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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH



We in District 6310 are most familiar with the “Rotary Peace Fellowships.” Jeanne Schaller, of the Midland area, earned a professional development certificate in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies from the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand in 2015. Jeanne has spoken to many Rotary groups and others to promote peace and justice since that time and is a mediator with the Midland Community Resource Center.

We are less familiar with the dozens of Rotary Fellowships ranging from amateur radio to yachting that are available on the www.Rotary.org website. Check there for areas of interest that you may have to connect with Rotarian groups. Or, start your own group there!

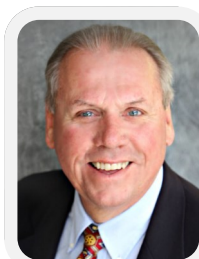
Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians and others who share their common passion. I tend to think of much of our Rotary effort as a “fellowship” or “networking,” if you prefer, including Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA.

Our annual District Conference and celebration of all things Rotary was held in Alpena on May 20 – 21. A summary and some photos of the event are shared elsewhere in this Dispatch and our “**Rotary District 6310 Facebook page**” – Check it out!

You have only two weeks left to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation in this Rotary year. – **DO IT NOW!** While our Rotary year comes to an end on June 30, Rotarians will continue to...

“Be a gift to the world”

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!



District Governor
Mike Kelly

Annual Conference

The annual celebration of **All things Rotary** was held in Alpena on May 20-21, 2016. Over 150 Rotarians, partners and guests took part in the two-day event to share our Rotary experience. Our Youth Exchange students added an exciting touch to our Saturday dinner with their flag ceremony and talent presentations. The weather, as promised by District Governor Mike and arranged by Conference Chair Ann Burton, was excellent!



Rotary Ice Sculpture



Mike Ardelean, Bob Krafft, and
DG Mike Kelly on Shipwreck Tour

The Essence of Rotary – “Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas and Take Action” was clearly evident throughout our program. It began with the District Training Assembly led by District Governor Elect Cheryl Peterson and Immediate Past District Governor and District Trainer Dee Brock on Rotary topics. We had a wealth of guest speakers, and nearly 70 attendees ventured out in “Shipwreck Alley” in Thunder Bay on the *Lady Michigan* glass bottom Boat tour.

District Governor Mike Kelly presented many well-deserved “District Governor Citations” and other awards including 22 individual “Rotary Heroes” chosen by their respective clubs. Also recognized were several individuals for their outstanding and continuing loyal Rotary service.

The highlight of all the awards was the Rotary Foundation **Major Donor—Level 2** awards to both Chuck and Nancy Cusick. Their work in the effort to “End Polio Now” is extraordinary! What a great example of “Service above self”

A review of comments by participants on Conference evaluations notes the program was informative and fun – just like **All things Rotary** should be!

A list of awards and several photos are included in this issue.



Nancy and Chuck Cusick
with DG Mike Kelly



Rotary
Youth
Exchange
Students



Presidential Citations



Bad Axe

President Mark Lundquist

Caro

President Brenda Kretzschmer

Midland

President Kevin Kendrick

Oscoda

President Jim Kent

Mt. Pleasant Rotaract

President Stephanie Bird

Bad Axe Interact

President Samantha Rogers

Oscoda Interact

President Jack Montgomery



Midland Morning

President Michelle Kocan



Birch Run

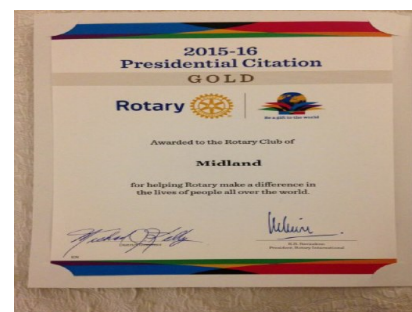
President Carmen Sawchuk

Ithaca

President Kim Hodge



Midland President Kevin Kendrick
receiving Presidential Citation
from DG Mike Kelly



Conference Chair Ann Burton
and Bob Krafft check out
weather reports



Rotarians at work on Alpena "Feeding Kids" Service Project



Ernie Paulick (Bad Axe)
and Miss Michigan
Emily Kieliszewski

Rotary Club Heroes



Rotary Club of:

Alma-St. Louis

Alpena

Bad Axe

Bay City

Breckenridge

Caro

Cass City

Chesaning

Durand

Frankenmuth

Frankenmuth Morning

Gladwin

Harbor Beach

Ithaca

Midland

Mt. Pleasant

Oscoda

Pigeon

Saginaw

Saginaw Sunrise

Saginaw Valley

Shepherd

Hero:

