



Be a gift to the world

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WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Rotary International has designated March as **Water and Sanitation Month**.

Did you know that more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities? At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water.

Several District 6310 projects organized by lead clubs in our district and in partnership with host Rotary Districts give communities in the Dominican Republic, India and Africa the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

We can be proud of our successful projects. Not just for the creation of multiple projects, but Rotarians from many District 6310 clubs have participated in work trips to these countries and financial support that includes the Rotary Foundation, District 6310, the various host country districts, **and all 32 clubs in District 6310 !**

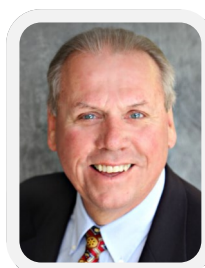
While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. We in District 6310 have emphasized water and sanitation projects for many years now.

Our efforts started in the Dominican Republic by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand washing and other good hygiene habits. We can be pleased as Rotarians of our ongoing labor and matching financial support to:

“Do good in the world”!

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!

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District Governor
Mike Kelly

Notes from DG Mike (continued)

The Flint water and health crisis continues. As I noted last month, 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.

I am including the recommendation of the Rotary Club of Flint from last month's Dispatch issue:

1. Club level donations can be made to the **Rotary Club of Flint Charitable Foundation**.
Mail to: **Rotary Club of Flint Charitable Foundation, 2481 Delwood Drive, Clio, MI 48420**.
These funds will be utilized to support water related efforts in the Flint area.
2. Individuals wishing to **donate water** can do so through Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2300 Lapeer Rd., Flint, MI 48503 phone 810.239.4441.
3. People wishing to **volunteer** can report directly to the Red Cross (1401 S Grand Traverse St, Flint, MI 48503) anytime between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m. Please do not call ahead, just come. Please be prepared to volunteer in winter conditions.

Register Now for Rotary District 6310 Conference

Join Fellow Rotarians May20-21 in [Alpena — Sanctuary of the Great Lakes](#)

Now is the time to register for the **2016 Rotary District Conference** being held **May 20** and **21** in **Alpena**. The Rotary Club of Alpena is hosting the Annual Conference at the Alpena Events Complex (Aplex), with several hotels available for lodging.

If you haven't been to Alpena for a while you may be surprised by what awaits you! The Alpena Bi-Path offers 16 miles of urban landscape and scenic views of Lake Huron and Thunder Bay River, as well as the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary. The Rotary Club of Alpena just completed a Bi-Path signage project (see inset photo to right). There are numerous other outstanding pathways for those who would like to venture to surrounding communities and explore the rich array of natural resources and historic landmarks in the area as well.

The club has a committed team of volunteers working together to create an outstanding program to engage all Rotarians. Highlights include a special panel featuring Rotarians who have taken this year's theme, "Be a Gift to the World," to heart. They will share how they got involved in providing service abroad and the impacts their projects are making. Check out the full program and register for the conference on the District website.

For those who would like to hone their social media skills to further promote their Rotary activities, recruit new members and connect with young adults looking for service opportunities, a two-part program will be offered in the computer lab at nearby Alpena Community College.



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Register Now for Rotary District 6310 Conference (cont.)



Of course, you can't come to Alpena without visiting the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. The Center serves as an interpretive center for the 4300-square-mile Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which protects one of America's best-preserved nationally-significant collections of shipwrecks. To date, nearly 100 shipwrecks have been discovered within the sanctuary.

The Annual Conference program also will include Rotary member favorites and traditions such as recognizing our heroes and youth, remembering Rotarian friends who passed away over the year, and the silent auction to benefit PolioPlus.

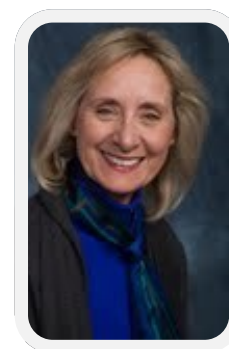
What can you do to support Rotary District 6310 and make sure this year's conference is a great success?

