee Park**

**Friday, July 15, 5:30 – 9:30 pm**

**Cheeseburgers, beer and wine \$5 each**

**Greater Midland Run the River Race at 7 pm**

**Live music by Jedi Mind Trip**

Food/drink tickets sold at Rotary Tent the day of the event.

Proceeds donated to community charities by Midland Rotary Clubs.



Whine

LaLonde's

run the river  
MIDLAND, MI





**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Midland Rotary Golf  
Cup  
Midland Country Club  
Traditional 4 Ball Scramble  
(Winning Team MUST defend the  
Rotary Cup in 2017!)**

**Midland  
Rotary**



**July 25, 2016**

12:00 - 12:45 Registration

1:00 - 5:30 Golf

5:30 - Dinner

Proceeds are for the Rotary Youth Exchange Fund (Charles Moss Scholarship) which helps high school students study in other countries through the Rotary program.

Golf \$100.00 per person	#	\$
Dinner only \$25 per person	#	\$
4 mulligans \$20 per team	#	\$
Total Donation	#	\$

**Team Members:**

Name

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Please fill out form and return to:

*Pete Zemelis*

201 McDonald Street, Midland MI  
48640

[pzemelis@comcast.com](mailto:pzemelis@comcast.com)

Deadline: July 11, 2016

Make checks payable to: *Midland  
Rotary Foundation*

Phone Number

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# Rotary



The Midland Noon Rotary Club and District 6310 invite you to join us at the Dow Diamond on Saturday September 3rd to enjoy a wonderful Loons' ballgame and to have fun with other Rotarians and their families. The Loons will be playing West Michigan, and there will be fireworks after the game.

**Come on out for a great evening and a great cause!**

**Loons' Community  
Organization of the**

**Night: Rotary**

**Dow Diamond,**

**Midland MI**

**Saturday,**

**September 3, 2016**

**Game starts at 7:05 pm**

The Midland Noon Rotary Club and District 6310 are proud to partner in eradicating Polio. A big part of that is in education! Do you know what this is? (Iron Lung courtesy of the Cheboygan Rotary Club)



Come to Dow Diamond on 9/3/2016  
and learn more.

To reserve your seat, please contact Kevin Kendrick at [kbkendrick@charter.net](mailto:kbkendrick@charter.net) or 989-839-9188 by August 18, 2016. Limited tickets available.



# Congratulations to District Members!

By Foundation Chair Eileen Jennings

As of the end of the 2015-2016 Rotary year, 889 Rotarians in District 6310 contributed to the Annual Fund. This is 63.5% of the members. (A few more members' gifts may still be in the process of being recorded.) This exceeds our all-time record for givers: the previous record was 782 givers in 2014-2015.

The following clubs were EREY clubs, that is, every member of the club gave something to the Annual Fund: **Bad Axe, Birch Run, Caro, Cass City, Frankenmuth Morning, Oscoda, Saginaw Sunrise**, and **Shepherd**.

Rotary uses the membership as of July 1 as the membership for counting everything all year. If a club has lost a member or two during the year, everyone may have given, but Rotary won't show EREY status. The following clubs were very close to being EREY clubs (and may in fact have reached this goal): **Durand, Millington, Pigeon**.

Congratulations to all these clubs.

EVERY  
■ ROTARIAN  
■ EVERY  
■ YEAR



Congratulations to the following club celebrating an anniversary this month:

**Caro** - 91 years - Chartered July 29, 1925



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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