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Annual Fund Progress Report

This JUST IN! According to Rotary International, District 6360 has achieved a 9.3% increase in donors to the Annual Fund over the same time last year and +1.1% for Annual Fund contributions!!! That is JUST phenomenal! Great job everyone! As a reminder, our goals this year have been; 1) Have Fun, 2) Grow Membership and 3) Do More Good In The World! You are 109.3% Doing More Good In the World!!! A big huge HUG and shout out to Past Governor/District Rotary International Foundation Chair, Kathy Gallagher, who has done an outstanding job inspiring us.



ANNUAL FUND - DISTRICT PROGRESS REPORT
 JANUARY 2025 - 2026

Designation	JANUARY 2025 - 2026	JANUARY 2024 - 2025	YTD % Change
Annual Fund			
Annual Fund Donors	424	388	9.3%
Annual Fund Giving Clubs	40	40	0.0%
Annual Fund Per Capita	\$69.75	\$71.14	-1.9%
Annual Fund Contribution Total	\$136,014.01	\$134,587.65	1.1%
Total All Funds			
Donors	566	538	5.2%
PHS Eligible	49	54	-9.3%
PHS Members	62	61	1.6%
Rotary Direct Donors	95	70	35.7%
Rotary Direct Contributions	\$23,290.07	\$17,675.00	31.8%
All Funds Contribution Total	\$610,870.85	\$256,410.53	138.2%

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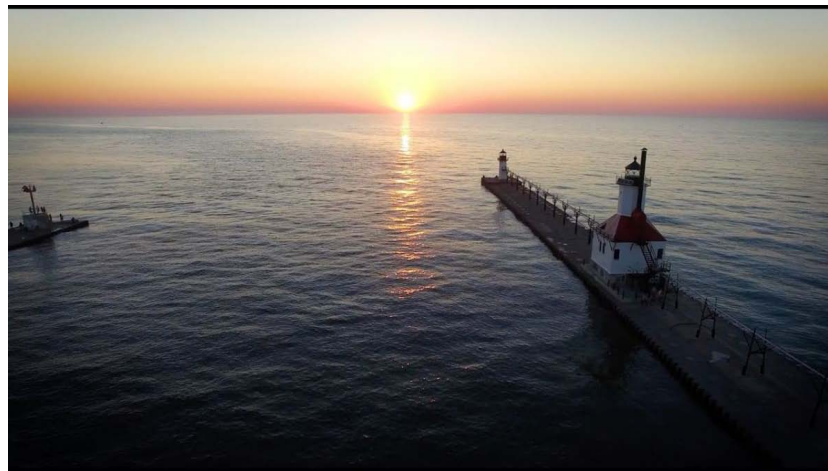
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District Conference 2026 | Updates



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Silver Beach Carousel in St. Joseph, Michigan

DisCon at the Carousel 2026 will take place May 15-16, in St. Joseph, Michigan, primarily hosted at the historic Silver Beach Carousel. Please Register and book your lodging soon!

Click [here](#) to register

To learn about hotel options go to **READ MORE** below.

For more information about the conference [GO HERE](#)

- Key Speakers and Sessions:
 - Louisa Horne, Zone 28 Membership lead will focus on "Creativity in Membership"
 - Alan Mallory, a published author and Rotarian, will present "Ascending Personal Summits"
 - Brenda Cressey, Past Rotary International Trustee and Foundation Chair, speaking on "The Heart of Rotary"
 - [Chris](#) Singleton, former Chicago Cubs player and renowned speaker on resilience and "Choosing Love" is the special speaker Saturday evening — More info to come!

Keynote Speakers

Featured Speaker | May 15

Alan Mallory

Author of *The Family That Conquered Everest*
and *Summits of Self*



Louisa Horne

★ Zone 28 Membership Lead ★
"Creativity in Membership"

Brenda Cressey

★ Rotary Foundation ★
"The Heart of Rotary"



May 15-16
St. Joseph, Michigan



<https://www.district6360.com/district-conference-2026/>

[Read More](#)

Call for "Club Hero" Submissions



It's time to select your club's Rotary Hero!

Each year, your club is asked to select a member of your club to be recognized as your club's Rotary Hero.

Your club's Hero will be honored at this year's District Conference Friday evening, May 15, at beautiful Shadowland on Silver Beach in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

The guidelines are simple:

- * Your club selects a member to be honored as your club's Rotary Hero. Your club determines the criteria and makes a selection. (No posthumous selections, please.)
- * Send the following information to us at the District:
 - + name and photo of your Rotary Hero.
 - + a short paragraph about your club's Hero (150 words) and why he or she was selected.
 - + a brief title about your hero that summarizes why he or she was selected: (examples — "Hero for Health," "Ready and Reliable," "Piano Player Extraordinaire.")

The deadline for submitting your Hero's name and information is April 25, 2026.