- Visit the online registration site today and complete the registration process.
- Make sure your club is planning on have a wonderful gift basket or other item that showcases your local community in the silent auction.
- Support your club's effort in nominating your Rotary "Hero" of the year to be recognized at the annual conference.
- Encourage your local youth who have participated in Rotary activities throughout the year to come along and learn more about Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchanges.



Council on Legislation for Rotary International

By PDG Georgene Hildebrand



Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed legislation. The Council gives us a voice in how our organization is governed. The next Council convenes 10-15 April 2016 in Chicago.

What the Council does

Each Rotary District (537) sends a representative to the Council. Representatives deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions. **Enactments** seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents, and **resolutions** express an opinion or make a recommendation to the RI Board. The RI Board reviews and acts on resolutions adopted by the Council and items referred to the Board. This year Council on Legislation will review 117 Enactments and 164 Resolutions. (It's about 500 pages of review.)

Selecting representatives

Each district selects a representative and an alternate during the 2013-14 year through a nominating committee. District 6310 is being represented by PDG Georgene Hildebrand and PDG Eileen Jennings was selected as the alternate. These nominations were approved at the District Business meeting in April 2014.

Areas of Legislative

Enactments proposed for 2016 address the following areas:

- Club Administration
- Avenues of service and object of Rotary
- Club meetings
- Attendance
- Membership
- RI Officers and elections to address the areas regarding: RI President, Directors, Governors, and others.
- Rotary International
- RI Finances and per capita dues
- Legislative procedures

Legislative Resolutions address the following areas:

- Programs
- The Rotary Foundation
- Club and District Administration
- Rotary International
- Membership

The complete legislation is available on rotary.org/myrotary for your review. If you have any input on the legislation, please contact Georgene.rotary@gmail.com. She will represent you as a Rotarian in District 6310.

Rotary Foundation Annual Fund

By Rod Bieber, Annual Fund Chair



Thank you for your Rotary Foundation Annual Fund contributions this Rotary year! We are well on our way toward our target for Foundation Giving in District 6310.

The Annual Fund supports charitable causes around the globe as well as projects right in our own back yards. How does this work? Annual Fund contributions are directed globally to areas in need as determined by the Rotary Foundation. However, 50% of our contributions to this year's Annual Fund become available to District 6310 Clubs during the 2018-19 Rotary year. We are planting seeds today which we can harvest in three years for projects that we in District 6310 choose.

How much should I give, you ask? Our suggestion is \$ 115 per year per Rotarian. That is \$ 2.22 per week, about 32 cents per day. Can we make the world a better place in which to live on 32 cents per day? Yes, we can.

Thirty-two cents. Less than the cost of one first class postage stamp per day. It is the difference between the cost of a large coffee to go vs. a small or medium. Skip desert weekly and use your savings to provide clean water to a family in a 3rd world country.

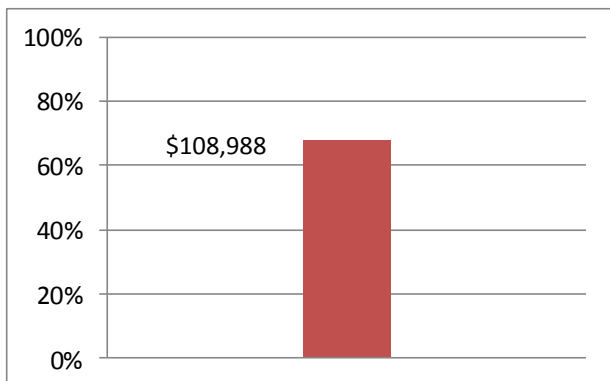
Give something, give often and know that our small sacrifice is making a difference to people less fortunate than are we. Who are we helping? Human beings with families and children in need of life's basics such as drinking water, sanitation, medicine, books, schools. All for 32 cents per day. Sweet deal!

