

# District Dispatch

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For Rotarians around the world, October is designated as Economic and Community Development Month. We carry out service projects that enhance, in both our own communities and in world areas, economic and community development. From my club visitations, I am overwhelmed by the service projects that our clubs undertake to help their own communities, and in partaking in district and global grants that are available how we impact the world. As a district, we do very well in this area; and we can be proud of our accomplishments.

Also in October, we celebrate World Polio Day. I would like to tell my story as it relates to polio. I grew up in the small city of Durand, Michigan, less than 4000 people. I resided on one of those tree-lined streets in a neighborhood occupied by a large group of children – all ages. Back in the 50's, we kids were always outdoors playing together. One day, one of our playmates did not show up to play, and we didn't think much of it at the time. Within a few days, the families in the neighborhood became aware that this young boy had contracted polio and was in a hospital in a neighboring community.

Panic ensued. All anyone talked about was the horrific disease, polio, and how it handicapped young people. Of course, we were all given the original vaccine, and as young kids we all knew who Dr. Salk was. And, we were all terrified.

This young boy was brought home in an iron lung and during the day, this iron lung was placed in front of the large picture window, so he could look outdoors and watch his playmates play. We were not allowed on the porch of that house or at the picture window. All we could do was wave to him.



Patricia Post

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My house was directly across the street and no matter where I sat in the living room, I could see that iron lung. He did get better and was removed from the iron lung, but they moved out of town so we didn't get to talk to him or play with him anymore. I did hear he eventually walked again with the aid of crutches and grew into a young man.

Last year, I was invited to Midland Noon Club's meeting where they had an iron lung on display. It tore at my heart. I had never realized the mechanics of that terrible working machine that kept my friend alive. At that moment, I became aware of how horrific this disease is, and more than ever I want to "End Polio Now" or as Bill Gates stated, "Drop to Zero". We, together, must eradicate this disease.

To this day, living in Durand, I drive through my old neighborhood frequently. Instead of looking at my childhood home, I look at that picture window, and what comes to mind is the suffering that polio creates. Until the world is free of this disease, it represents horrific suffering to me.

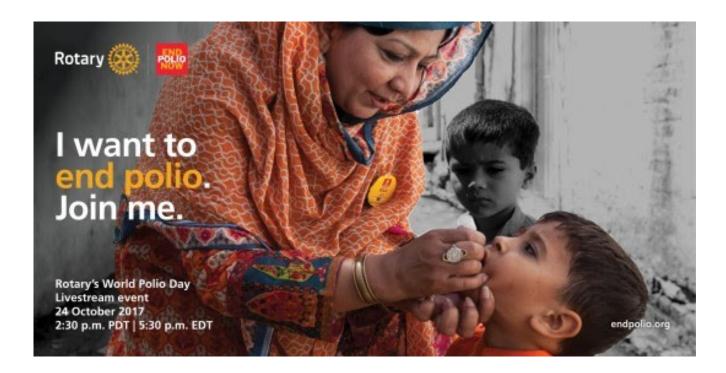
I urge all the clubs in District 6310 to observe World Polio Day, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and do something special – whether you pass the jar around and contribute to polio, work with pizza places and restaurants to celebrate, or at least participate in our World Polio Day livestream event taking place at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time, which would be 5:30 p.m. our time. You can watch the live stream at <a href="endpolio.org">endpolio.org</a>. I will be watching; hopefully some of you will also.

Have a great October. It is my favorite month!

Yours in Rotary,

#### Pat

Pat Post, DG 2017-2018



## **World Polio Day**



#### By Chuck Cusick

In 1985, Rotary introduced Polio Plus and in 1988, announced the goal to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Rotary has asked all clubs and members to join in one project – Polio Eradication. As Rotarians, why wouldn't we want to join with other Rotarians throughout the world to eradicate this crippling disease?

Only 11 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported this year. Perhaps this will be the last year of new cases being discovered.