Don Weis

Ann Burton

Don Rogers

Dr. Lee Newton

Debra Markley

Kent Graf

Valerie Hartel

Victor Shapley

Richard Misner

Steve Jennings

Randy Ettema

Joyce Swartzmiller

Warren Ramsey

Kim Hodge

Don Carlsen

Tom Miles

Jim Alexander

Ed Eichler

Tom Cline

Bob Gollin

Fred Herter

Adam (Walt) Berry

Caption:

Mr. Ph.D. in Rotary

Ask Ann, She will Get it Done

A Portrait of "Service above Self"

Constantly Caring with Consistent Control—4Cs

Dynamite Debbie

"Go To" Guy

A Model of "Service above Self"

Lifelong Legend

Club Enhancer

World Community Service

Randy "Always Ready to Lend A Hand" Ettema

Dedicated Rotarian

Willing Worker

Stepping Up for Rotary

Mr. "Civil Servant"

Master of Puns and Programs

Passionate Polio Fighter

Community Innovator

Tom Terrific

All-Around Good Guy

The Doer

Youth and Future Oriented

District Governor Citations

Category:	Name:	Rotary Club of:
Assistant Governor Service	Patricia Post Peggy Pickler Steve Wildes	Durand Mt. Pleasant Midland
Conference Attendance		Saginaw Sunrise
Major Donor - Level 2	Chuck Cusick Nancy Cusick	Bay City
Water & Sanitation - Dominican Republic	Randy Ettema	Frankenmuth Morning
Water & Sanitation - India	Bob Gollin	Saginaw Sunrise
Youth Services - Interact	Dee Brock	Shepherd
Youth Services - Rotaract	Kathy Beebe	Mt. Pleasant

“Every one of us has something to give—whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.”

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Why the Annual Fund?

By Annual Fund Chair Rod Bieber

On June 30th we celebrate another record year in the history of Rotary! June 30th is also the last day to have contributions credited to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

Why the Annual Fund? Remember that this is the shared money that comes back to our District 6310 in Rotary year 2018-19. If you plan to be a Rotarian in 2018-19, then you will want to contribute now in order to reap the rewards three years from now.

Not sure of how much to give? Here are some suggestions.

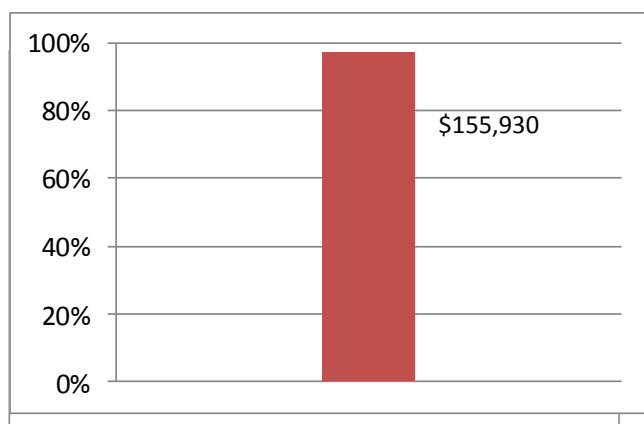
- EREY- Every Rotarian Every Year. Give something—anything—to the Annual Fund
- How about our target of \$115 per Rotarian this year.
- Not a Paul Harris Fellow yet? What do you need to give in order to reach the \$1,000 level? Your Foundation chair can help you with this information.
- Already a Paul Harris Fellow? How about moving to the next level of \$2,000, \$3,000, or more.
- Consider becoming a Paul Harris Society member and give \$ 1,000 per year to the Foundation.

Your gift, no matter the amount, does make a difference in the world.

Thank you for your support for the Annual Fund this Rotary year, and let's close out the year in a generous manner! Thank you for all that you do for Rotary!

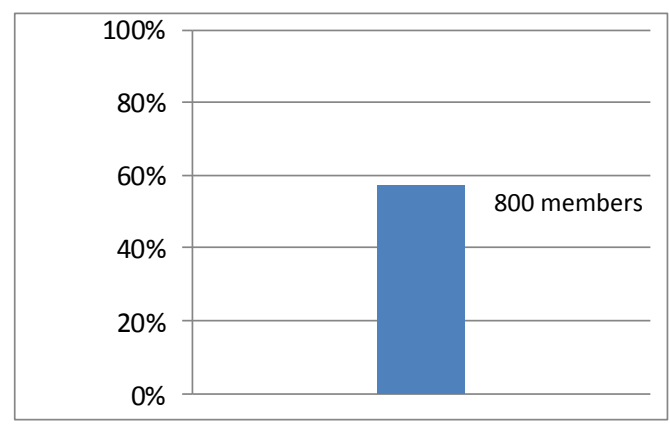
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 6/09/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 6/09/16

Our Support for Polio Plus

By Chair Chuck Cusick



As of June 1, there have been only 16 cases of polio reported this year; 11 in Pakistan and 5 in Afghanistan. We truly are “This Close” to eradicating polio. Unfortunately, our work is not yet done. Our continuing funding efforts support so much more than vaccine alone.

