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The Next 30 Days

In the next 30 days, Rotarians in our district have opportunity to be a part of two celebrations honoring the work of Rotary Serving Humanity and the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. The first of those celebrations is now just about 10 days away as District 6310 Rotarians gather in Owosso for the 2017 District Conference on May 19 and 20.

If you have not yet registered, there is still opportunity. Registration can be very individualized depending on your interests and the time that you have available to attend conference. If you haven't taken a look at our schedule, please do so on the district website. There are excellent international and local speakers, opportunity for grant training, celebrations of our international and local humanitarian work in 2017, hearing Dennis Ogbe's polio story via video, recognitions of Rotary Heroes, Interact leaders, Youth Exchange leaders, and honoring a Rotary spouse.

And interspersed between these opportunities is time to refresh friendships and meet new Rotarians in the House of Friendship where, as of this writing, 11 clubs will have a local project (service or fundraiser) on exhibit—a place for new ideas. You'll also get a look at Shelter Box, WASRAG, Membership Resources, Youth Exchange, and Water and Sanitation. District Conference is a great place to bring new Rotarians to learn more about Rotary and our service to humanity—maybe you could sponsor a new Rotarian as your guest.

Then, about 30 days out from this writing, is International Convention in Atlanta, June 10-14. And, again, there is still time to get involved, there are flights available out of Flint Bishop and MBS, and you can still register for some of the special events in Atlanta. DeeDee Wacksman, our International Convention Chair, has communicated well and often the many opportunities at International Convention. Thank you DeeDee!

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**District Governor
Cheryl Peterson**

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Opportunity to attend International Convention so close to home occurs only every few years. And only once, only this year, will we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began in 1917 through a donation of \$26.50 and the leadership of Arch Klumph. His one idea blossomed into a tool for “doing good in the world”—transforming millions of lives for the better.

A unique opportunity to hear Bill Gates and many other outstanding speakers is offered. Visit the House of Friendship and start to develop relationships for your club in international service. You will come away with a renewed vigor for Rotary, a re-energized passion for the work of The Rotary Foundation, and a glimpse of the international side of “being Rotarian”!

Both of these celebrations create opportunities to Join Leaders – Exchange Ideas – Take Action.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

In June, the Rotary theme is focused around Rotary Fellowships. Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who share a common passion in a specific area of interest. Fellowships are a great way to make friends and develop relationships with other Rotarians beyond your own club, your district, and your country.

You can join an existing fellowship or create a new one if an area of interest to you currently does not have a fellowship. There is a broad array of fellowships that already exist—currently more than 70 different fellowships. They range from Amateur Radio, to Canoeing, to Golf, to Lawyers, to Wellness and Fitness—there’s even one for Automobile License Plate Collectors!

Most interaction occurs online but some of the fellowships structure opportunity for face-to-face networking. Fellowships can be a membership strategy—an opportunity for new members to find others around the world who share their special interest. More information can be found at www.rotary.org/fellowships

“In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future. In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, Rotary is truly *Serving Humanity* — now and for generations to come.”

Rotary International President John Germ

Has Your Club Met Its Goals for Foundation Giving?

The Rotary year is drawing to a close. Our year ends on June 30.

We know that many clubs will be submitting member contributions in the next six weeks. Several generous clubs have not yet sent in their contributions for the year. We encourage you to send in the gifts early, so they get credited to this Rotary year. We believe that you will come through again, as you have in recent years.

Look at the good your past gifts have accomplished: In the past year, your earlier contributions to the Annual Fund provided matching funds for 22 District Grant projects, totaling \$27,000. Your gifts have also provided \$32,000 of matching funds to equip an operating room at the Rotary Eye Hospital in India. Funds have been pledged of \$15,750 for equipping dormitories and vocational training centers for orphans of Ebola in Sierra Leone, a water well, computer lab and other improvements for a 50-year-old school in Zambia, and \$20,000 for a third handwashing project in the Dominican Republic.

We need your help so that we can continue to carry on this important humanitarian work.

