



## GULL LAKE ARE ROTARY CLUB – NEWS UPDATE

Thursday March 26, 2020

During this time of Covid-19 crisis, there will be no regular newsletter: no meetings mean much less club news. We will publish occasional news updates – like this one.

### **From Steve Lewis – Notes from the Board meeting Thursday 3/26/20:**

1. The GLARC Board met on 3/26/20 on the Phone. A quorum participated.
2. All regular meetings are cancelled until the Stay at Home Order is cancelled. The order is scheduled to end on April 13th and our next regular Rotary meeting could be 4/16/20 if the order is lifted.
3. The next GLARC Board meeting will be April 9th on the phone.
4. All GLARC committees are encouraged to have committee telephone meetings and prepare notes to share for the board meeting. Don Deibler can assist with call numbers. These notes can be sent to Steve Lewis to consolidate into an Agenda for the Board Meetings.

5. In light of our current "shelter in place" requirement and with the goal of engaging, educating and getting District 6360's Rotary Clubs certified for district and global grants (through The Rotary Foundation) for the 2020-21 year – we will offer three online opportunities for **Grant Management Seminars**. (All in person meetings have been canceled.) The online seminars are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm**

Sessions should last about one hour and we will have the capacity to answer your questions during the webinar. Notify me if you are registered for a webinar so I can ensure that GLARC has at least two attendees. The only grant that we will be working on is the Ross Township Park grant.

6. The GLARC is helping our Food Bank with parking vital food for the needy. Mike Gallagher is scheduling small 3-4 person groups to assist. Announcements will be coming. This week we had 3 visits. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don Deibler suggested that members who might be concerned about working in close proximity with others should not feel any obligation to participate.

7. Cabin fever sucks, but we are all in this together.

**From Secretary Ed Schaadt:**

We had a brief discussion about how our District 6360 is planning to respond to the current Covid-19 crisis and how our club might help. The District is working to responded with one voice and District officials have been making suggestions to DG Margie and the Rotary District Foundation. They will have a plan forthcoming in the very near future.

**From Julie Pixley at the Richland Presbyterian Church:**

There are also many local restaurants (Dandelion Café, Neds, Pizza King, Great Grounds, Pure Mex, The Richland Pub, and many others!) that are offering take-out and/or delivery. Give them a call and let's help keep them going!

There will be American Red Cross Blood Drives in our area over the next week or so. I wasn't sure what the right thing to do was, so I asked my nurse/doctor friends and everyone encouraged folks to still give blood, before we have another serious crisis. Do what your heart and your guts tell you is right for you!

**From Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer:** Tough times don't last – tough people do.

**From GLARC Newsletter editor Pete Graham:** Be careful – stay well!

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