Our support ensures that the vaccine gets where it is needed, when it is needed, and is viable when it arrives.

Our support helps fund environmental samples in finding where the virus may still be hiding.

Our support helps get children to the immunizations points through social mobilization activities.

Our support helps continuing research for improved vaccines and delivery systems, which are so important to reach the final stages of our efforts.

Our support helps track the many refugees moving across borders into once polio free zones.

Eight clubs have not reported any donations to Polio Plus this year. We are running out of time to get this money credited to this fiscal year. Has every Rotarian been given the opportunity to give to this effort? Let’s keep up the fight for a polio free world.

Contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com if you would like to schedule a program at your club.

District Grants—Are You Applying?

By Rotary Foundation Chair Eileen Jennings

As we reach the end of a very successful Rotary year, we are already planning for the next one. To qualify for a District grant project, clubs must 1) attend training; 2) submit a club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); 3) set Foundation giving goals at My Rotary, and 4) apply for the grant.

Training for District Grants has been completed. Twenty-eight (28) clubs sent someone to training for District Grants, either on April 9 in Bay City or on May 20 at the District Conference in Alpena.

Four clubs have already submitted their MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to qualify for District Grants in 2016-2017. Send your club’s MOU to Eileen Jennings eileen.jennings811@gmail.com

Incoming club presidents need to set their Foundation giving goals at My Rotary.

Send your grant application to Paul Moore pmoore@villageofbirchrun.com by June 30.

MOU and application forms are available on the District web page. Information on projects eligible for District grants is included with the application.

We have \$37,583 available for club projects. Preference is given to projects with active club involvement and with humanitarian flavor. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Pilot Interact Trip to Dominican Republic a Success!

**By Randy Ettema, Chair
Water & Sanitation Committee**

In the first week of April, our District supported seven Interact students and three chaperones on a one week trip to Moca, Dominican Republic. The travelers included from Bad Axe: Natalie Breault, Tara Holz, Alayna Knarian, Samantha Rogers, with chaperones Deb Knarian and Jessica Knarian; from Oscoda: Miranda Lentz, Torianna Pichler, Jessica Ridgeway, with chaperone Mary Reitler. Also on the trip was Julia Behmlander, an MSU student who is majoring in Spanish and is working on a Handbook on Handwashing for our district; and myself.

This pilot trip resulted from our District's good relationship with District 4060 and in particular the Rotary Club of Moca. The purpose of the trip was to do a work project and experience living in another country's culture. The work project involved assisting in some latrine painting and planting trees (for every tree that is harvested, one must be planted). The majority of the experience was living in the local culture, including staying in Rotarian's homes.

Samantha Rogers, Bad Axe Interact Club...

I loved the trip and enjoyed the chance to make some amazing friends through Rotary.

Jessica Ridgeway, Oscoda Interact Club....

When I was given the news that I was going to the Dominican Republic, I was so honored that my local Oscoda Rotary Club had chosen me. The trip has shown me what we can do when we work together, and it has inspired me to continue on the road of community service and helping those who have less than I. Seeing the effect that the Rotary Club has had on the people of the Dominican Republic and how we were able to improve their lives is truly breathtaking, and I am so thankful I was able to be a part of such an amazing experience.

Torianna Pichler, Oscoda Interact Club...

The trip to the Dominican Republic proved to be very informative. I learned not only what Rotary does outside US borders, but what a difference the projects make. I learned how others live without the advantages that are here in the US. I met many exciting people and was introduced to a beautiful new culture. I look forward to working to make future trips possible and continue with new projects beyond borders. A big thank you to the different Rotary clubs and people of the community that helped to make this trip possible.

Mary Reitler, Oscoda Rotary Club and adult chaperone.....

I was honored to have been selected to accompany three of our Interact students to the DR. All the preparations and planning were worth it when I saw their expressions as we traveled the countryside and met the families and children. 'Life changing experience' may be an overworked term for this event, but it truly sums it up. The girls witnessed first hand what only had been discussed and touched on during our meetings and sharing of information.

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Pilot Interact Trip to Dominican Republic a Success! (cont.)