I challenge each of us to stretch ourselves this year. Move beyond what is comfortable. Already contributed to the Annual Fund? Great! How about increasing your contribution? Become a Paul Harris Fellow or move to the next Paul Harris level, +1. +2.

Talk to your Club Treasurer, your Foundation Chair, go to www.rotary.org and give!

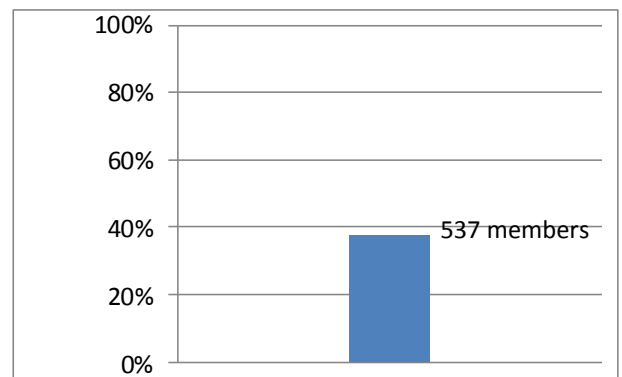
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 3/08/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 3/08/16

Rotary Leadership Institute

Come—Join in the Learning

By District Governor Elect Cheryl Peterson



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) returns in 2016 as a tool to increase knowledge of Rotary, its programs and services, and to prepare future Rotary leaders. While any Rotarian, new or seasoned, may attend, the focus is on those who may become involved in future club leadership. Because the club president role is typically for one year, there is a constant need for knowledgeable Rotarians who may serve at the committee level or in a club officer role for multiple years to support the annual turnover in presidents.

RLI is offered in three parts: I, II, and III. Each part is a full day and utilizes varying teaching/learning methodologies. Participants have the opportunity to learn from others from both within and outside their respective districts. One Rotarian, Simon Narasimhan, commented: "We took a lot of ideas with us when we left."

The 2016 RLI scheduled has been announced as follows:

Saturday, April 9 Ann Arbor, MI

Friday, April 29 Owosso, MI

Saturday, May 14 Shipshewana, IN

Friday, July 29, Jackson, MI

Friday, September 16, Cadillac, MI

Saturday, October 1, Farmington, MI

The fee of \$75 per session includes breakfast, lunch, training materials and certificate. You can register online at www.rligreatlakes.org or find more information at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

This unique learning experience presents opportunity to strengthen your club by enhancing Rotarian knowledge with the added benefits of networking and relationship building: "I never cease to be energized and inspired by Rotarians. It seems that if you put up the tent and invite them to the party, amazing things will always happen" says Nancy Thornton, another Rotarian.

Come, join the party!

"All of us in Rotary are leaders, in one way or another, in our communities. All of us bear the responsibility that comes with that. Our Rotary values, our Rotary ideals, cannot be left within the confines of our Rotary Clubs. They must be carried with us every day."

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Securing a Polio Free World

By Chair Chuck Cusick



As of March 2, Pakistan has had five cases of the wild poliovirus versus 14 at this time last year. Two cases of circulating vaccine-derived virus have been found in Lao PDR. By the end of April 2016, we will switch from the trivalent to the bivalent oral polio vaccine. By not including the vaccine for the type 2 poliovirus in our vaccine, we should drastically reduce the number of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus.

Below is a link to a short video series produced by the World Health Organization on Securing a Polio Free World, which explains the important steps that are being taken to make sure that, once the poliovirus has been eradicated, it will never have the opportunity to return.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9S6xGsoqIBV57rPub7OmBUI3FOFcgoNA&feature=em-share_playlist_user

Mark Your Calendar for District and Global Grant Training

District Grant Training:

Two choices: You need attend only one

April 9 — 9:30 – 10:45 in Bay City at COPOCO on Wilder Road

May 20 — 3:00 in Alpena at the District Conference

Global Grant Training:

One opportunity

April 9 — 11:00 – 12:30 in Bay City at COPOCO on Wilder Road

At least one member must attend the training if your club intends to apply for one of these Grants.

