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YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary International has designated May as **Youth Service Month**.

The youth in our communities are the leaders of our future. Many of those same future leaders are participating in various Rotary youth programs. Our district has several wonderful and exciting youth programs that are growing in numbers and scope each year. Now we need to encourage these "Youth Program" alumni to join us in Rotary as they enter their careers.

To summarize, there are four major Rotary sanctioned youth programs that are "doing good in the world" in District 6310.

Youth Exchange - Long running and very successful full-year program for high school students.

Rotaract – Mostly college students ages 18-30.

Interact – Junior high and middle school students ages 12-18.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – High school students.

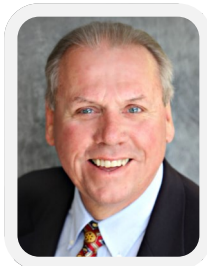
This year alone thanks to the outstanding efforts of many Rotarians, led by Immediate Past District Governor Dee Brock and District Youth Services Chair Kathy Beebe, our Interact programs have grown from four to a total of at least 10 by the end of June 2016. This growth in Interact Clubs is outstanding and continues to enhance our exposure to the youth in our district. We also had a very successful first time ever Interact work project trip this spring. Interact students from Bad Axe and Oscoda participated as part of our ongoing "Water and Sanitation" projects in the Dominican Republic.

We will be sharing some of the wonderful things that our youth have accomplished during the Saturday portion of our District Conference. Our future is in good hands!

I hope you have registered or will be soon to attend our "Celebration" of Rotary at our District Conference on May 20 – 21 in Alpena. More details are included in this edition of the District Dispatch.

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!

District Governor, Mike Kelly



Rise and Shine! Only 10 Days until Rotary District Conference

[Register Now!](#)

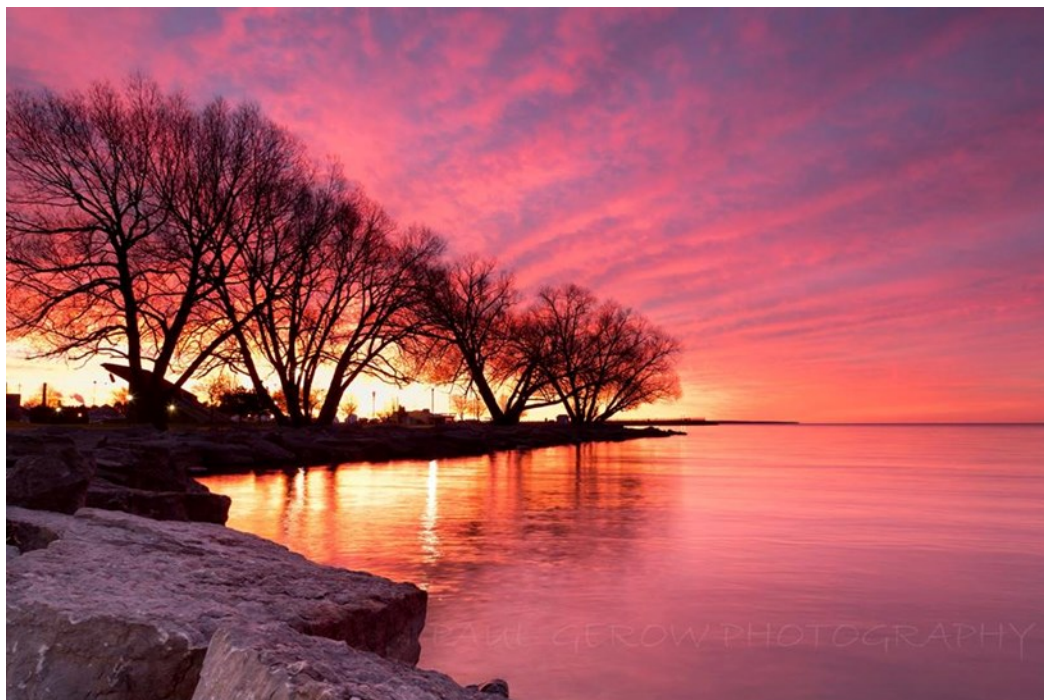


Photo Credit: Paul Gerow)

Home to **District 6310 Governor Mike Kelly**, the Rotary Club of Alpena is adding the finishing touches on its plans for the [2016 Rotary District 6310 Conference](#) – and you won't want to miss it! This is a wonderful chance to learn what District Rotary Clubs are doing to strengthen their membership and "be a gift to the world." Perhaps most importantly, you will have the opportunity to share quality time with other Rotarians who also thrive on serving others and making a difference in our communities and internationally.