Please send your Hero's information to me or to District Administrative Assistant Gwen Chirico-Brandon at rotarydistrict6360@gmail.com

And of course, we hope you and other club members will register and attend the District Conference, and especially the Heroes Award Dinner Friday evening, May 15. Many clubs make it a special evening for their hero (and guest) by treating them to dinner that night!

There are plenty of fun things to do in St. Joe as part of the Conference in addition to the Heroes Award Dinner. Complete details about the District Conference, including registration information, can be found on our District 6360 website:
www.district6360.com

If your club members would like to sit together at the Heroes Awards Dinner Saturday night, please also let us know how many will be attending in your group. We will do our best to arrange for you to sit together.

District Grant Management Seminars - starts next week

Mark Your Calendars! District 6360 Offers 2026-2027 Grant Management Seminars!

If your Club plans to apply for a 2026-2027 District 6360 local community or global grant, two members of your club must participate in one of these training sessions.

The application deadline for local grants is May 31, 2026. There is no set deadline for Global Grants. Global Grants are reviewed by the Rotary Foundation upon submission.

Wednesday, March 11th from 7PM to 8:30 PM – via ZOOM – click [here](#) for zoom link

Tuesday, April 28th from 7 PM to 8:30 PM – via ZOOM – click [here](#) for zoom link

Saturday, April 25th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM – IN PERSON

Portage District Library – Austin Lake Room

300 Library Ln

Portage, MI 49002

Click [here](#) to register

Remember, grant opportunities through the Rotary Foundation are funded by the **Annual Fund Share** program, which distributes district designated funds for Rotarians to do sustainable projects which positively impact our communities and those abroad.

Please register for the session in which you wish to participate in the link provided below the date and time. In the days before the meeting, you will receive an email reminder of your registration that contains the zoom link (if joining via zoom) to use at the time of the seminar.

We hope that these opportunities will fully prepare you to plan your project, apply for a grant, inform you about the reporting requirements, timelines and fulfill The Rotary Foundation's and District 6360's requirements for club qualification!

If you have questions in advance, please either call me at 269-209-5949 or email kgallagher@bcacs.org.

Yours in Rotary Service
Kathy Gallagher, Chair
The Rotary Foundation Committee, District 6360

D6360 InterAct Clubs' Service Project – requests your help!

Attention: there is still time to donate grooming items to the Interact Clubs service project.



This coming spring, the District Interact Clubs will be participating in a service project that supports veterans. The clubs will be gathering at the Interact District Conference on March 14, 2026, and the conference theme is "Together We Serve."

The students would like to pack Veteran bags for one of their projects at their conference. Please help them help the Battle Creek Veteran Hospital by saving the following:

- Men's Body Wash/Deodorant
- Men's Razors
- Dental Floss/Sticks
- Small packets of tissues
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Non-alcohol Mouth Wash only
- Ink Pens

Please give the items to your club's InterAct Chair, who will bring your donations to the conference, or if you don't have an InterAct Club and would like to donate, please contact Kim Lewis at [Kim's email](#).



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards | July 17–19

Rotary
District 6360

RYLA

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) | July 17–19, 2026

Registration is [OPEN](#) | [RYLA 2026 Brochure](#)

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Watch the RYLA video ↗

[Read More](#)


Cheryl Metiva, Rotary Club of Alaska, named RI President's Representative

We are excited to announce that Cheryl Metiva (Alaska Rotary) has been named as Rotary International President's Representative. Cheryl was the 2021-2022 Governor of District 5010, and is currently the Zone 28 Public Image Coordinator. Cheryl will also be joining us at DisCon '26 at the Carousel.



To learn more about the role and responsibilities of the President's Representative, click [here](#).

Plainwell Rotary Spring Fundraiser



Plainwell Rotary

SPRING FUNDRAISING DINNER

Join the Plainwell Rotary Club for a night of friendship, community, and generosity while raising money for our scholarship that directly benefits Plainwell students.

Guest speaker
Jackie Huie
District Governor


Thursday, March 12th
Lake Doster Golf Club
116 Country Club Lane, Plainwell

Happy Hour at 5 PM
Dinner at 6 PM

\$35 per person
Cash Bar

Rotary
Club of Plainwell

Questions? Email
PlainwellRotary@gmail.com



Buy Tickets Here!

Buy Your Tickets by Thursday, March 5th!

Great Lakes President-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) — REGISTRATION OPEN!



REGISTER NOW

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Registration Information:
 Early registration is over. Please register today to avoid increased fees.
 Registration – \$350 — January 1, 2026, to February 28, 2026
 Late Registration — \$375 — March 1, 2026, to March 12, 2026

Note: RI's by-laws require mandatory PELS attendance for all presidents-elect. You cannot serve if you have not attended PELS. If you are unable to attend Great Lakes Rotary PELS, immediately contact your district governor-elect to make arrangements to attend another PELS in a different region. It may be a single district PELS or another multidistrict PELS in another state. It will be up to you to make those arrangements to meet the requirements of RI. Be aware, however, opting not to attend one's own PELS but instead attending a PELS elsewhere is a joint decision which must be made in concert with your governor-elect. All PELS, worldwide, generally take place during a six-week window that runs from mid-February through the end of March.