If your club is planning a Global Grant, we strongly encourage the club to send two members for training.

Keeping Up with District Scholars



By Chair Tom Miles

Peter Ekadu, our District Global Scholar for 2013-15, completed his MSA degree at Central Michigan University in May 2015. In September, he started a job as essentially a county extension agent with the University of Minnesota system. His office and apartment are in Clarkfield, MN. His area is nutrition and health related matters.

Peter plans to pursue a Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota. A substantial tuition reimbursement is available through his job.

Over the holidays he visited Rotarians in Mt. Pleasant and Susan, his sponsor through high school, in Ann Arbor. He sends his greetings to Rotarians in District 6310.

Mutinta Sondashi was our inbound Ambassadorial Scholar in 2011-12. She completed her MSA degree at CMU in 2013 and returned to Zambia with her husband Oral Williams. She worked as Lodge Manager for Floriana Lodge. A baby girl Niketile was born to them on August 14, 2014. Oral's son Oshen is living with them. He is in grade 6. Mutinta's adopted son Kwanza is in boarding school in grade 10.

Floriana Lodge was rented out in November, 2014. This caused Mutinta and her family to move to a different location in Zambia, where Mutinta had a new job. However, she resigned from that job because "things were not what they seemed with the organization." The economy in Zambia is undergoing a tough time, so things are tough for Mutinta and her family.

She says "How is ... Rotary? Please send them all my regards. ... We ... remember our good times in Michigan."

Dave Cupery was our outbound Ambassadorial Scholar in 2006-07. He was from Harbor Beach and studied in Guayaquil, Ecuador. While there, he met Karen who later became his wife. Dave completed his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado in May, 2015 and now teaches at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Dave and Karen spent the holidays in Guayaquil with her parents. While there Dave met up with his Rotary host counselor a couple of times.

He may visit the local Rotary Club in North Adams, MA. Send vibes that we might have a future Rotarian.

Around the District



Bad Axe Rotary Club members field telephone calls

On February 20th the **Rotary Club of Bad Axe** conducted its 27th annual Radio Auction on local radio station WLEW. Over 120 local merchants donated items for the auction which raised over \$8,000.

Funds raised by this and other Bad Axe Rotary fund raisers have helped fund scholarships, baseball and softball dugouts, soccer infrastructure, and a host of other community projects.

The **Rotary Club of Birch Run** sponsors an **Interact Club**. This club is open to any student at Birch Run High School. On February 11th, the Interact Club held a Bus Driver Appreciation Project. All the bus drivers were greeted that morning by the students in the club and were offered a hot cocoa and a valentine snack cake.

Bus drivers are very brave to take on the weather conditions every day" said Alexis Duffet, co-president of the Interact Club, "We are thankful to have them."



The **Rotary Club of Caro** congratulates Mike Joslyn, Superintendent of the Caro Schools, for becoming the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Mike and President Brenda Kretschmer are shown in the photo at left.

The Club also reported a successful leadership training event held in January in conjunction with the Caro Chamber of Commerce. Featured speaker Justin Maust's topic was Live Courageous. Inspire Greatness.



Wednesday, February 17th, the **Rotary Club of Clare** held their first annual "Pints for Polio" event at Four Leaf Brewing. The proceeds raised were matched by the Clare Club and then gifted to the RI Polio Fund. We, Clare Rotary, pledged to raise \$1000 towards this effort and with the help of the community, businesses, visiting club members, and our own members, we reached this goal.

As you can see in the photo at left, we purpled our pinkies and stuck them on the glass to raise awareness. Thanks to all who helped us reach our goal!

The **Midland Morning Rotary Club** conducted a tremendously successful program to generate contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in February.