True to Rotarians being of service to others, everyone is invited to help package individual food packets for area school children for the **Feeding Kids Ministry Service Project** on Friday afternoon, May 20, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continuing until the project is completed.

Over the past few months we have shared some of the highlights of the District Conference which include keynote speakers **David Alberg, Superintendent of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary** and **Miss Michigan Emily Kieliszewski**, honoring our **District Heroes**, engaging with our **next generation of Rotarians** (Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange), and remembering our Rotarians who passed away since last year through the **Yellow Rose Ceremony**.

Breakout session topics include:

Rotary Grant Writing with Eileen Jennings and Paul Moore;
Using Social Media to Engage Rotarians with Jennifer Kendrick and Lee Fitzpatrick;
Global Rotary Projects: Process and Success with Randy Ettema and Robert Gollin;
Rotary Branding & Public Image with Georgene Hildebrand;

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District Conference (cont.)

Nutrition & Healthy Living with Cheryl Bates;
Strengthening Your Rotary Membership with Rich Fleming; and
The Rotary Peace Scholar Program with Jeanne Lound Schaller.

Interested in taking the **Alpena Shipwreck Tour** in a glass bottom boat to learn about shipwrecks in the **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**? You will be joining a lot of other Rotarians since this has proven to be very popular with registrants.

You can also check out the **Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center**, which includes several interactive exhibits including a full-size replica of a wooden Great Lakes schooner. The Sanctuary will be hosting the **2016 Great Lakes MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Center) ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) Competition** on Saturday, May 21st, at Alpena High School and Alpena County Plaza Pool. This event is open to the public if you would like to stop by. Twenty-seven teams will be participating from the Great Lakes region.

Additional tour options on Saturday afternoon include **Alpena Community College's leading technology facilities** and programs that include the Ferris H. Werth Electrical Power Technology Center and the World Center for Concrete Technology, Marine Technology, and Aerospace.



The **Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan** is currently exhibiting, “Dali & Dante,” which includes over 40 Salvador Dali illustrations of Dante Alighieri’s epic poem, “The Divine Comedy.” The museum also is home to the only full-dome planetarium in northern Michigan, a two-story Foucault pendulum, one of the largest collections of Native American artifacts in the country, and a Devonian-period outdoor fossil park. You can actually dig for and keep any fossils you find!

Of course, you can’t beat the spectacular view of a Lake Huron sunrise or the magnificent dark skies full of dazzling stars and planets at night. If you like to canoe, kayak, cycle, hike, or fish, make sure you bring your gear along (or rent it while you are here) and plan for a fantastic weekend of Pure Michigan!

Please don’t miss this great opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians and enjoy Alpena—the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes! If you prefer to register by phone, please call Patrick Heraghty at 989-354-0464, or send him an email at pheraghty@cardconnect.com. If you would like to download the registration form, [click here](#), or register online [here](#). Hotel accommodations and other details are available on the registration site.

Excited to see you next week at the 2016 Annual Rotary District 6310 Conference in Alpena!

**PLEASE SEE THE “SHOUT OUT TO ALL ROTARY CLUBS” ON PAGE 13 OF THIS DISPATCH
FOR TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

Foundation Giving — Time is Running Out!

By TRF Committee Chair Eileen Jennings

The end of the Rotary year is June 30. If you have not yet given to The Rotary Foundation this year, act now. If your club Foundation Chair or Treasurer has not submitted your club's contributions to the Foundation, urge him/her to send in the check now.

The goal set by our clubs for giving to the Annual Fund is \$155,336. Thus far, clubs and individuals have contributed \$137,865. This is tremendous support. We are almost there. Can we reach our District goal by the time of our District Conference in Alpena?

Many clubs have already given generously. Thanks to Bad Axe, Birch Run, Caro, Oscoda, and Saginaw Sunrise, clubs which are **EREY clubs**, that is, every Rotarian has donated to the Annual Fund. Clare, Frankenmuth Morning, and Millington are almost there.