If you have a conflict and can't register for the GLRPELS event date, click [here](#) to learn more about alternative dates.

Learn more at www.glrpels.org

Charlotte Evening Rotary Club Purse Bingo Fundraiser

Charlotte Evening Rotary Club Presents
License Number: V11668

PURSE BINGO



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
5:00 PM**

**EATON AREA SENIOR CENTER
804 S COCHRAN AVE, CHARLOTTE, MI**

Dinner included Beverages for purchase

Enjoy 15 games with a designer bag for each win!



Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code, in person at The Thirsty Bird or visiting online at <https://shorturl.at/nb4ly>

COACH — MICHAEL KORS — WRANGLER — KATE SPADE

South Haven sled race

South Haven Places in Sled Race
Submitted by SH Rotary President Amy Nichols





South Haven Rotary was proud to enter the cardboard sled race as part of South Haven's annual Icebreaker Festival!

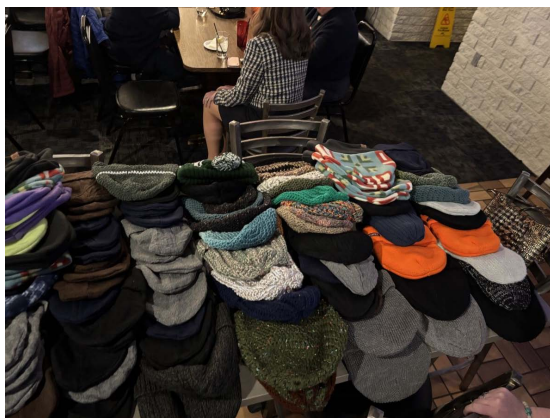
It was our first time entering the contest, and thankfully the weather cooperated! Captain Dave Flack and First Mate Kirk Wiley represented the club well!

We took second place in the cheer-leading section as well!

St. Joe Benton Harbor Rotary Donates Hats

Submitted by Club President Renee Borah

Our Rotary Crochet/Knitting group, with the help of friends, knitted, and bought, a total of 108 hats for the Salvation Army.

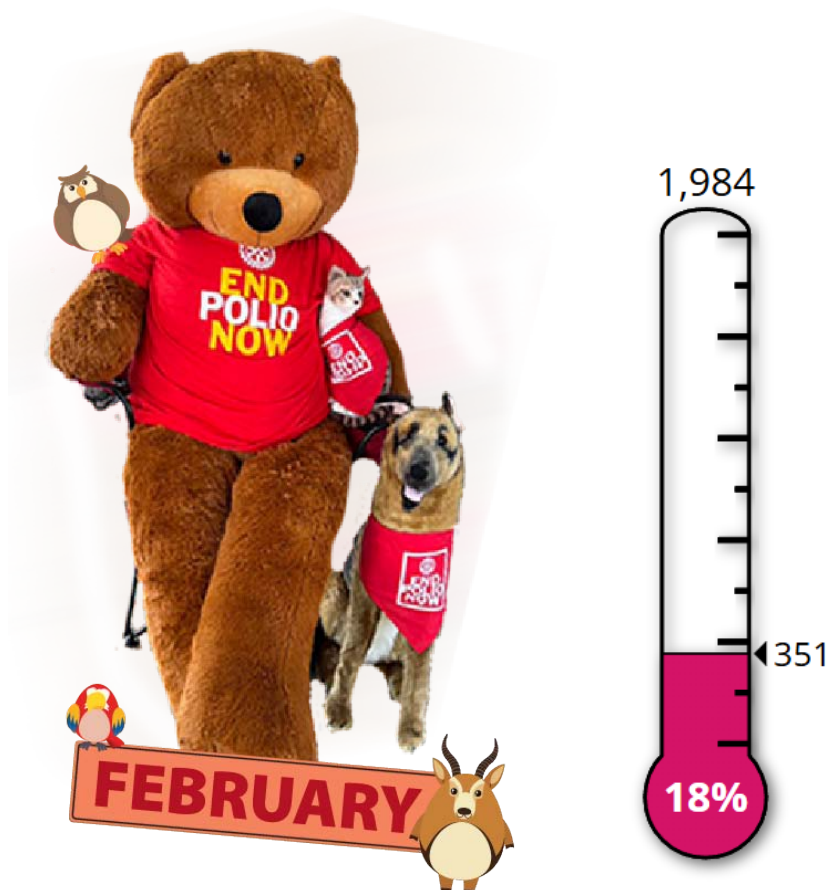


South Haven Celebrates 70th Year!