Club President Michelle Kocan and Foundation Chair Jude Patnaude wanted to devise a way to get many members to give to the Foundation in a short period of time. They decided to use club Recognition Points to incent the giving. The club offered a two-to-one match of Recognition Points for contributions made at the February 9 meeting. This was also extended to members who were unable to attend but made contributions during the six days prior to the meeting. The program for the meeting that morning was Eileen Jennings, speaking about giving to The Rotary Foundation, especially the Annual Fund.

The contributions by club members far exceeded expectations. Twenty-five (25) members made contributions totaling **\$5,197**. Last year's total contributions to the Annual Fund was \$6,318, so this one week effort almost totaled the entire contributions last year. The club also contributed \$2,000. When added to prior contributions this year, monthly contributions made by a few members on line, and another committed contribution, the club projects that its total giving to the Annual Fund for this year will be **\$11,670!!!** Using RI's membership number of 47, this means the club will give \$248.30 per member to the Annual Fund this year.

The giving program led to four new Paul Harris Fellows and nine additional Paul Harris levels earned. The club has three Paul Harris Society Members and one new member recruited.

President Michelle and Past President Jude were thrilled with the results. Concentrating the program on one meeting got more people to participate than they were able to get with past promotions that lasted three months. Michelle was simply bubbling with excitement as she collected more and more checks and cash from members at the meeting.

The photo shows President Michelle with Eileen Jennings and Paul Harris Society member Bob Warne, with Michelle fanning some of the checks and cash she received that morning for the Foundation.





The **Rotary Club of Midland** Annual Pancake Supper was a very successful event! They had a wonderful turnout, serving some 1600 guests and raised approximately \$27,000 in support of their community needs programs!

Rotary Youth Exchange students attended as well, and the kids ran the Purple Pinky for Polio Eradication program. They did a fantastic job, raising \$675 total!

In anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Rotary Foundation, the goal for the **Rotary Club of Pigeon** is for every member to be a Paul Harris Fellow. Members are encouraged to contact The Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman for their point total. It was also noted that recognition points can be given to others to achieve the Paul Harris Fellow level.

Editorial note: Sounds like this could be an anniversary goal for ALL DISTRICT CLUBS!!!!



The **Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley** has started their benefit raffle campaign for 2016. This year the cash prize drawing will be held at the Saginaw Children's Zoo on May 19th. Proceeds will benefit local school scholarships and the Penguin Exhibit Project the club has started with the zoo.

Members from the club will be working to install a glass wall at the back of the exhibit for better viewing of the penguins and the construction of a brick extension off the main walkway.

Pictured at the spot of the project are Robin Carey (Education & Conservation Manager), Rotarians Steve Meyer (Project Manager) and Fred Herter (Raffle Manager) and Gary Hochthanner (Zoo Facility Manager/Architect).

With the cooperation of the weather, the excavation and construction will start in March, with hopes of having the project completed by May 19th.

Gary is very enthusiastic about all the help Rotary is providing, and Robin said the zoo is expecting two new baby penguin chicks to top off the excitement.

Upcoming Events

In the spring the **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** will hold its first **Saginaw Bay Nature Festival**, with most of the activities taking place during the week of April 18 – 23, 2016. The festival, whose theme is “*Connecting people to the land and water*,” is both a community service and a fundraising project with all proceeds going to student-related activities of the club – the purchase of dictionaries and thesauruses for students in Pinconning, Standish-Sterling, Au Gres-Sims, and Arenac Eastern districts, sponsorship of students to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp, and college scholarships for high school graduates. Northwoods Wholesale Outlet of Pinconning is the main financial sponsor of the event.