World Polio Day will be held October 24, 2017. Consider gathering with friends and tune in at 5:30 PM EDT for the fifth annual polio event live streamed from <a href="endpolio.org">endpolio.org</a>. Learn about our successes in eradicating this disease and what you can do to help. The October issue of the *Rotarian* magazine has excellent articles on this subject.

If your club would like a presentation on polio, please contact Chuck Cusick cvcusick@aol.com.

## **District Grants Approved**

By Eileen Jennings



Your District Grant project applications were reviewed and submitted to Rotary International on September 26. Our grant application was approved in record time by RI on October 6 – only 10 days later!

Paul Moore will soon notify clubs that you may begin work on projects that were approved.

We regret that we were unable to fund all projects submitted this year. We received a record 36 project applications asking for a total of \$63,423. The District had only \$35,528 to allocate to these projects.

The committee gave the highest priority to humanitarian projects, but also tried to fund equipment and construction projects. We also required – again – that the application show that the Rotary Club would have active involvement in the execution of the project. A couple of projects that seemed very worthwhile did not receive funding because there was no evidence of club involvement.

We fully funded 25 projects, and partially funded four projects. We were unable to fund seven projects. Every club that requested grants received at least one grant approval, and seven clubs received more than one grant.

Our District each year receives new District Designated Funds (DDF), which is 50% of the amount donated to the Annual Fund by members three years earlier. Of that total DDF, we can allot up to half for District Grants. District 6310 has always allotted this full 50% for District Grants. This year, that maximum amount was \$35,528.

We were impressed with the quality and quantity of applications received. There were no grant applications that we felt were unworthy. We are very sorry that we could not fund more of your projects. However, we were delighted that we received grant applications for all – and more – of the money available. These grants are here because of your past generosity to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

### **Eleventh Annual Foundation Gala**

#### By Chair Eileen Jennings

Please plan to attend our Eleventh Annual Foundation Gala on November 17 at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. Invitations will go out to every Rotarian the middle of October. We will begin to accept reservations on Monday, October 30.

Prices are **lower** than last year: \$40 per person, or \$300 for a table of 8 full paying attendees.

We will again offer a deeply discounted charge for Rotaract, Interact, and Youth Exchange students -- \$18.00 per person, which we hope will be paid by the sponsoring club.

Our keynote speaker will be Ed Futa, the past General Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of Rotary International. Ed led Rotary through years of huge growth, especially in The Rotary Foundation. Since he stepped down from this position in 2011, Ed has continued to speak at many Rotary conferences and seminars around the world. Ed has a special affinity for the youth involved with Rotary. He looks and sounds as if he will be a very serious speaker – and he does always have a serious message – but when he opens his mouth, you realize how funny and entertaining he is. If you haven't already heard him speak, you will not want to miss this opportunity.

Our program this year will recognize new members of the Bequest Society, the Paul Harris Society, and new Major Donors. It will not include special recognitions from clubs. As always, it will be a thank-you for your generosity to The Rotary Foundation and will not include any solicitations for additional contributions.

Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., so that members will have ample time to visit with friends from across the district whom they have not seen for a while.

Mark your calendar and reserve the date – **November 17**. See you there!



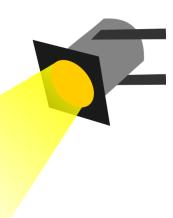
"As many of you know, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year for the next three years. This amount will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation — effectively tripling the value of all money Rotary raises on World Polio Day and throughout the year. Let's all make a difference on World Polio Day — and help End Polio Now.

Rotary International President Ian H. S. Riseley

## In the Spotlight...

## Leslie Dietrich Alumni Relations Chair





I joined the Rotary Club of Durand in the fall of 1995. I was secretary from 1999 to 2000, President elect 2000-01, and President 2001-02. I was the Youth Exchange Officer from 2004 to 2009, and currently serve as District Alumni Relations Chair. In 1995, I attended the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Chicago, and together with four other Rotarians I attended a concert in New York where Itzhak Pearlman performed in a benefit to eradicate polio.