Our host families were wonderful. They couldn't have made us feel more welcome. The language barrier seemed insignificant. Smiles and gestures were always a good substitute. We were impressed by the work of the local Moca Rotary Club. How inspirational to see the latrines being built and delivered to needy families. They told us that some have been waiting for two years!! The family we saw was so appreciative. The students had a lesson in not taking things for granted—like inside plumbing and hot & cold running water

I would definitely encourage District 6310 to pursue this type of trip for the Interact Clubs. The benefits for the students cannot be measured; the benefits for the people of the DR will last a lifetime. I believe it is one of the most humanitarian and educational experiences we can offer our young people.



Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



Youth News



The **Shepherd High School Interact Club** and the Rotary Club of Shepherd sponsored a Walk to End Polio Project on May 15th. The students collected pledges from high school students and teachers, and the Rotarians collected pledges from community members. Pledges totaled nearly \$500.00 and that amount will, of course, be matched by the Gates Foundation to help End Polio Now.

After the Walk, the Interact students and Rotary Club members enjoyed hot dogs and cupcakes and some great fellowship!

Congratulations to the **Interact Club at Laker High School** (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pigeon). They raised \$193.00 through the Purple Pinky effort for Polio Plus. Although a little early in the year, Interact leaders heard about it at RYLA camp and wanted to do it before they graduated!

The Penguin Project



On a bright and sunny Friday, members of the **Saginaw Valley State University Rotaract Club** went to the Saginaw Children's Zoo to help the Rotary Club reconstructing the exhibition stall for penguins. The Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley is working at the Zoo to finish the exhibit before the zoo opens up for spring. It was their way of giving back to the community by rebuilding what they already had and saving the zoo the labor costs and time.

Several members of the Rotaract Club helped in tilling the ground and dumping the mud. It was a good experience for those who had never used a pick axe, shovel, or a wheel barrow before. They worked with people from the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley for around four hours over three days. It was a good opportunity to collaborate and know more about them, learn more about the community, and spend the weekend doing something new.



On Friday, May 26, 2016, in the Pinconning High School media center, members of the **Pinconning & Standish Interact Club** were inducted by Past District Governor Dee Brock. District Governor Mike Kelly was also present at the ceremony.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the recently chartered Interact Club hosted a nature day camp at Pinconning County Park for children ages 5 to 10. About 15 children and their parents took advantage of the opportunity to participate in a variety of nature-themed activities at the park.

They were able to go for a kayak ride on the bay and learn to use a fishing pole to cast for fish. Members of a local Boy Scout troop demonstrated knot tying techniques, Department of Natural Resources staff discussed wildlife of the region, and county staff presented information on invasive insect species. Children also had the chance to make their own edible ornaments using pine cones, lard, and bird seed, and then go into the woods to hang their creations on trees for birds to eat. The Interact Club, composed of high school students from Pinconning and Standish-Sterling, hopes to make the nature day camp an annual event.



Around the District

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** Community Service Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to three Laker High School graduates. Club members have contributed over \$11,000 to The Rotary Foundation so far this year.

The club received an award from the Governor of Michigan for its Adopt-A-Highway work in 2015 and for 25 years of service.

The following are excerpts from thank you letters received from Standish Elementary School students thanking the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** for taking them on a field trip to Pinconning County Park as part of the Nature Festival in April.

"Thank you for letting us come to the park as a field trip. It was very fun and it tired me out, but I don't mind it. And thanks for the student's dictionary, it helps me a lot on some work sheets."

"Dear Pinconning & Standish Rotary club, thank you for our dictionary, thesaurus, and our field trip. We had so much fun on our field trip. We had fun on the trails, and the observation [tower]. We loved seeing all the birds."

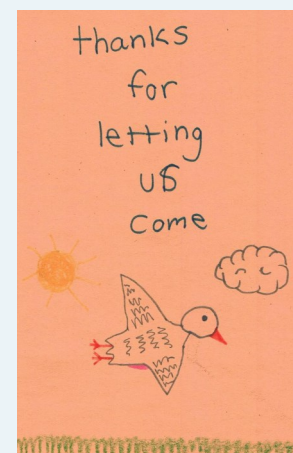
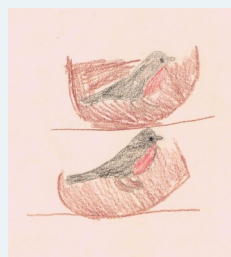
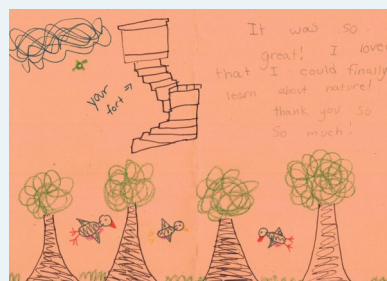
"Thanks for taking us through the trail, and now I know different birds that I never knew, and know the bird sounds."

