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District Newsletter 2025-26 | Jackie Huie, Governor

Southwest Michigan, USA

Wednesday,
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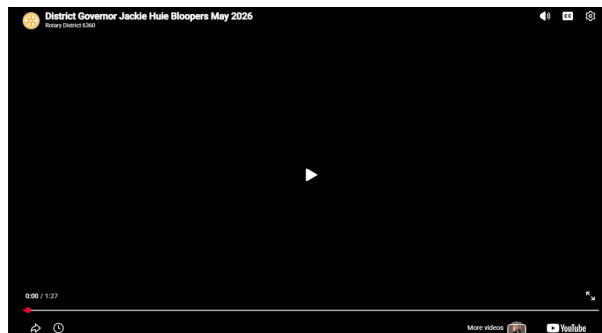
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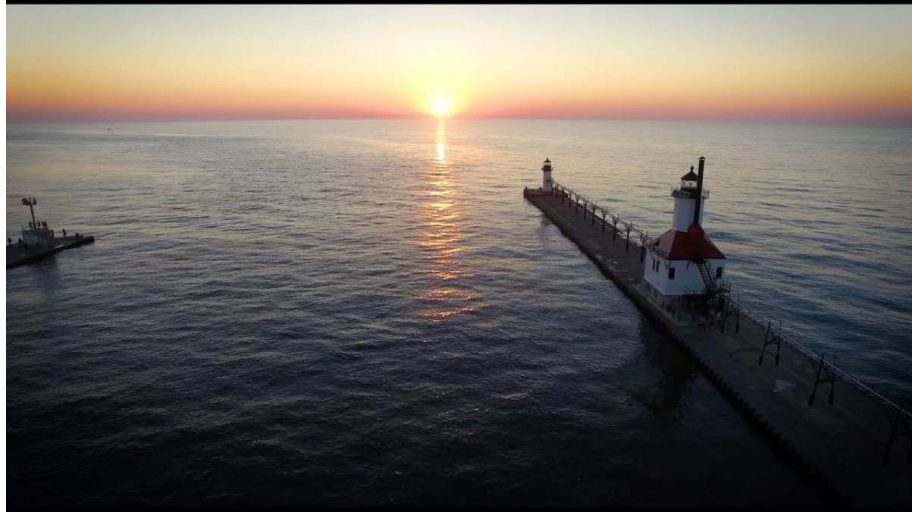


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District Conference 2026 | Updates



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Silver Beach Carousel in St. Joseph, Michigan



Featured Speakers | Friday and Saturday | May 15-16 | St. Joseph, Michigan USA



Jackie Huie
District 6360 Governor
Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor
Michigan, USA



Cheryl Metiva
Rotary International President's Representative
Rotary Club of Sustina, Wasilla, Alaska USA | District 5010



Louisa Horne
Zone 28 Innovative Club Advocate
Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour
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Inspirational Speaker • Author • Entrepreneur • Former Pro Athlete



Brenda M. Cressey
Rotary Club of Ogunquit, Maine, USA
Rotary International Foundation



Rene Borah
Rotary Club of St Joseph and Benton Harbor
Michigan, USA



Riya Katial
Founder GLOW (Girls Lead Our World)
Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA



Troy Thrash
Rotary Club of Kalamazoo
Michigan, USA



Sandy Bliesener
Rotary Club of Kalamazoo
Michigan, USA



Carolina Miota
Kalamazoo
Rotaract
Michigan, USA



Alan Mallory
Rotary Club of Barrie, ON, Canada (current club director)



Taylor Huie
Rotary Club of Kalamazoo
Michigan, USA



Brian Campbell
Rotary Club of St Joseph and Benton Harbor



Dana Riley
Rotary Club of St Joseph and Benton Harbor
Michigan, USA



Kathy Gallagher
Rotary Club of Battle Creek
Michigan, USA



Mike Hanley
Rotary Club of St Joseph and Benton Harbor
Michigan, USA



Brian Penny
"HALF Magician... HALF Comedian equals a WHOLE lot of Fun!"