I have helped with Santa at the Depot every year, worked on club fundraisers, worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the adopt-a-highway program, drove the fire truck in many parades, and helped with the purple pinkie project. This summer I also traveled to Chicago with other District Rotarians to visit RI Headquarters and many Paul Harris historical sites.

I am married to Rich and we have 4 children, Nathan, and Nanette in Grand Rapids. Madeline, a senior at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Anna, a sophomore at Grand Valley State University. I have owned and operated Dietrich's Flower Shop in Durand for 23 years.

## Troy Leipprandt Membership Chair

Hello fellow Rotarians, my name is Troy Leipprandt. I am currently serving the District as your District-wide Membership Chair. A little background on me; I was born and raised in the small town of Pigeon, MI where I attended Laker High School and went on to graduate from Michigan State University ('08). In 2011, I joined the Rotary Club of Pigeon and became a full time employee at Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. Today I am fortunate enough to attend meetings and serve alongside both my father and grandfather as a 4th generation Rotarian.

I was exposed to the many wonderful opportunities of Rotary at a young age. Through the club, my family was given the opportunity to host a number of exchange students. Because of the exposure to many, my interest in different cultures inevitably led to experiencing my own year abroad in 2010. It was through traveling that I was able to meet fellow Rotarians in New Zealand, Australia, and Thailand. As part of my trip, I was given the opportunity to attend various club meetings and meet Rotarians who have stayed with my family and my family with them. I was often invited to help with the club service projects. For me, this was truly a wonderful experience and gave me a visible representation of the good Rotarians do across the world. In 2014 I was lucky enough to attend one of the Water and Sanitation Committee's trips to the Dominican Republic. This inspirational trip allowed me the pleasure of witnessing Rotarians from the US and DR working together to provide clean water.

I am grateful to have been able to serve the Pigeon Club as Secretary, President-Elect, and President. I have also served on many successful service projects and fundraisers for our Pigeon Club.

## Hurricane Maria Damage in the DR

### By Chair Randy Ettema







Many of you that have been to the Dominican Republic may recognize this water holding tank in Villa Trina. This was part of the Saginaw Rotary Grant that was just completed





After Hurricane Maria.

## **Youth Exchange News**

#### By Chair Michael Ardelean



The District 6310 Youth Exchange Team would like to introduce Melanie Rogers from the Rotary Club of Bad Axe. Mel is a current Outbound to Germany in her first two months of her exchange. We require all students to check in with me monthly, and I will try and include a note from all our inbounds and outbounds throughout the exchange year—with their permission of course— about what is going on in their exchange. This is part of Mel's report from October 1<sup>st</sup>.



"Hello!

I've been in Germany for two months. It's a crazy thought, but it does feel like I've been in Germany a long time. I really enjoyed the month of September, even though some things weren't so great. One of the many positive things from the month of September is that my German significantly improved. I still wouldn't call myself good at German, but one day I went to school and I just started understanding what the teacher was saying. And when the math teacher called on me, I was able to read out the equation, explain how to solve it, and give the answer in German. That day gave me a lot of hope. And I'm leaving tomorrow for a 10 day language camp, which will be super helpful."

Melanie is off to a great start but does comment that one of the toughest hurdles in Germany is finding friends. "It's German nature to not become friends with someone for a long time, until you get to know them and trust that they'll be a good friend. Then you'll have a friend forever." She says she will continue to work toward those friendships.

These young men and women have great challenges thoughout their exchanges but have seen the positive changes it will have in their lives for years to come once they return home!