Only one club has given nothing to the Annual Fund or for Polio Plus. I hope that club simply has not yet sent in its contributions. Every other club has given something.

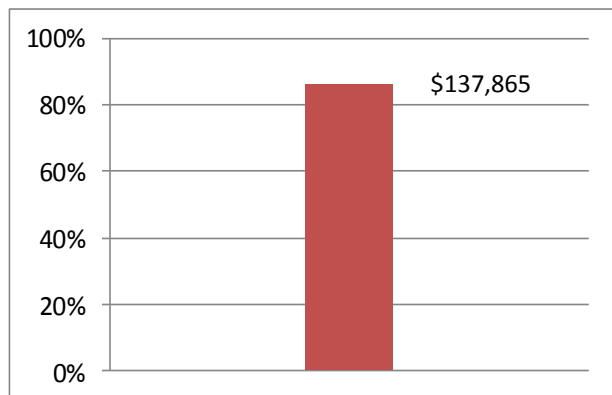
Frankenmuth has given the **largest amount** thus far, followed by Midland Morning, Midland, Pigeon, Cass City, Mt. Pleasant, Saginaw, Bay City, and Alma/St. Louis. These clubs have some very generous donors; now I ask that the members of these clubs who have not yet given make a gift right away, so the club can not only be the largest giver, but also a 100% participating club.

Polio giving is up to \$35,313. Again, if your club is holding onto money from a fund raiser or from member contributions, please send it to Rotary immediately.

We are headed for another record-setting year for giving to The Rotary Foundation. I know you all want to be part of setting that record. Thanks for your support. Giving to the Foundation is one important way of *Being A Gift To The World*.

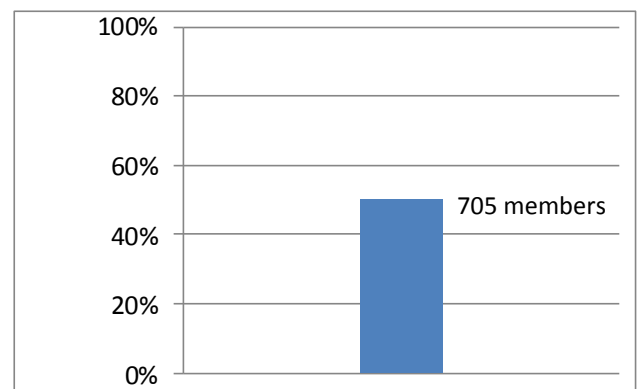
Annual Fund Progress Report

\$160,000 goal for 2015-2016



Annual Fund Contributions as of 5/09/16

1,400 District members



Contributing Members as of 5/09/16

Polio Eradication

By Chair Chuck Cusick



We are closer than ever to the target of a world free of polio, with just two remaining polio endemic countries. Afghanistan has reported four cases, and Pakistan has reported eight cases.

As of May 1, the type 2 component of the oral polio vaccine (OPV) has been removed from the vaccine. As a result, we expect to eliminate type 2 cases of polio that are caused by the vaccine.

In February, Nancy Cusick of Bay City traveled to India to take part in a National Immunization Day (NID). I am including a link <http://youtu.be/qc7bXiYrSZM> to a short video of the NID that was prepared by the leader of that trip. I hope that you enjoy it.

If you are interested in a presentation on the polio eradication program, please contact Chuck Cusick, cvcusick@aol.com.

Rotary Youth Exchange

By Outbound Recruitment Facilitator Lynne Mischley

The District 6310 Youth Exchange Program is making an effort to increase awareness about the wonderful opportunity offered to high school students to live abroad for a year, experience another culture, build international friendships, and learn another language. There is no cost for a Rotary Club to sponsor a student, the student pays for themselves. Please promote these meetings in your local communities.

Mt. Pleasant

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Library, Annex Meeting Room
301 S. University Avenue

Saginaw

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 PM
Merrill Lynch Office Building
4805 Town Center Road

Bay City

Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 PM
Wirt Library, Kantzler Community Room
500 Center Avenue

Midland

Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM
Midland Community Center,
Room K113b, 50+ Center
2205 S. Jefferson Avenue

Alpena

Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM
Alpena County Library
Alice B. Wolf Conference Room, 2nd floor
211 N. 1st Avenue

Contact Lynne Mischley for more information, 989 430-5049, lynnemischley@gmail.com

District Grant Training

The second, and final, training for District Grants will be offered on Friday afternoon, May 20, at the District Conference in Alpena. Training begins at 3:00.