Members of the Rotary Club of South Haven recently marked their 70th year of service to the community. The club was chartered on February 7, 1956. Today the club has 63 active members. Supporting projects locally and internationally, the club has the distinction of 100% of its membership being financial contributors to Rotary International worldwide projects. In a typical year, the club contributes approximately \$75,000 to local causes in addition to conducting several service projects. The club meets every Tuesday. A formal celebration of the 70th anniversary will take place in May. Visit their website at southavenrotary.org

PolioPlus Monthly Challenge - February results



Giving to Eradicate Polio



District 6360 Polio Eradication Chair, PDG Ed Foster and "Foster" the Polio Bear

Dear Rotarians,

First, I want to thank all the 351 members of District 6360 who have made a commitment to eradicate polio. Please know that your gift of \$100/year is greatly appreciated.

Recently, I heard that a club president made the comment that we no longer need to continue to give to Polio as it is almost gone. While it is true that it is almost gone. We still need to continue to give and support the mission of Rotary to eradicate polio completely. As of February 25, 2026, there have been no diagnosed cases of polio since January 1, 2026. At this same time last year, there were a total of 7 cases confirmed in the world. There were 6 cases in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan.

We must continue supporting contributions to Polio. What most people don't understand is that these two countries will have to go three years without a single case of polio before it is considered no longer endemic. It is estimated that Rotary will have to continue to immunize 420,000,000 children per year for three years. Right now, it costs \$3 to completely immunize one child.

For those members who have not made the commitment to give \$100 per year until Polio is declared eradicated, please consider doing so. All it takes is to fill out the form, and you can put it on your credit card to have an amount taken out automatically monthly, quarterly or annually.

Please remember that this contribution does count towards the \$1000 needed to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

Our District Governor Jackie's goal is to have half the members in the District make that commitment. Right now, we are at 36% of her goal. If we reach her goal, which would basically be 1000 members, that will mean \$10,000 and, with the Gates Foundation match, that becomes \$30,000, which would save 10,000 lives.

Please consider making that commitment by filling out the form that Gwen has attached to the newsletter. Then contact me at ed@fosterdvm.com or 517-230-7998 and I will make sure you get a certificate and a PolioPlus label pin.

Let's Make History



Rotary Direct

Rotary's recurring giving program



Doing good just got easier!

Enroll online at www.endpolio.org/donate

Mail: Rotary Direct FD420
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA

Email: rotarydirect@rotary.org
Fax: +1-847-556-2160
Phone: +1-866-976-8279

Please call or email to modify your existing Rotary Direct contributions.



Scan to contribute

Rotary Direct saves...

- Time — Sign up once to give continuous support
- Money — Lower administration costs means more money for programs
- Lives — Give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world

Efficient
Contributions go directly to The Rotary Foundation, resulting in faster processing and achievement of your club and personal charitable goals.

Convenient and Secure
Minimize work for you and your club's leadership by setting your own schedule of contributions that count toward the PolioPlus Society and Major Donor recognition.

Recognition
Your District will recognize your gift with a PolioPlus Pin and Certificate of Membership.

Yes! I will enroll in Rotary Direct.

Name _____

Rotary membership ID _____

Club name _____

Club number _____

Billing address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Gift Designation
 PolioPlus Fund

Recurring gift amount (MINIMUM US \$100)
 \$25 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Currency (if not US\$) _____

Frequency
 Monthly Quarterly Annually (specify month) _____

Credit or debit card
 Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Card number

Expiration / CVN

Signature _____

Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law.



Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Yours in Rotary,
District 6360 Polio Eradication Chair. PDG Ed Foster

Dowagiac Club Hosts Family & Friends Night



ROTARY CLUB OF DOWAGIAC

Family and Friends Night
"Honoring Our Community's First Responders"
April 23, 2026
SMC Mathews Conference Center 6:00—8:30 p.m.



"Leading Through Crisis: Diverse Teams Conquer!"

Featuring **Re:red**, Senior Special Agent David Enos*
41 Years of Law Enforcement Leadership
Bronze Star Recipient

Re:red, Senior Special Agent David Enos. U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General. Also re:red Chief Warrant Officer Three from US Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Dave has had an extremely unique, distinguished law enforcement career serving for over forty years in law enforcement organizations at the local, state, and military levels. Further recognition and positions include:

- Bronze Star Recipient—Operation Enduring Freedom
- Federal Liaison and Executive Board Member, Internal Affairs National Investigators Association (17+ years)
- Chair, Federal Law Enforcement Internal Affairs Working Group Special Agent in Charge, US Army CID
- Operations Officer, DOD Criminal Investigative Task Force (Specialized Unit—Global War on Terror)
- Conducted/Led LE operations—47 of 50 States, 10 countries

SA Enos' stories, perspectives, and insights gleaned from years of service in challenging posts and positions deliver a message relevant, practical, and inspirational to people of all ages and from all walks of life. Please join us!

To purchase tickets, contact: Barbara.groner@gmail.com or 269-782-6262 before April 15, 2026.

Appetizers, salad, buffet dinner with meat and vegetarian options, beverage: \$40.00. Cash bar available.

*The Presenter is volunteering his time to further inspire current and future Dowagiac Community leaders.

Rotary provides no benefit, reimbursement or honorarium. This dinner meeting is a club service project, not a fundraiser.