Leslie Behm
Rotary Club of Mason
Michigan, USA



Julie Elmore
Rotary Club of Cereal City Sunrise
Battle Creek
Michigan, USA

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY MAY 15

6:00 am – 7:00 am	Crazy Costume Plunge on the Shores of Lake Michigan	Dana Riley – <i>Optional Activity</i>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration and Attendee Check-in Open	All sessions at the Carousel-Shadowland Ballroom unless noted
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Peace Pole Dedication	Renee Borah – <i>Optional Activity</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome and Introductions	Taylor Huie and Kathy Gallagher
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Opening Remarks	District Governor, Jackie Huie
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Silver Beach and the Carousel History	Rhiannon Cizon
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Visit House of Friendship, Carousel and Silent Auction	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Troy Thrash
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Welcome and Brief Comments	DG Jackie and President's Rep
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	"Creativity in Membership"	Louisa Horne
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Assistant Governors on Clubs (Video)	Louisa Horne
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Year In Review	DG Jackie Huie
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	The Years Ahead	Tim Lee, Chris Lewis, Mike Huie
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Club Milestone Awards (Arch Klumph)	Troy Thrash
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Break & Happy Hour	Brian Penny - Magic
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	"Choosing Love"	Chris Singleton
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Break	
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Club Hero Celebration	DG Jackie Huie, President's Rep and Assistant Governors

SATURDAY MAY 16

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration and Attendee Check-in Open	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Annual Meeting	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Rotary Legacy Celebration	Julie Elmore
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am – 12:00 noon	The Heart of Rotary – Touching Lives, Inspiring Communities	Brenda Cressey
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	"Ascending Personal Summits"	Alan Mallory
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Multi-Generational Panel	Riya Katal and Panel
2:45 pm – 2:55 pm	Environmental Committee Update & Epic Day of Service	Sandy Bliesener
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Free Time: Wine Tour/Poker Run	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Happy Hour Reception	
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner	
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Governor Awards	
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Live Auction	

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GIFT BASKETS & SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds to Benefit PolioPlus



Wine Tasting
(visit a winery)

CRAZY COSTUME PLUNGE

On the Shore of Lake Michigan



Located next to Silver Beach (we have tickets!)

DOWNTOWN Shopping



DOWNTOWN Poker Run Contest



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Rotary District 6360 Conference 2026 - Michigan, USA • <http://www.district6360.com/> 5 MAY 2026 | 3 of 3

Click [here](#) to register

If you have already registered and can volunteer time during the conference, please contact Gwen: rotarydistrict6360@gmail.com. Or show up at the registration desk and ask how you can help!

To learn about hotel options go to READ MORE below. Note: Rooms are still available at the Boulevard Inn.

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

[Read More](#)

Membership Growth April 26

Submitted by AG Mike Gallagher

District 6360 Club Growth 2025/2026 + 97

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2025	Members May 1, 2026	Net Change
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	100	20
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo and Satellite	104	118	14
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	59	67	8
Rotary Club	Sturgis	15	22	7
Rotary Club	Williamston	41	48	7
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	19	5
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	7	12	5
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	39	44	5
Rotary Club	Portage	64	69	5
Rotary Club	South Haven	60	65	5
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	53	57	4
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	30	34	4
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	61	65	4
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	22	26	4
Rotary Club	Saugaluck-Douglas	42	46	4
Rotary Club	Delton Area	53	56	3
Rotary Club	Hastings	73	76	3
Rotary Club	Jonesville	19	22	3
Rotary Club	Mason	37	40	3
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	14	3
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	16	19	3
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	31	33	2
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	32	34	2
Rotary Club	Marshall	53	55	2
Rotary Club	Otsego	14	16	2
Rotary Club	Plainwell	11	13	2
Rotary Club	Union City	23	25	2
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	11	12	1
Rotary Club	Vicksburg + Vicksburg Impact	35	36	1
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	36	36	0
Rotary Club	Constantine	9	9	0
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	42	42	0
Rotary Club	Greater Niles	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Jackson	32	32	0
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	34	34	0
Rotary Club	Litchfield	9	9	0
Rotary Club	Middleville	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Oshkemo	16	16	0
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Albion	46	45	(1)
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	39	38	(1)
Rotary Club	Climax	24	23	(1)
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	59	58	(1)
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	38	37	(1)
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	53	52	(1)
Rotary Club	Charlotte Evening	24	21	(3)
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	28	25	(3)
Rotary Club	Charlotte	71	67	(4)
Rotary Club	Lansing	148	144	(4)
Rotary Club	Ionia	15	10	(5)
Rotary Club	East Lansing	36	25	(11)
TOTAL ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS		1950	2047	97