Seventeen clubs have already qualified to apply for District Grants by attending the training on April 9. We hope that all other clubs will attend the training on May 20.

Rotary International requires that clubs must send at least one member to training if the club wishes to receive a District Grant for 2016-17.

In addition, our district requires that clubs must donate to the Annual Fund and set a goal for giving for next year before they can be qualified to receive funds for a District Grant project. Many clubs have already given generously to the Annual Fund. If your club is holding money or has given very little or nothing to the Annual Fund yet this year, you have until June 30 to submit your contributions. We want all clubs to be eligible for a District Grant.

Application forms and guidelines for preparing a District Grant application are now available on the District web page. Scroll down the left hand column for Downloads. Deadline for submitting an application is June 30.

District 6310 Website

Kudos to our new District 6310 Webmaster, Midland Rotary Club member Jennifer Kendrick. If you haven't been to the site lately, please be sure to do so. Just add the website to your favorites; clicking on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60077/> will take you there.

"We have had women in Rotary for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 Rotarians were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities; and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in Rotary.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris' time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, 'The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.' Let us see to it that the story we write in Rotary is one of which he would be proud."

Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran

Council on Legislation

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Council members granted clubs more freedom to determine their meeting schedule and membership, and approved a per capita dues increase of \$4 a year for three years to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs for clubs.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future." Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary's governing documents. Proponents predict that the Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving \$300,000.

Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.

The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.

The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.

A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

"THANK YOU" to this year's District 6310 Council on Legislation Representative Past District Governor Georgene Hildebrand.

Youth News



As you can see, everyone is proud of their home country flag!

A training session was held this spring at Northwood University for Outbound Exchange Students leaving in August for wonderful places around the world.

Twelve current inbound students and five rebound students from previous years helped prepare the five future outbound students and their parents. Several dedicated Rotarians from our district team also helped educate these families on what life will be like for a year overseas.

The students will attend the District Conference and participate in the Youth Exchange Parade of Flags.



The **Mt. Pleasant West Intermediate Junior High School Interact Club** held its first Purple Pinky Project on April 22 and raised \$30. The photo in the center shows club officers Secretary Riley White, President Elect. Kloe Campbell, and President Jonah Ervin set up and ready to work. The other two photos show first and second shift Interactors painting pinkies purple.

On April 30, 2016 students from the **Caro High School Interact Club** joined Rotarians Jodi Fetting & Tom Striffler during the annual Highway Pickup.

Interact Students who participated were Coby Fetting, Meredith Moore, Grace Branding, Nicole Severn, Aradia Bristol, Kylie Kunse, and Carmen Foster.

In conjunction with Tuscola Recycling, the Interact Club is recycling at the high school. Caro Rotary Club is planning on purchasing larger bins for recycling and placing them by the Caro football field and new auditorium.



Around the District

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** wrapped up its “Barnyard Bingo” fundraiser in record time Sunday at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival. The event, in which tickets are sold for each square in a pen and a horse is then used to select the winning square, wrapped up in record time this year, as the “horse droppings” appeared shortly after the horse entered the pen. Georgina Clark from Wheeler instantly won \$500.

The Shepherd Rotary club has been using “Barnyard Bingo” as a fundraiser for 10 years, with both local winners and winners from around the state. Club members expressed thanks to all of the visitors and local patrons who support them as the club raises funds for both local and international service projects.



The **Saginaw Sunrise Rotary Club**, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Guntur, AP, India, received a global grant through Rotary District 6310 and The Rotary Foundation. The sanitation block pictured at left provides toilets and urinals for the children at the Lions Montessori School, Pedanandipadu, AP, India. The school also adopted and implemented an ongoing educational program to promote hand washing and other good hygiene habits.

On April 22, the **Saginaw Sunrise Rotary Club** invited the Saginaw Valley Rotaract Club, the Saginaw Rotary Club and the Saginaw Valley Rotary Club to join them as they toured the Central Michigan University College of Medicine (CMED), Saginaw Campus. The morning included a light breakfast, with a tour of the various simulation labs for virtual learning. The facility is very impressive.