Marshall Rotary - Strategic Planning Journey

Story submitted by Club President Shannon Aikins





Marshall Rotarians during Strategic Planning

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Rotarians of the Marshall Rotary Club began the challenging work of developing a three-year strategic plan to ensure longevity. According to club president Shannon Aikins, "by establishing effective short and long-term goals, clear and concise outcomes, and developing a vibrant and diverse membership growth program through this plan, we are laying the groundwork for being actively engaged in our community for another century." The Marshall Rotary Club is currently in its 102nd year of service in Marshall.

The club is working under the guidance of District 6360 Vision Facilitation Committee member Maria Davis, and Chair Don Sovey, who stated, "when a Rotary club embarks on the District 6360 Strategic Planning process, it opens up many new doors for member engagement and satisfaction with Rotary work. The District Vision Team has observed this many times as we have facilitated club strategic planning."

"Rotary International's research shows that clubs that develop and follow strategic plans are stronger than clubs that don't, with members who are more satisfied and who view their clubs and Rotary more positively overall."

The Marshall club will meet again on Tuesday, March 3rd to finalize the plan, which includes new mission and vision statements, and will immediately begin its implementation once complete.

"Rotarians are recognized as People of Action, with Rotarians seeing opportunities for improvement, taking action to address challenges, and fostering collaboration, and our club intends to continue that call in Marshall for many years to come," said Aikins.

Rotary's District 6360 Vision Team has completed ten written strategic plans since starting work two years ago. Please visit your club's Assistant Governor to see how your club can unlock the magic of the strategic planning process and a new vision. You may also contact Donald Sovey at donsovey@gmail.com for more information.

Risk Management Information

Risk Management

The U.S. Rotary Club & District Liability Insurance Program (U.S. Club Program) provides all U.S. Rotary clubs, districts, and Rotaract clubs with commercial general liability and directors & officers/employment practices liability insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions.

Dear Club Officers and Officers-Elect,

Planning a Rotary event is a chance to bring people together, make a difference, and showcase your club's spirit. Incorporating risk management practices into your planning helps protect your guests and your club while keeping the event enjoyable and secure.

As you plan upcoming events, please review these essential safety and loss prevention strategies to help protect your club, members, and guests.

Please share this information with your Event Chairs and Planning Committees.

Contracts & Agreements

Always use written contracts for venues, vendors, and service providers.

Review all contracts carefully before signing. Negotiate unfavorable terms and ensure your club's interests are protected.

Pay special attention to indemnification clauses and insurance requirements—vendors should carry appropriate insurance.

For guidance, visit the Insurance Portal's Loss Prevention Strategies section and review this [video](#).

Need a Certificate of Insurance? Watch this [video](#).

Waivers & Releases

Require signed waiver and release agreements for participants and volunteers actively involved in events (e.g., walks, runs, clean-ups).

Waivers should clearly explain event risks and release your club, foundation, and organizers from liability.

Consult a legal professional for drafting waivers. Sample waivers are available on the Insurance Portal.

Volunteer Safety

Train volunteers and confirm they understand their roles.

Provide necessary equipment (e.g., reflective vests for roadside cleanups).

Advise volunteers and members to carry their own health insurance—accident insurance is not provided by the U.S. Club Program.

If your club wishes to purchase accident insurance for an event, consult a local insurance professional.

Working with Youth

Review Rotary youth protection resources [here](#).

Insurance Questionnaire

Risk Management will be sending an insurance questionnaire to obtain information for insurers about club events, use of autos, and youth activities. A link will be sent to Club Presidents in the coming weeks.

U.S. Rotary Insurance Portal: Loss Prevention Strategies, sample waivers, contract best practices, and more

Website: <http://rotary.hylant.com/>

Username: [rotary1905](mailto:rotary1905@rotary.hylant.com)

Password: Rotary1905

For U.S. Rotary and Rotaract club and district use only. Please share within your club/district as needed, but do not post credentials publicly.

New! To request an Additional Insured Endorsement, submit an online request on the Insurance Portal. Questions? Contact Hylant at 419-259-2710 or rotary@hylant.com.

Thank you for your attention to these important details. We want your club's events to be safe, successful, and enjoyable!

Sincerely,

Rotary International Risk Management

Rotary International Risk Management
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Risk Manager
847-424-5394
insurance@rotary.org

Carol Dietz
Risk Management Senior Specialist
847-424-5245

Ann Berdahl
Claims & Insurance Manager
847-866-3125
claims@rotary.org

[One Rotary Center](#)
[1560 Sherman Ave](#)
[Evanston, IL 60201 USA](#)
[Rotary.org](#)

Rotary Peace Centers



Rotary Peace Centers
Training local leaders to be effective catalysts for peace

Help Rotary recruit peace and development leaders
Applications for the 2027 Rotary Peace Fellowships are open until 15 May.