We are "THIS CLOSE" to 100 new members!

District Recognition Points Challenge

Submitted by District Rotary Foundation Chair Kathy Gallagher

Scan QR code
to sign up
for Rotary
Direct online.



District 6360 Recognition Points Challenge... Now Through May 19!

It's time to take advantage of the matching points program! District 6360 will **match** donations to the Annual Fund SHARE of at least \$100 with an equal number of Foundation Recognition Points. The maximum match is 500 points. More Rotarians will either earn their Paul Harris Fellow or be closer to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow!

The Rotary Foundation has made it very easy: Join Rotary Direct today and sign up to contribute monthly, quarterly or a one-time gift. Scan the QR code or login to my.rotary.org/en/donate.

We do the rest!

Remember – the challenge ends May19th!

Questions? Email [Teresa Brandell](mailto:Teresa.Brandell) or [Kathy Gallagher](mailto:Kathy.Gallagher)

East Lansing Rotary Award

Submitted by East Lansing Rotary Club Rotary Foundation Chair Joe Osypczuk

Our East Lansing Rotary Club has received this framed award from the Rotary Club Dnipro City for our help with the humanitarian efforts that Ody Norkin has been working on for the past couple of years. I thought this should be shared with all of you, many who have supported the efforts of Ody Norkin. To read more about this project, click [here](#).



Dear Aaron Martin Thornburg and Family,

Dear Members of the Rotary Club of East Lansing,

Dear Marco Katz of the Zionist Association of Romania,

On behalf of the MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT ENTERPRISE OF THE KAMIANSKE CITY COUNCIL "City Hospital No. 9" and our Rotary partners, we express our sincere gratitude for your generous support and dedication to the project of purchasing an ambulance for our hospital and for the benefit of the community.

Thanks to your leadership, compassion, and commitment, this project has been successfully implemented. The ambulance you provided will significantly improve the delivery of medical care and help save the lives of the residents of Kamianske, especially during these challenging times.

We are deeply thankful to Aaron and his family, to Marco Katz and the Zionist Association of Romania, as well as to all members of the Rotary Club of East Lansing, for your solidarity, kindness, and belief in the power of Service Above Self.

With warm appreciation and respect,
Administration of MNE KCC "City Hospital No. 9"
Rotary Club "Dnipro City"

Ukraine, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, city of Kamianske
February 2, 2026



Public Image Drop In Open Office Hour



Join PDE and Public Image Chair Chris Lewis for a one-on-one drop-in session to discuss your Rotary Public Image needs. These are virtual events.

May 14, 2026 12:00PM-1:00PM click [here](#)

June 11, 2026 12:00PM-1:00PM click [here](#)

Bring any questions that you have about how to improve/enhance public image in your club!

Interact Conference Follow Up

thank you

Thank you, District 6360
Interactors and Rotarians, for all
coming out and supporting this
year's conference. We deeply
appreciate all of the feedback we
have received and are excited to
make it bigger and better next year.

We reached our goal in vet packs
that we were able to send out, and
we are grateful for all of the
donations from the various clubs.

Sincerely,
Carisa Rosenberger
District 6360 Interact Council President





Rotary District 6360 Foundation Treasurer Rick Merrill presents Rotary District 6360 Foundation's first Tornado Relief Grant check for \$15,000 to Union City Rotary President, Paula DeJongh and Union City Rotary Disaster Coordinator, Joni Manchester.