The festival has four components:

1. A Nature Art Competition in local schools. Submittals may be in any medium but must relate to subjects found in the Saginaw Bay region. This project is being done in cooperation with Studio 23 Art Center, and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bay City.
 2. A Conservation Project Competition in which students identify a conservation issue and propose a solution to be implemented with help from local Rotarians. This project is being done in cooperation with the Environmental Science Institute at SVSU, and is sponsored by Chemical Bank.
 3. A Birding Derby concentrating on migratory waterfowl common to the bay in spring. Programs on bird migration will be done in every 4th grade class with guided tours of Pinconning County Park to follow. Tours for the general public will also be provided during festival week. This project is being sponsored by Bittersweet Quilt Shop of Pinconning.
 4. A Lecture Series on issues related to the Saginaw Bay. This project is being sponsored by members of the Rotary club.
- Thursday, April 14, 4:00 PM** -- Roger Eriksson, *Birds of Michigan Photography*. Join one of Michigan's leading wildlife photographers as he shares photos and stories about capturing the beauty of Michigan birds on film.

Monday, April 18, 4:00 PM -- David Karpovich, *Environmental Science Institute at SVSU*. Hear about watershed research and educational efforts to design and implement projects to address the conservation needs of the people of the Saginaw Bay region.

Monday, April 18, 7:00 PM -- Mike Kelly, *The Saginaw Bay Fishery*. The Saginaw Bay is known as one of the world's greatest freshwater fisheries -- join a discussion of the fishery's past and the work going on to make it better.

Tuesday, April 19, 4:00 PM -- Zachary Branigan, *The Magic of Migration*. Learn the *why* and *how* of the great annual migration of birds through the region.

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM -- Tom Long, *Landscaping for Wildlife*. Learn the importance of using native Michigan trees and shrubs when landscaping, both to benefit wildlife and to create a sustainable environment in your own backyard. In addition, MSU Extension will be presenting programs to every 9th grade biology class on using native plants to benefit wildlife, with native plants being provided to students for planting during festival week.

SAGINAW BAY NATURE FESTIVAL



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE LAND AND WATER

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Saginaw Bay Nature Festival (continued)

Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 PM -- Dan Borushko, *Astronomy* [at Pinconning Boys & Girls Club]. Learn about telescopes and the constellations seen from this part of the globe from a local amateur astronomer, and join children in viewing the midday sky [weather permitting].

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 PM -- Trevor Edmonds, *Invasive Species - Plants & Animals*. Learn about species accidentally or deliberately introduced into our region, the detrimental effect many of them have on native species, and the ongoing efforts to control them.

Thursday, April 21, Noon -- Isabelle Osawamick, *Ojibway Footprints on the Land*. Join Pinconning/Standish Rotarians at their weekly meeting to discover the meaning and pronunciation of Michigan place names left us by Indigenous Peoples, from a representative from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Anishinaabe Language Restoration Department.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM -- Jeanne Henderson, *Backyard Bird Feeding*. Learn how backyard bird feeding helps with winter bird survival, the importance of maintaining clean feeders using preferred foods, and opportunities to participate in bird-count reporting.

All programs will be held in the Media Center of Pinconning High School, except for the Astronomy program which will be held at the Boys & Girls Club.

On Saturday, April 23, a wrap-up banquet will be held at the Chippewa Indian Tribal Center at Saganing where artwork submitted by students will be displayed. Winners of the art and conservation project competitions will be announced. A silent auction and raffle will also be held. A Facebook page for the festival is currently under construction and can be found by Googling "Saginaw Bay Nature Festival."



The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy recently held its 4th Annual Osprey Awards for Conservation Excellence. These awards are designed to recognize key people, organizations, and businesses who have taken exemplary steps in conservation.

Shown at left is **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** President Dan Courveau accepting the 2016 Outstanding Business or Organization Osprey Award from Executive Director Zak Branigan. The club's award was in recognition for creating the Saginaw Bay Nature Festival (to be held in April).



Congratulations to the following club celebrating an anniversary this month

Alpena - 94 years - Chartered March 1, 1922

Vassar - 81 years - Chartered March 22, 1935

Gladwin - 78 years - Chartered March 1, 1938



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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