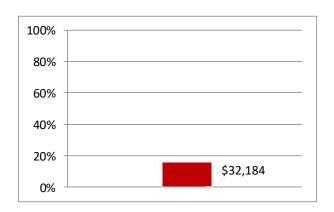


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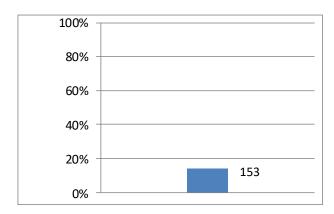
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## **Annual Fund Progress Report**

#### \$200,000 goal for 2017-2018



1400 District Members



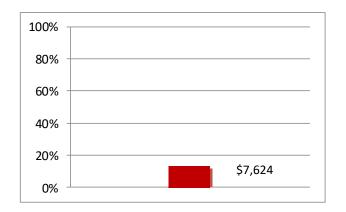
Annual Contributions as of October 1, 2017

Contributing Members as of October 1, 2017

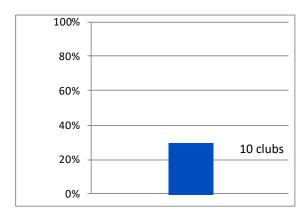
86% of members of the Rotary Club of Oscoda and 76% of members of the Saginaw Sunrise Club have already donated to the Annual Fund!

The Rotary Club of Frankenmuth members have already donated \$4,500 to Polio Plus!

\$55,000 Goal for 2017-2018



32 District Clubs



PolioPlus Contributions as of October 1, 2017

Number of contributing clubs as of October 1, 2017

#### KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Membership	Goals	Month	YTD	% Increase
#Clubs	32		32	
Membership	1489	1359	1366	1.00%
Area #1	100	86	88	1.02%
Alpena, Oscoda				
A #2	4.40	124	425	0.000/
Area #2 Bad Axe, Harbor Beach,	148	134	135	0.00%
Pigeon, Sebewaing				
	424	442	445	1.010/
Area #3 Chesaning, Corunna,	134	113	115	1.01%
Durand, Owosso				
Area #4	112	0.0	0.7	0.00%
Area #4 Alma/St Louis, Brecken-	112	96	97	0.00%
ridge, Ithaca, Shepherd				
Area #5	129	108	108	0.00%
Caro, Cass City, Milling- ton, Vassar				
Area #6	142	142	142	0.00%
Clare, Gladwin, Mt. Pleasant				
Area #7	396	383	387	1.01%
Bay City, Bay City Morn-				
ing, Midland, Midland Morning, Pinconning/				
Standish				
Aron #9	104	107	100	0.009/
Area #8 Birch Run, Frankenmuth,	194	187	188	0.00%
Frankenmuth Morning				
Aroa #0				1
Area #9 Saginaw, Saginaw Sun-	118	100	101	1.01%
rise, Saginaw Valley	110	100	101	1.01/0

#### KEEPING TRACK - MEASUREMENTS 2017-2018

Foundation	Goals	Month	YTD	
TRF	\$159,550	\$9,885	\$32,184	
Polio Plus	\$43,130	\$3,485	\$7,624	
Paul Harris Fellowship		9	25	
Major Donors		1	4	
Bequest				

Youth Service	July 1, 2017	Month	YTD	
Inbounds Student		10	10	
Outbound Students		7	7	
Rotaract Clubs	5		5	
Interact Clubs	11		11	
RYLA				

Tree Planting	Goal	Month	YTD	
1485		0	0	

#### **INTERACT NEWS**

School may be back in session, but the students of the Oscoda Interact Club had a very busy summer! At a recent club meeting, they did a presentation about their travels this year which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oscoda.

During spring break, Interact students Patrick Lee and Dean Zahm, along with Rotarian Arnie Leriche, traveled with members of the Interact Clubs of Bad Axe and Caro to the Dominican Republic. They practiced service above self by helping with latrines, clean water wells, and handwashing. They reported the cultural exchange and leadership skills they brought back were invaluable.





In June, Tori and Baily Pichler attended the week long World Affairs Seminar at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. With students from over 100 countries in attendance, both Tori and Baily reported that if were up to Interact students, there would be world peace!