Dear club presidents and district officers,

You can help promote peace in the world by encouraging peace and development leaders in your community to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. This year, Rotary awards up to 170 fully funded fellowships for peace-builders from diverse backgrounds to study at one of our peace centers located at leading universities around the world. The Rotary Foundation will select 50 peace fellows to study in our master's degree programs at six partner universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States and 120 fellows to participate in our professional development certificate programs at Makerere University in Uganda, Bahcesehir University in Türkiye, and the newest [Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University in India](#). Rotary Peace Fellows use their training to amplify their work at the local, regional, or global level. Together, we can advance peace by encouraging our local peace-builders to learn about Rotary and apply for this unique fellowship. Rotary and Rotaract members can help find candidates within their networks and community organizations. It's easy to use our referral form, so potential candidates can receive more information about applying.

Access promotional graphics

Use a variety of graphics to promote the Rotary Peace Fellowship within your clubs, communities, and networks. The images are available in different sizes and multiple languages and can be used in newsletters and on social media. You can provide a link to the Rotary Peace Fellowships [webpage](#) or directly to our [application](#).

Williamston Rotary Grant Success Story

Submitted by Club President-Elect Earl Wolf

Last year, the Williamston Rotary Club presented a \$2000 grant to Williamston Community Schools to purchase a new kiln for their art program. The art teacher and students mailed an update of the impact of the grant — notice the smiles!

Williamston High School Kiln Update:

A year later...



I wanted to take a moment to thank you again for your donation to purchase a new kiln for Williamston High School. It has been a year since it was installed and I wanted to share a few of the many creations that have been made ranging from pottery, to pinch pots, to keychain charms & magnets, to tic-tac-toe boards, and famous artist inspired projects. The top three students pictured won Art Student of the Month because of their amazing ceramic creations. None of this would have been possible without your generosity. A million thanks, Meagan Kubu and WHS Art Students

Fun With Ducks!

District 6360 has embraced the "Fun with Ducks" theme!



Marshall Rotary Club members waddle at their annual event.



DG Jackie always travels with a flock!



Portage Rotary Club President Jose Santamaria turns "ducky"



More ducks on display in Portage!

How are you having fun with ducks?

New Interact Club Announcement

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Fennville Pullman & Lakeshore
The Club has successfully sponsored the Interact Club of Fennville Public School.

Here is the announcement posted on their website:

Excited about our club sponsoring the new Interact Club with the [Fennville Public Schools](#)! Yesterday we had an information session with Kim Lewis and Margie Haas! We had 12 kids interested in being a part of the new club!

What is Interact Club with the Rotary, you may ask?

Interact Club is a Rotary International service organization for youth ages 12–18, focusing on leadership development and community service. Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, these student-led clubs require members to complete at least two service projects annually—one local and one international—promoting "Service Above Self".

Key Aspects of Interact Clubs:

Purpose: To develop leadership skills, foster international understanding, and make a tangible difference through community service.

Membership & Structure: Clubs are self-governing and self-supporting, often based in schools or local communities. They are sponsored by local Rotary clubs that provide guidance.

Activities: Projects include, but are not limited to, tutoring, environmental clean-ups, fundraising, and supporting international projects.

Benefits: Members gain leadership experience, build international connections, meet new people, and earn community service hours.

Global Reach: With over 13,000 clubs in 135+ countries, it is one of Rotary's fastest-growing programs.



INTERACT CLUB CERTIFICATION FORM

Interact is a club for young people ages 12 to 18 that empowers them to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Before certification, the Interact club must adopt the Standard Interact Club Constitution and Recommended Interact Club Bylaws. There is NO fee for certifying an Interact club.

To officially certify an Interact club:

1. Complete all required fields (marked with an asterisk) on this form. Please note, collecting email addresses is a vital part of Rotary's communication strategy. All information you submit is subject to Rotary's privacy policy.
2. Obtain the signatures of the sponsor club president(s), Interact adviser, and district governor. Rotary will not certify the club if any signature is missing.
3. Submit the completed form by email (interact@rotary.org), or by mail or fax to the appropriate Rotary International office.

Once Rotary receives your form, it may take up to six weeks to certify the club and prepare the certificate.

Rotary will email it to the sponsor club president(s) to sign and present to the new Interact club. Even before the official certificate arrives, members of the new Interact club — under the guidance of the sponsor club(s) — can meet, organize, and take action in the community.

INTERACT CLUB NAME AND GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

*Rotary district number 6360

*The name of this organization shall be the Interact Club of Fennville Public School

*Date of organization (day 12 month 2 year 2026)
(This is the date the club adopted the Standard Interact Club Constitution and club bylaws.)

*Interact club base (check one): School Community

*In what language does the Interact club prefer to receive correspondence? (check one):
 English French German Italian Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish

*City Fennville *State/Province MI *Country USA

Interact club email (Cannot be the same as any club member's email address) N/A

Interact club website N/A

INTERACT ADVISER INFORMATION

An Interact adviser may be a Rotarian, Rotaractor, a school faculty member, or another adult who works with the Interact club. Although several people may serve in this role, Rotary International requires only one person, to be reported as an adviser each Rotary year (1 July – 30 June).