To date, contributions totaling \$55,468 have been given to the Foundation's Tornado Relief Fund to benefit Edwardburg, Three Rivers and Union City in their cleanup and recovery efforts.

To learn more about the Rotary District 6360 Foundation, click [here](#).

Rotary Club of Sturgis - Scholarship Drive

Submitted by Cathy Jo Matteson

"Would you like to support local high school graduates pursuing higher education?
Scan the sponsor QR code or contact [Cathy Jo Matteson](#) to learn more."

2026 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

Rotary Merit Scholarships assist students in pursuing a 4-year degree. Applicants are reviewed by our Sturgis Area Foundation Committee and must meet Rotary academic, leadership and community service standards to receive an award, with funds paid directly to the school the student will be attending. Graduates from Sturgis, Centreville, Mendon, Burr Oak and other surrounding high schools in St. Joseph County not represented by another Rotary club are eligible to apply.

Support Youth Leaders and Become a Sponsor Today!

Valedictorian – \$10,000

- Summa Cum Laude sponsor benefits, plus
- PR key sponsor recognition on WBET & other local radio stations leading up to 9/29/26 Sponsor Celebration
- 5-min keynote presentation at event

Summa Cum Laude – \$5,000

- Magna Cum Laude sponsor benefits, plus
- PR recognition on Sturgis Rotary Facebook & SW MI Rotary newsletter 3+ times

Magna Cum Laude - \$1,000 to \$4,999

- Cum Laude sponsor benefits, plus
- One 8' table company promo display
- Presentation slide at Sponsor Celebration dinner

Cum Laude - \$500 to \$999

- Sponsor Celebration program recognition
- Four sponsor dinner tickets

Honors - \$100 to \$499

- Sponsor Celebration program recognition
- One sponsor dinner ticket for \$100 sponsor level; two tickets for \$250 couples sponsor level



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Interact Advisor Announcement



Attention High School Interact Advisors!

The District 6360 Interact advisory council is seeking new members for next year's council. Please send your nominees to [Kim Lewis](#). We'd like you to join us for another awesome year with lots of fun for the youth!

Delton Rotary Gala — Hollywood and Horsepower

Submitted by Club Public Image Chair Wyoma Smith



Speaker Joe Dittmar held everyone spellbound with his story of survival.

On April 16, 2026, the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation and Delton Area Rotary Club co-sponsored the annual Spring Gala, Hollywood and Horsepower. The event was held at the Gilmore Car Museum located in Hickory Corners. Leading into the event, we faced many uncertainties due to the tornado that went through Hickory Corners, causing massive power outages. The Gilmore was impacted. The day of the event started off with more rain and high winds, causing additional power restoration delays. However, we never lost hope and all of us kept executing our plans to make sure every last detail was correct, and all attendees could enjoy a beautiful event.

Our guest speaker, Joe Dittmar, delivered a powerful and moving speech about his evacuation from the South Tower on September 11. All attendees (more than 160) were held spellbound as he recounted how he made it out of the building to safety. To quote Joe, "Stick to the Plan!"

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Rotary International Convention — Join us in Taipei



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Breakout sessions are your one-stop shop for in-depth learning, inspiration, and networking at the [Rotary International Convention](#) 13-17 June in Taipei, Taiwan. Robin Hollingsworth, of the Rotary Club of Franklin, Kentucky, said last year at her first convention that the sessions hook people and make them convention regulars. "You'll have to keep coming for the number of workshops alone and their quality and magnitude."

To learn more about Breakout Sessions, click [here](#)
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](#)

Bikes for Malawi: Pedaling from Poverty to Prosperity

Story submitted by Williamston Rotary Club International Service Committee member Raj Wiener

Bikes for Malawi: Pedaling from Poverty to Prosperity



Because a bicycle can change a student's life, and distance should never prevent a child from receiving an education.

EVERY CLUB CAN BUY A BIKE!

The Rotary Club of Williamston is launching Bikes for Malawi, an initiative designed to improve educational access and outcomes for children in Malawi by providing durable bicycles called Buffalo Bike from World Bicycle Relief to students who live far from school.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and limiting access to education significantly hinders its development. Only 15 percent of children – and just 7 percent of girls – complete secondary school. For many students the long and unsafe journey to school, sometimes as long as 3 hours on foot, is a major barrier. A bicycle can be the difference between attending school and dropping out.