An Interact freshman, Vinny Calles attended the week long Michigan Student Leadership Camp at Albion College. He reported a fabulous experience where he not only learned leadership skills; he formed friendships with others all over the state of Michigan.



All of these experiences were promoted and funded with the help of the Oscoda Rotary Club and the local high school.

#### **ROTARACT NEWS**



Members of the Central Michigan University

Rotaract Club volunteered to clean out the flower beds in Mt Pleasant's Nelson Park. All members were not able to participate in the project, but those who did not only did a great job, they enjoyed their time together serving the community.

#### AROUND THE DISTRICT

#### Rotary Club of Alma/St. Louis



Gwen Lorenc, Membership/Public Relations Chair presents Katie Dennison with her certificate upon earning the Gold Award through Girl Scouts.



John Pavlik and Art McClintic stand beside the Rotary sponsor board to extend heartfelt thanks to all sponsors during the annual Steak Fry held at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds.



President Adam Vibber is joined by Eli Hall and Sara Bonacci with the placement of the club's first Little Free Library. It is located outside the Wilcox Non-Profit Center in Alma.



The Rotary Club of Bay City heard about an aid for disaster victims to provide an added dimension to humanitarian relief. Shown at left with a Shelter Box are programmer Rev. Andreas Teich and Clarkston Rotary Club members Mary Sloan and Jeff Lichty, heading support efforts for the project.

Since its start in 2000, the Shelter Box project has helped more than 1 million disaster victims rebuild their homes and lives. The green plastic boxes, costing about \$1,000 each, are being shipped regularly to sites across the world where people are in need.

Shelter Box kits contain all of the essential tools people need to start repairing and rebuilding homes. The kits and boxes also contain the items that help transform shelter into a home - like cooking sets, solar lights, and activity sets for children. The program also provides extra aid items, such as School Boxes that contain everything needed to get lessons up and running after a disaster, depending on the situation.

"We deliver the essentials people need to begin rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster," said Mr. Lichty. "Each disaster is different, and so is every community. We don't believe that one size fits all, so we make considered assessments to provide the exact support that gives people the hope and the power to transform their own lives."

The Rotary Club of Pigeon will be sending \$1,000 to support one teacher for one year to teach at the Rotary Haiti Community School of Bellevue, Haiti. It is in an area of great poverty and much natural devastation The money is used to pay people to do useful work such as making clothes. The money earned is spent. That starts creating an economy where little or none exists at this time. The club's contribution fits the international portion of Rotary International President lan's goals.





The Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish recently gathered for their first social event in lieu of the regular weekly noon meeting. 19 persons gathered at CJ's Bar & Grill in Pinconning following the adopt-a-highway clean-up of M-13.

Starting in November, the club plans to meet the first Thursday of every month at CJ's at 5:30 p.m. in place of the noon meeting. Rotarians are encouraged to bring family and friends for an evening of good food, live music, and fellowship.

This space is available

to share your photos and stories

about the good things and projects your club is doing

in support of your community.





Club Foundation, Membership, and Public Image Training Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00-3:00

First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot (M-46) Saginaw

This training is provided by District 6310 for clubs. Please take advantage and consider sending your Club Committee Chairs or other interested members to this training, there is so much to learn about these three topics, which will greatly benefit your individual clubs.

#### Workshop Schedule:

9:00- Arrival Coffee and doughnuts

9:30-11:30- Foundation-Eileen Jennings- The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives.

Learn about the new initiatives of the Rotary Foundation, concerning grants and projects to improve your Club's reach and participation.

#### 11:30-12:15- Lunch (sandwiches provided)

12:15-1:45-Membership- Troy Leipprandt- Membership is the life blood of Rotary-Impact starts with our members — people like you who want to be part of making the world a better place. At club meetings in communities across the globe, our members come together to strengthen their connection. Learn effective and sustaining ways to attract and retain Members.