Melissa Brower
*First name Middle name *Last/Family name

*Is the Interact adviser a Rotarian or Rotaractor? Yes No If yes, provide the membership ID number if known: N/A

*In what year(s) will this adviser serve? (check all that apply): Current Rotary year Next Rotary year
 Year following next Rotary year

*Interact adviser's email melissa@ladybugconnections.com
(Enter the email address associated with your My Rotary account or your individual email address. Do not use a shared or club email address.)

*City Fennville *State/Province MI *Country USA

*In what language does the Interact adviser prefer to receive correspondence? (check one):
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District Membership Report for February

Submitted by District Membership Chair Mike Huie

We are up to 70 net new members as of 3/1/2026

27/51 or 53% of clubs have net growth this year so far.

The top new clubs with new members.

Club ID	Club Name	1950 Member Count @ 1 July	2020 Member Count @ Current	70 Net Change from 1 July
2956	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16
2936	Kalamazoo	104	113	9
84323	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	59	65	6
2959	Sturgis	15	21	6

50738	Williamston	41	47	6
2914	Allegan	14	19	5
2952	Portage	64	69	5
2957	South Haven	60	65	5
24093	Coldwater Township Sunrise	61	65	4
224162	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	7	11	4
23072	Jackson-Breakfast	22	26	4
84123	Saugatuck-Douglas	42	46	4

Clubs with 10% net growth or higher.

Club ID	Club Name	1950 Member Count @ 1 July	2020 Member Count @ Current	70 Net Change from 1 July	
224162	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	7	11	4	57%
2959	Sturgis	15	21	6	40%
2914	Allegan	14	19	5	36%
28485	Paw Paw Area	11	14	3	27%
2956	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16	20%
23072	Jackson-Breakfast	22	26	4	18%
2951	Plainwell	11	13	2	18%
2935	Jonesville	19	22	3	16%
50738	Williamston	41	47	6	15%
2949	Otsego	14	16	2	14%
2958	South Lansing-Holt	16	18	2	13%
84323	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	59	65	6	10%
2918	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	30	33	3	10%
84123	Saugatuck-Douglas	42	46	4	10%

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Rotary International Convention Update



Click the image above to launch the video.

Become a Rotary convention first-timer — click [here](#) to learn more

Do it! Make Taipei your first [Rotary International Convention](#).

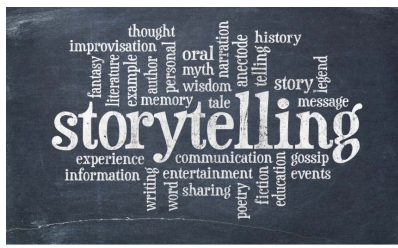
Unite for good with us at the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, 13–17 June 2026.

All RI events take place at [Farglory Dome](#) (Taipei Dome) and [Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center](#) (TaiNEX) unless otherwise indicated.

Learn about the Beyond Borders dinner in [READ MORE](#)

[Read More](#)

Public Image Learning Series — March



EFFECTIVE STORYTELLING Rotary District 6360

Unlock the power of your personal story at our upcoming event on April 2, 2026, at 7 PM, where we'll explore why storytelling is **critical** for expanding our club's reach and growing our membership. We're thrilled to welcome Louisa Horne, a dynamic leader and inspiring communicator, who will guide us in understanding how to craft and share our stories in ways that genuinely connect and inspire others. Whether you're a longtime member or new to our community, this conversation will equip you with practical insights to elevate your impact and help our clubs thrive. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Louisa and strengthen your voice—register today and join us for a powerful evening of connection and growth!

Register [here](#) for April's Public Image Zoom Meeting.

Learn more about Louisa Horne and her leadership — click [here](#).

Membership Growth for February

Club Membership Growth

Submitted by Mike Gallagher

District 6360 Club Growth 2025/2026 + 68

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2025	Members Feb 28, 2026	Net Change
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo and Satellite	104	113	9
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	59	65	6
Rotary Club	Sturgis	15	21	6
Rotary Club	Williamston	41	47	6
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	19	5
Rotary Club	Portage	64	69	5
Rotary Club	South Haven	60	65	5
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	61	65	4
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	7	11	4
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	22	26	4
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	42	46	4
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	53	56	3
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	30	33	3
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	39	42	3
Rotary Club	Hastings	73	76	3
Rotary Club	Jonesville	19	22	3
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	14	3
Rotary Club	Otsego	14	16	2
Rotary Club	Plainwell	11	13	2
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	16	18	2
Rotary Club	Delton Area	53	54	1
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	32	33	1
Rotary Club	Marshall	53	54	1
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	11	12	1
Rotary Club	Vicksburg + Vicksburg Impact	35	36	1
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	39	39	0
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	36	36	0
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	31	31	0
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	42	42	0
Rotary Club	Greater Niles	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Litchfield	9	9	0
Rotary Club	Mason	37	37	0
Rotary Club	Oshtemo	16	16	0
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Albion	46	45	(1)
Rotary Club	Climax	24	23	(1)
Rotary Club	Constantine	9	8	(1)
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	59	58	(1)
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	38	37	(1)
Rotary Club	Jackson	32	31	(1)
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	34	33	(1)
Rotary Club	Middleville	30	29	(1)
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	53	52	(1)
Rotary Club	Union City	23	22	(1)
Rotary Club	Lansing	148	146	(2)
Rotary Club	Charlotte	71	68	(3)
Rotary Club	Charlotte Evening	24	21	(3)
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	28	24	(4)
Rotary Club	Ionia	15	9	(6)
Rotary Club	East Lansing	36	29	(7)
TOTAL ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS		1950	2018	68

WE HAVE 10 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS THIS MONTH!