At the beginning of this Rotary year, the District set, and asked clubs to join us in, some ambitious Foundation giving goals for this Centennial Year of The Rotary Foundation. We knew they were stretch goals, but we believed they were achievable. As of today, we have quite a way to go to reach most of them. Here is an overview of where we are now.

The most important goals are:

Every club will become an EREY club.

We have asked every Rotarian in the District to give something to The Rotary Foundation this Rotary year.

Four clubs have already achieved this goal: **Bad Axe, Frankenmuth Morning, Saginaw Sunrise, and Shepherd.**

Every club's total giving to The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund and Polio Plus) will be at a 5-year high, that is, each club will give more than it has in the past 5 years.

Six clubs have achieved this goal: **Durand, Gladwin, Midland, Midland Morning, Saginaw Sunrise, and Saginaw Valley.**

Total District Giving to the Annual Fund will be at least \$200,000.

As of May 4, we have raised \$137,543.

Total District Giving to Polio Plus will be at least \$55,000.

As of May 4, we have given \$38,582.

Every club will have at least one new Benefactor (a pledge of an estate gift in any amount).

We don't have an easy way of knowing how many clubs have met this goal; we are working on it.

Every Interact and Rotaract Club in the District will have a polio fundraiser.

We think this goal has been achieved. Is there any Interact or Rotaract Club that did NOT have such a fundraiser?

A few clubs will become 100% Sustaining Members—that is, every member will give \$100 or more.

No club is there yet. We do have 356 Sustaining Members so far.

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Training for District and Global Grants— Last Chance!

By TRF Chair PDG Eileen Jennings

The training for clubs wishing to apply for District Grants or Global Grants will take place on **Friday afternoon, May 19**, at the District Conference in **Owosso**. If your club intends to apply for either kind of grant for 2017-18, at least one member of the club **MUST** attend the training. **District Grant training will be held at 3:15**, and **Global Grant training will be conducted at 4:15**. Thirteen clubs have already completed the training for District Grants for the upcoming Rotary year. No one from any of those clubs needs to attend the May 19 session.

The District has \$36,200 available for **District Grants**. To receive a grant, clubs must:

- 1) send at least one member to the training;
- 2) complete a Memorandum of Understanding and send it to Eileen Jennings;
- 3) set a club Giving Goal for Annual Fund giving for 2017-18 on My Rotary;
- 4) have a current Club Financial Management Plan; and
- 5) complete an application and send it to Paul Moore by June 30.

Learn more about these requirements at the District Grant training at 3:15 on May 19.

Global Grant applicants must send at least one member to the training at 4:15 on May 19. We strongly urge that more than one club member receive the training, because almost all Global Grants take multiple years until completion. These clubs must also complete a Memorandum of Understanding and have a Club Financial Management Plan. Global Grants may be submitted at any time during the Rotary year.

District Grants are quite easy to write. They match club funds and can be as little as \$500 and as large as \$4,000. We hope that every club in the District will apply for one of these grants.

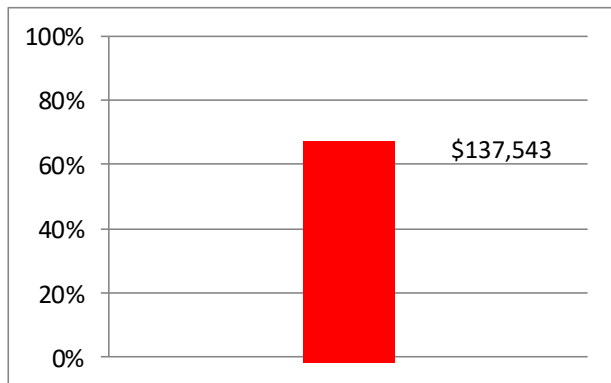
See you at the training on May 19!