#### 1:45-2:00- Break



2:00-3:00- Public Image-Shelley Norris- "People of Action Campaign" -

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

Learn about Rotary's Brand New Campaign just officially launched in Atlanta, Actionable ideas of how to implement it in your own Club, utilizing social media and print.

**R.S.V.P.- Connie Deford** -<u>connie.rotary6310@gmail.com</u> by October 10<sup>th</sup> how many from your club are attending, and those who will need lunch.





## The Ithaca Rotary Club



Is Sponsoring a 5K Glow Run/Walk Wednesday October 18, 2017 @ 7pm

The Fields Golf Course

Funds to benefit Rotary programs such as: Jr. Rotarians and the Jr. Rotarian Scholarship Program, assisting with Project Full, reading programs, Worldwide Polio Eradication Program, community repair projects, community book exchange, and more.

#### REGISTRATION FORM (ages 12-100 welcome!) Race starts promptly at 7pm; registration begins at 6pm

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#### 4th Annual Statewide Rotaract Conference

Hosted by Central Michigan University Rotaract Club

**Objective:** We expect that what we learn at "Rotaract And Beyond" will enable Rotaracters statewide to improve leadership skills and broaden interactions to improve our organizations and translate to our becoming more effective and active Rotary citizens and volunteers.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 21st, 2017 (9:00 am to 4:00pm)

Location: Riverwood Golf Resort

1313 E Broomfield Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Cost: \$20 includes: conference, continental breakfast, and lunch

Optional Social: Bowling after conference \$6 (includes shoes)

Attire: Casual, club t-shirts recommended

#### Registration closes: Sunday, October 15, 2017

#### Tentative Agenda:

9:00-9:30am Doors open/Continental breakfast

9:30-10:15am Welcome/Announcements/Other TBA

10:15-11:00am Speaker: Dan Gaken "Leadership"

11:15-12:00pm Speaker: Sara Tisdale "Team Building and

Recruitment"

12:00-12:30pm Lunch

12:30-1:45pm Student Group Activity and Rotarians/Advisors-Breakout Session-TBA

1:45-2:00pm Video Presentation

2:00-2:45pm Key Note Speaker: Jon Beebe, "Rotaract and Beyond"

2:45-3:00pm Closing

3:00-4:00pm Bowling (Optional)

Cannot wait to see you there and continue to "Reach for the Sky" -Toy Story

# 2017 Global Handwashing Day Theme: "Our Hands, Our Future!"

October 15<sup>th</sup> is Global Handwashing Day, a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap. Every year, Global Handwashing Day is celebrated with events, campaigns, and handwashing programs around the world.

Before each Global Handwashing Day, the Global Handwashing Partnership selects a theme that will inspire celebrants and encourage handwashing with soap beyond October 15. **This year's theme is 'Our Hands, Our Future'**, reminding us that handwashing protects our own health, but also allows us to build our own futures, as well as those of our communities, and the world.

Thinking of the future, we strive for continued health, well-being, and productivity for ourselves, our families, and our communities. Handwashing is an affordable, effective way to achieve these goals. For example, handwashing with soap could prevent many of the 272 million yearly schooldays lost to diarrheal disease, and 50% of the infections acquired in healthcare settings.

Handwashing with soap has the power to improve access to education for children, protect the health of patients and communities, and reduce inequities. It has an important role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals—contributing to zero hunger, good health, quality education, reduced inequalities, and more. Efforts on Global Handwashing Day to promote the benefits and practice of handwashing with soap, as well as fostering access to and improving hygiene facilities, will help us work toward a future where that potential is realized.

This October 15<sup>th</sup>, whether you are celebrating at school, in a health facility, or with your community, let's wash our hands and invest in a better future!

Source: Global Handwashing Partnership



#### Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Saginaw Valley - 45 years - Chartered October 21, 1972

Midland Morning - 29 years - Chartered October 10, 1988

Pinconning/Standish - 10 years - Chartered October 12, 2007



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: Connie M. Deford, Administrative Assistant connie.rotary6310@gmail.com