Dean George E Kikano, MD presented an update of the CMU College of Medicine. More than 5000 applications for admission into College of Medicine were received for 104 seats during the current admission year. The first class of CMED students will graduate in May 2017.

In addition to undergraduate medical education, CMED also administers postgraduate residency programs in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, and Emergency Medicine as well as Fellowship programs in Emergency Medicine.

Rotarians had the opportunity to meet and visit with a few of the current College of Medicine students. CMED is a wonderful addition to the entire Mid-Michigan region.



SAGINAW BAY NATURE FESTIVAL



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE LAND AND WATER

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** held a very successful first annual Saginaw Bay Nature Festival.

Silent auction of student art work raised \$550 for schools [Pinconning Schools - \$250; Standish-Sterling Schools - \$125; Bay City Schools - \$175]. Only five class projects were submitted for sale.

Raffle items raised \$1,350 [Kayak - \$460; Smoker - \$270; Afghan - \$230; Quilt - \$220; Bird Bath - \$170.]

Net revenues should be about \$900 for the banquet. A final tally of revenues and expenses will be provided by the treasurer soon. The total income is projected to be in excess of \$6,000.

The **Rotary Club of Pigeon** officer installation meeting will be held June 20. There will not be a meeting at noon, but the club meeting will be held in the evening.

At that meeting at least nine Paul Harris Fellows will be awarded. One of the highlights of the meeting is giving a deserving individual the Rotary Club of Pigeon Community Service Paul Harris Fellowship. The presentation of Paul Harris Fellowship Awards helps recognize monetary contributions to the Rotary Foundation. These awards given by members of the Rotary Club of Pigeon help all of us to be a part of the larger Rotary world.

The **Rotary Club of Owosso** suggests the following ways to “get connected” with Rotary

RI on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/Rotary/>

RI on LinkedIn

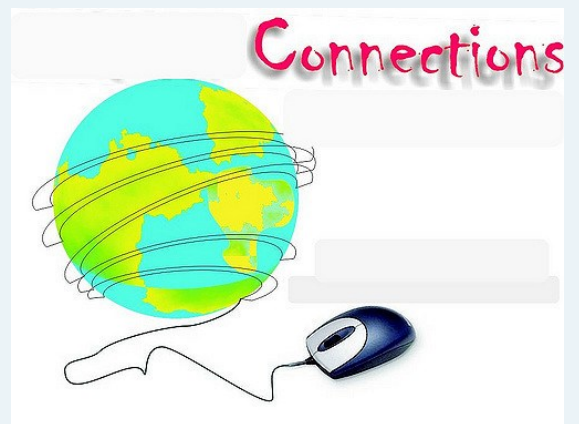
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557>

RI on Twitter

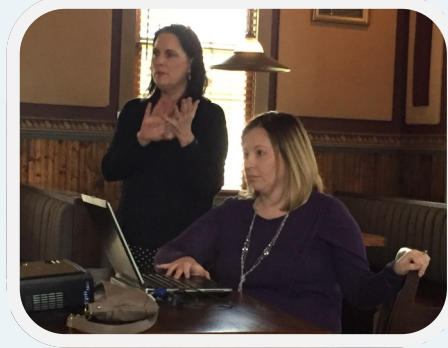
<http://twitter.com/rotary>

RI on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational>



A recent program at the **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** featured two members, Lisa Hadden and April Osburn, who presented a program on AHEC (Mid Central Area Health Education Center). They explained that AHECs are charged with helping recruit health professionals for underserved areas in Michigan. MCAHEC covers a 19 county area in Central Michigan. They have partnered with the CMU College of Medicine but have created their own 501c(3) organization and are funded by a grant received by Wayne State University.



Exchange students: Vishi, Joao, and JiHo

Three Youth Exchange students (pictured on the left) recently made presentations to the **Rotary Club of Midland**. They did a great job sharing stories about their hometowns, schools, and families.



Note: Students will be in attendance at the District Conference.

The **Rotary Club of Ithaca** hosted the 24th annual regional Special Olympics track meet on April 23rd at Ithaca High School track.

Many Rotarians, Jr. Rotarians, and Ithaca High School students worked at the various events during the track meet. One hundred and forty five Special Olympians participated in running and field events during the day.



With Olympic music playing, Special Olympians march into the stadium.