Foundation Giving (continued from Page 3)

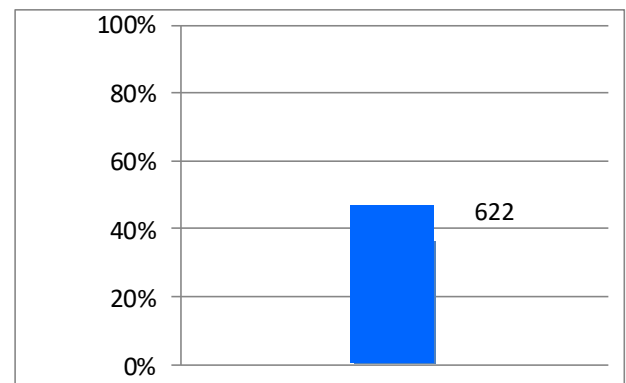
Many clubs are very close to meeting one or several of these goals. For example, Ithaca is very close to being a 100% Sustaining Member club. Several clubs are very close to being EREY clubs: do you have a few ill or absent members who cannot give this year? If so, will someone else give \$5.00 in their name so your club can be a 100% giving club?

How close is your club to meeting these goals? It will be interesting (and exciting!) to see how far we have come by the end of May.

Thank you to all our generous givers. The \$137,543 given to the Annual Fund thus far is something to be proud of.

\$200,000 goal for 2016-2017

Annual Contributions as of May 4, 2017

1400 District Members

Contributing Members as of May 4, 2017

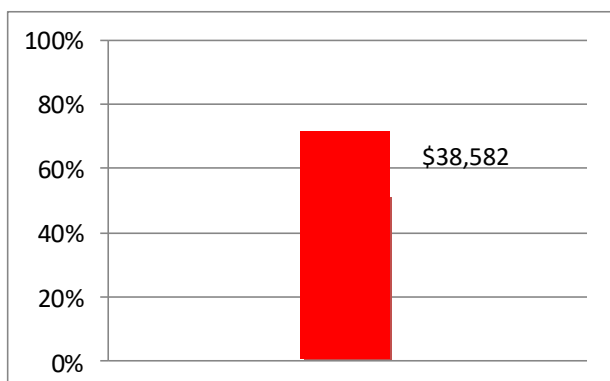
Will This Be the Year?

Will 2017 be the last year we see a polio victim? Many believe that it may well be. Only five cases of the wild poliovirus have been detected this year, the last in February. Our partners in polio eradication have made much progress to ensure that every child is vaccinated, no matter the obstacles. More people in each community are trained to recognize the disease at the outset.

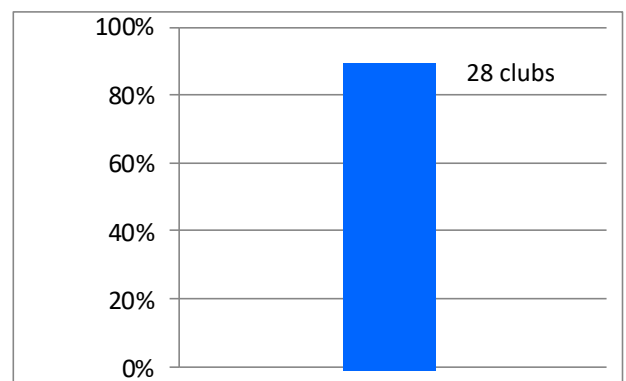
When a child is found with acute flaccid paralysis, stool samples are taken and forwarded to one of 146 surveillance laboratories. These laboratories test over 200,000 samples each year. 99% of samples come back negative. These laboratories search for the wild poliovirus throughout the world, even in countries that have been polio-free for years.

The Rotary Club of Oscoda held a successful spaghetti dinner on May 1. With help from the Interact Club, they helped spread the word about polio and collected donations to help eradicate polio.

For up-to-date information on polio eradication, go to www.polioeradication.org. If your club is interested in a presentation on polio, contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com.

\$55,000 Goal for 2016-2017

PolioPlus Contributions as of May 4, 2017

32 District Clubs

Number of contributing clubs as of May 4, 2017

Interact News



Shown in the photo above left, **Interact** students from **Caro, Bad Axe, and Oscoda** went on a spring humanitarian trip to the Dominican Republic. Two students are shown at right with the water filters that are used for clean drinking water. The students were accompanied by the following adults/chaperones: Arnie Leriche, Oscoda; Lynette Beeler, Bad Axe; Julia Behmlander, East Lansing, and Randy Ettema, Frankenmuth.