Student Exchange Program Applications now accepted



District 6360 is accepting student applications for the summer 2026 Short Term Exchange Programs (STEP) from December 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026, with an application last chance deadline of March 31, 2026, pending program availability.

WHAT IS STEP?

A low-cost, competitive, multicultural exchange program where eligible students 13 to 18 years old attend a life-changing, peace-building cultural program in one

of more than 50 countries. We vet and approve SW MI high school students, and match them to a camp or family-to-family exchange in their geographical and cultural area of interest.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

If you are interested in learning about another country's culture, gaining self-confidence, and making life-long friends around the world, applying to one of next summer's many STEP programs may be the fun, growth experience you're looking for.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, click [here](#).
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Gwen's Pen - March



This month in "Gwen's Pen" — PrePELS Thoughts

We successfully made it through another PrePELS season (hosted by DG Elect Tim Lee.) If you haven't been privy to the multitude of Pmails I sent out promoting these gatherings, let me break it down for you.

Five PrePELS learning sessions in three weeks scattered across the District. Over 50 President-Elects, President Nominees, Assistant Governors, and Facilitators were in attendance! For me, that experience was about meeting a lot of new faces, learning great information about Rotary and PEELS (and if you haven't already — register [here](#)) and driving over 870 miles to join the group!

Here are my three takeaways:

Rotary has some passionate, committed, and amazingly skilled President-Elects and President Nominees; we should all be grateful for their leadership service!

PELS is going to be a great opportunity to learn and network; the presenters and speakers will leave you inspired and motivated!

DG Elect Tim is energized for his new District Governor role coming this summer!

"Bark like a big dog." If you know, you know!

One thing I have learned this past year, being a new Rotarian — is that Rotary is focused on training and providing resources to assist clubs to succeed. My advice: take advantage of all these learning opportunities. Look for future events in the DACdb calendar and sign up to participate!

Hang in there, my friends, Spring is coming!



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Contact me if you have any questions about my stories. I am here to help you!

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How to submit newsletter stories

District newsletters are intended to be published on the first of each month; except holidays.

If you have an item you'd like to submit for the newsletter, please submit it at least three days prior to the publication date. Submissions should be sent to:

RotaryDistrict6360@gmail.com

We welcome graphics! Please make sure that the graphics are in the PNG, or GIF format.

All word documents or PDFs need to be converted to PNG or JPG formats.

If you need to convert a document or file, visit a website like Canva to utilize free file converters. Click [here](#) to open Canva.

Please note: do not email photos or graphics directly from your smartphone. There is hidden metadata (EXIF which affects orientation data) that does not convert easily without time and effort on my part. Please save the photo images to your laptop and send them as a jpg.

Items can be news from your club, projects, events, and fun things!
Thanks for helping make our District newsletter entertaining and newsworthy!

Events

March 5th, 3:30-4:00 PM

[DG/DAA Monthly Zoom meetings](#)

March 7th, 9:00-10:00 AM

[AG Monthly Zoom Meeting \(DG Line invited\)](#)

March 11th, 7:00-8:30 PM

[District Grant Management Seminar](#)

March 5th, 4:00-5:00 PM

[DG Line/DAA Monthly Meeting](#)

March 7th, 6:00-7:00 PM

[Fennville Pullman and the Lakeshore Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser](#)

March 12th, 11:00-12:00 PM

[DCO Monthly Meeting](#)

March 12th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Public Image Open Office Hours

March 14th, 9:00-2:00 PM

Interact Conference for Students Registration Opens January 25th

March 19th, 9:00-11:30 PM

GLRPELS Hospitality Room

March 20th, 9:00-11:30 PM

GLRPELS Hospitality Room

March 21st, 1:30-2:30 PM

District Board Meeting in person

March 28th, 9:00-12:00 PM

D6360 Quarterly Board Meeting & Leadership Team Meeting

District Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict6360>

March 12th, 7:00-8:00 PM

President-Elect Monthly Zoom Meeting

March 19th, 1:00-9:00 PM

Great Lakes Rotary PELS — Day 1

March 20th, 7:00-8:00 PM

Great Lakes Rotary PELS — Day 2

March 21st, 7:00-1:30 PM

Great Lakes Rotary PELS — Day 3

March 28th, 9:00-12:00 PM

District Board and Staff Zoom Meeting

District website <https://www.district6360.com/>