In April, **Rotary Club of Ithaca** members participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Members shown are (l to r) Marci Browne, Mark Craft, Kim Hodge, Dick Abbott, Corey Bailey, Tom MacDonald, Jim Wideman. (Not shown, but holding the camera/phone, Paul Hornak.



This past Easter Sunday, in St. Augustine, Florida, Rotarian **Gus Braeutigam, Rotary Club of Frankenmuth**, had the opportunity to honor his granddaughter Amy Vallone and his grandson Craig L'Hommedieu with Paul Harris Fellow awards. This marks Gus's 18th and 19th Paul Harris awards.

Gus is a Past District Governor, serving in 1987-1988.

Congratulations Rotarian Gus!

(Rumor has it that he will also soon be awarding the 20th!)

Victor Shapley, 95, (Pictured with his grandchildren Jackie Gute and Ken Shapley) celebrated this month. He has 65 years of perfect attendance.

Vic has visited clubs between here and Florida when unable to attend his home **Rotary Club of Chesaning** meetings. Records show he has attended 3,370 meetings in all.

He served as the club president in 1963-1964. The club celebrated his achievement by purchasing books for the River Rapids District Library with a communication theme (his classification is Phone Services). Each book has a name-plate celebrating his achievement.



The **Rotary Club of Caro** and Caro TACA (Thumb Area Center for the Arts) recently held a Murder Mystery Night.

Director Extraordinaire Eddie Cheek and Hollywood's Brightest Star Nova Devoe were both murdered in this action-packed presentation of "Final Cut" a Hollywood Fundraiser to support an upcoming movie about "The Zombie was an Alien.". A very successful night of fun and laughter was enjoyed by all.



Shout Out to All Rotary Clubs

If your Rotary Club is planning to participate in the very popular Rotary Basket Silent Auction next weekend at the District 6310 Annual Conference, please call Jackie Krawczak at **989-354-4181** or send her an email at: jkrawczak@alpenachamber.com as soon as possible. We really need support from ALL CLUBS to make the silent auction a success!!!



Upcoming Events

Breckenridge Rotary Freedom Run/Walk 5k

Saturday, July 4 2016

Breckenridge High School

Registration starts 8:00am

Race starts at 9:00am

\$20.00 per Person

Register Online at:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Breckenridge/
RotaryJuly4thFreedomRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Breckenridge/RotaryJuly4thFreedomRunWalk)

Or pick up a registration form at:



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Siler's



Rotary 5K Run/Walk - June 22, 2016

On-Site Registration @ 5:00 pm,
Fun Run @ 6:10 pm and
5k Run/Walk @ 6:30 pm

City Hall - 320 W. Broadway I
Downtown Mt. Pleasant

DRIATHLON

Hosted by:
The Bay City Morning Rotary

MCDONALD
AUTO GROUP

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2015

*canoe
bike
run*

When:
Sun., September 13, 2015

Where:
Veterans Memorial Park

5K CANOE
20K BIKE
5K RUN

2 PERSON
TEAM
OR RELAY

PRICE:
\$120
per team

male, female, and co-ed divisions
must have a partner

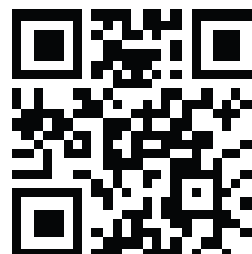
Field Capped at 200 Teams!

Proceeds to benefit Organizations in Bay County

5th Annual

DRIATHLON 
2015

For more info & to register visit us at mydriathlon.com



NOTICE—NEW MEETING LOCATION

The new location for the **Saginaw Sunrise Rotary Club**, which meets Friday at 7:30 AM
St Mary's of Michigan Towne Centre, 4599 Towne Centre Rd, Saginaw, MI
The club meets in the conference room off of the main entrance.

NOTICE—ONE TIME MEETING CHANGE

The **June 2** meeting of the **Rotary Club of Gladwin** will **not** be held at Noon.
The Club will be hosting the Rotary Sports Banquet at Riverwalk in the evening.
Regular meeting time and location will resume on June 9, 2016

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Bad Axe - 92 years - Chartered May 27, 1924

Mt. Pleasant - 91 years - Chartered May 6, 1925

Pigeon - 79 years - Chartered May 25, 1937

Durand - 77 years - Chartered May 17, 1939

Chesaning - 77 years - Chartered May 29, 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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