The photo below shows the students, along with local Interact students, enjoying the beautiful Dominican Republic setting.



CMU Rotract News



Little Free Library placed at Heritage Trailer Park



Service Project—Flowers for nursing home patients



\$450 presented to Heartcry, Int. For Street Boys of Uganda project, by Club Treasurer Jane Dukovich



President Whitney Warner receives Paul Harris Award with Youth Chair Kathy Beebe

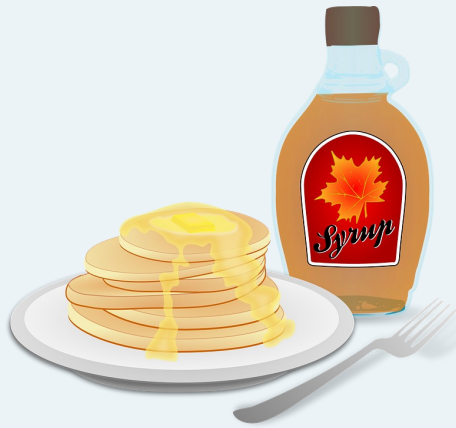


Outstanding Rotract student Weijie (Steven) Gai receives Paul Harris Award with Kathy



End-of-year party at Riverwood Bowling Alley

AROUND THE DISTRICT



The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** was kept busy volunteering during the Maple Syrup Festival, held April 28-30. On Thursday night the club helped with laying down tarps and marking booth spaces on the gym floors for the craft show, and then Friday thru Sunday the club was responsible for selling the tickets for the pancake meals.

The club has a people mover which was manned by Rotarians and utilized by the festival on Saturday during the day transporting visitors to stops throughout the village.

On Sunday afternoon after the parade, the club had a very successful Road Apple Raffle Drawing. It was a very exhausting but satisfying weekend doing "service above self"!

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning-Standish** continued its 2nd Annual Saginaw Bay Nature Festival during April and early May. At its third public program, Dale Borske of Duck's Unlimited explained the group's role in preserving, enhancing and protecting wetlands in the Saginaw Bay Region.

Many people believe the wildlife areas are maintained with state tax money, but about 80% of the funds received by the Wildlife Division come from state license fees and federal grants. Only 5% comes from the Michigan general fund. Taxes paid by hunters on gum and ammunition purchases provide much of the revenue.

Shown at right is a picture of a yellow headed blackbird, one of the rarest birds in eastern North America. It was photographed at Nyanquing Point. The name Nyanquing comes from the Chippewa expression "Na Yah Guong," which means "at the end of the woods." Nayanquing Point is one of Michigan's seven "wetland wonders." It contains 12 miles of dikes and 700 acres of marsh. Marshes function to purify waters entering the bay and to mitigate flooding. For over 70 years, the DNR has managed the site for the health and sustainability of wildlife species.





The **Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant** installed their second Little Free Library at the Maple Valley East trailer park.

People who helped put it up are Tom Miles, Alysha Anders, Bob Wheeler, Don Hire (Don built it with his building club), Rich Fleming, and Robin Duthie.

The **Midland Rotary Club** recently honored three community members at their eleventh annual Spirit of Rotary program. The award recognizes individuals under age 40 who show leadership potential and a commitment to the ideals of Rotary as demonstrated by how they live their lives.

Greg Pollock began his career at the Dow Chemical Company and served as the Public Affairs Manager for all six Dow sites in Louisiana. He co-founded Dow's project SEARCH program which provides meaningful employment skills for transitioning students with developmental disabilities.



Greg Pollock with MC Kevin Kendrick



Emily A. Schafer

Emily A Schafer served as the Assistant General Manager of Sponsorships for the Great Lakes Loons and Director of Development for the Michigan Baseball Foundation before becoming the Development Officer for the Midland Area Community Foundation.

Jeffrey Simmons is the Athletic Director at the Midland Country Club but devotes a substantial amount of his time to the Peanut Gallery, the youth theatre division of Center Stage Theatre at the Midland Center for the Arts.