"It was so great! I loved that I could finally learn about nature! Thank you so so much!"

And the club secretary's favorite:

"Thank you so much Roadare club. I really enjoyed going on the field trip. I saw a lot of birds and wild life. I enjoyed it a lot. Thank you so much Roadare club!!"

The children also sent drawings of their nature interpretations.





The **Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant** recently awarded three \$750 Scholarships to students selected from the student of the month award winners.

The students attended three different schools:

Mary Kay Younkers from Sacred Heart High School, plans to attend Michigan State University and study business.

Kyle Montgomery from Mount Pleasant High School, plans to attend the University of Michigan and study Engineering and Business.

Hannah Steffke from Beal City High School, plans to attend Yale and her major is undecided at this time.



Midland Blooms occurred on a recent weekend, and members of the **Rotary Club of Midland** showed up in force. Rotarians, family, and friends of Rotary, helped beautify the east side of Eastman Road between Wackerly and Harcrest Streets. Overall, the volunteers helped in planting approximately 50,000 marigolds along the entire 2.5 mile stretch of roadway. This is a very welcome development since the event was cancelled last year due to road construction.

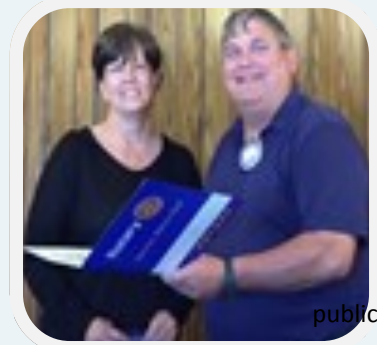
The club does much in supporting Midland and making it a better place to live, and participation in Midland Blooms is one of the hallmark events.



The **Bay City Morning Rotary Club** awards ten \$500 scholarships to Bay County high school seniors annually. Members pay an assessment, in addition to club dues, to fund the scholarship program.

Shown at left are nine of this year's recipients who were awarded their checks at a recent club meeting. Parents, school counselors, and principals were also invited to the breakfast event.

May was an exciting and busy month for the **Rotary Club of Sebewaing**. On May 3, President Brian Reinhardt inducted Julie Epperson as a new member to the club. Julie is active in the community, serving on the Planning Commission Board, DDA Board, Sebewaing Lawn Chair Film Festival Board, Downtown Beautification Committee, Sebewaing Moonlight Madness Chair, Sugar Festival Grand Parade Chair, Sugar Festival "Kid's Paint the Town" Chair, and the Festival of Trees Committee. She is also running for Township Clerk position in the 2016 election. The club is happy to have such an energetic servant as its newest member.



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The club received a District Grant that was applied toward the development and revitalization of the Sebewaing downtown area. They worked with the Beautification Committee and identified specific goals that they could help with.

The grant money went toward benches encircling tree's on the sidewalks and paint for sprucing up store fronts. President Brian Reinhardt, Pastor of Son's of Life Missionary Church, used his congregation's community workday, along with Rotary volunteers, to clean up downtown.

On Sunday, May 22, and Thursday, June 2, windows were washed, streets swept, park weeded and tidied up, and flowers watered.

The Sebewaing Rotary Club is honored to be part of the effort to make their downtown a vibrant area to attract more business and visitors.

Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation met 10-15 April 2016 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Subsequent to that meeting, Rotary's constitutional documents (the [RI Constitution](#), the [RI Bylaws](#), and the [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#)) have been revised to include all the amendments adopted by the Council. The English revised constitutional documents have been posted on the [Governance Documents](#) portion of [rotary.org](#). Translations will be posted once they are available.

The revised documents will also be included in the 2016 *Manual of Procedure*, which will be ready for distribution by October 2016.

If you have questions about policies adopted by the Council, please contact your club and district support representative. If you have questions about the 2016 Council or future Councils, please contact Council Services at Council_Services@rotary.org.

NOTICE—ONE TIME MEETING CHANGE

The Rotary Club of Pigeon Officer Installation will be held at the Eichler Pavilion at 5:30 pm on June 20th.

The annual Community Service Paul Harris Fellowship will be awarded as the club celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

No noon meeting on June 20th!

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:



Harbor Beach - 91 years - Chartered June 16, 1925

Cass City - 86 years - Chartered June 21, 1930

Sebewaing - 77 years - Chartered June 27, 1939



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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