Dexter Brigham with Jeffrey Simmons



Shown at left are members of The **Rotary Club of Durand**, wearing their reflective vests, who recently participated in the Highway Pick-Up Program.

The **Rotary Club of Bay City** recently heard a presentation by Marilyn Wheaton, Director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University. They were treated to a new video produced for the museum. The video outlined the life and works of Fredericks, a renowned 20th-century American sculptor, and his impact on the world of public art.



Director Wheaton talked about the museum sculpture garden and the history of some of the pieces. She described how one of the most iconic pieces "Black Elk," which now welcomes visitors to the garden, was commissioned as one of the last pieces Fredericks made. The man who commissioned the piece then moved to California and put the piece in storage in Detroit.

When "Black Elk" was rediscovered, an effort was made to have it loaned to the SVSU museum. The most interesting part of the story was how the piece was shipped to SVSU. When the trucker learned it would not fit under all bridges on the most direct route, they had a special cradle built to lay the piece down. It was then driven on secondary roads and eventually down Center Avenue in Bay City!

Many of Fredericks pieces can be viewed in the Tri-City area. Dow Gardens is home to the "Saints and Sinners" collection as well as the "Leaping Gazelle." "Flying Wild Geese" can be seen in the Saginaw Art Museum garden. Many of the original pieces, models, workshop, and other pieces are found at the SVSU Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

Senate Resolution 46 adopted April 25, 2017

Senators Schmidt, Ananich, Shirkey, Emmons, Zorn, Schuitmaker, Stamas, Jones, Horn, Hertel, Pavlov, Hopgood and Hansen offered the following resolution:

A resolution to recognize the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

Whereas, It is with great respect that the members of this legislative body are proud to join with the citizens of Michigan in celebrating the centennial of The Rotary Foundation; and

Whereas, Arch Klumph's idea for an endowment fund dedicated to "doing good in the world" planted the seed of The Rotary Foundation in 1917; and

Whereas, The Rotary Foundation is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad; and

Whereas, The motto of The Rotary Foundation is "Service Above Self" and their guiding principles have been the foundation of their values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership; and

Whereas, Rotary members believe that they have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues; and

Whereas, More than 35,000 of The Rotary Foundation's clubs work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate and remember all who have and are currently contributing to the success of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Flame!

In order to increase awareness and giving to PolioPlus a new social media campaign is being rolled out to coincide with the End Polio Now Torch arriving at the International Convention in June.

The torches were started as a project of the Rotary Club of Madras, India, who has overseen the travel through multiple countries, clubs, and the past two International Conventions, raising awareness and funds to end polio.



This year the torch will travel from Madras to Chattanooga (home of President John Germ). This is where the 100 mile relay, to coincide with the 100 year Foundation celebration, will start. It will culminate Saturday morning at the Grand Opening of the House of Friendship in Atlanta.

Remember ALL of these contributions will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and we have an opportunity to massively engage the world in getting the word out to end polio as the torch makes its way to ZERO cases! You can help carry the torch to the convention in Atlanta and finish the race.

Go to endpolio.org and make your personal contribution.

Right click on the torch logo above to copy and then post on your Facebook/Twitter/Instagram accounts and challenge five friends with the following message:

I'm carrying the torch to reach #zerocases. I challenge you to help us #endpolio. Pass the torch and go to endpolio.org to donate today! Together we can make history and eradicate polio!

Thank-you for all you are doing in the fight to END POLIO! We will see ZERO cases, and the world will be free from polio because of you and Rotarians around the world!

Robert Hall, Global Coordinator, End Polio Now Fundraising

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Bad Axe	-	93 years	-	Chartered May 27, 1924
Mt. Pleasant	-	92 years	-	Chartered May 29 1925
Pigeon	-	80 years	-	Chartered May 25, 1937
Durand	-	78 years	-	Chartered May 17, 1939
Chesaning	-	78 years	-	Chartered May 29, 1939

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We encourage the submission of articles. Please provide information and pictures for a future *District Dispatch* to:
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