Additionally, increasing educational attainment will benefit Malawi as a whole and the bicycles are assembled in Malawi benefitting the local economy

This project follows a successful model created by Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary Club, in partnership with Warm Hearts Foundation and Rotary Club of Lilongwe.

Every District 6360 Club can be part of this by purchasing one additional bike at a cost of \$180 per bike and \$20 for shipping. More details on **HOW TO PARTICIPATE** are in the letter from District International Service Committee. [appeal letter](#). Here's a brief video from District Leadership Committee meeting <https://youtu.be/RPe5XZetTVs>.

Rotary Club of Williamston has appropriated \$2500, PLUS 18 additional enthusiastic club members would like to participate by purchasing a bike!!!! Additionally, Williamston is preparing an application for a matching \$2500 Sandelin Grant.

AND, if all 52 clubs in District 6360 were to purchase just one bike, then think how many more kids could be lifted onto a successful ride for their education! Perhaps enthusiastic bikers and Rotarians in your area would like to be part of Rotary and Bikes for Malawi!

For the Appeal letter link,, click [here](#). For the District Leadership Committee Meeting link click [here](#).

Battle Creek Club — 25 Projects within reach

Submitted by Club President Charles Asher

Rotary Club of Battle Creek: 25 Service Projects Within Reach

The Rotary Club of Battle Creek is celebrating another outstanding year of service, culminating in a wide array of local initiatives that will bring the 2025–26 Rotary year across the finish line with a flourish.

We are on track to complete **25 service projects** benefiting the environment, family nutrition, education, disaster relief, and numerous local organizations. These partnerships include support for the Food Bank of South Michigan, Battle Creek Habitat for Humanity, Pulse, BC Pride, the Charitable Union, the Salvation Army, Leila Arboretum Society, Binder Park Zoo, the Early Childhood Collaborative, and the Arc of Calhoun County.

At the same time, the club continues its international commitment through planning support for rural education initiatives in India and ongoing participation in Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio.

This remarkable level of activity has significantly increased the club's visibility. To date, **19 local media stories** highlighting Rotary service have been published, including two front-page features in the *Battle Creek Enquirer*. Not coincidentally, club membership is growing.

Each year we build upon the success of the previous one — and the momentum is clear. **The 2026–27 Rotary year promises to be even greater.**



Rotary Club of Gull Lake continues training

Submitted by Club Mental Health and Wellness Committee Chair Cathy Knauf



14 Gull Lake Area Rotary club members recently took part in CPR training at the Richland Fire Station.

Our club continues to prioritize mental health and has actively participated in 4 training sessions over the past 4 years, which have included:
Mental Health First Aid,
Suicide Prevention,
Naloxone (Narcan)/ overdose training & this year, CPR.

A special thanks to Fire Chief Luedecking, & Don, Zack & Josiah of the Richland Township fire department for updating us on proper procedure and providing this important & useful training. We are better prepared to help in emergency situations if the need ever arises.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards | July 17–19

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RYLA

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

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

Deadline is May 31, 2026. The cost is \$300 per camper. Additional details, including a registration packet, are available [here](#)

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Congratulations Williamston Sunrise Rotary Satellite Volunteer Services Committee

Submitted by District 6360 Environmental Action Team Member John Bollman,
and Club Member Alexandria Fulton



Photo courtesy of redcedarriver.org

State Designation of the Red Cedar River Water Trail

We did it! The Red Cedar River Water Trail has been designated a state trail. This was our ultimate goal when we first decided to develop the Red Cedar River Water Trail and bring a recreational resource to our region.

Thanks to the Satellite Committee for originally spearheading this project and to the Williamston Rotary for supporting it. Thanks also to the many partners we brought together, including the City of Williamston, Williamstown Township, Meridian Township, Michigan State University, Lansing Parks and Recreation, the Tri-County Planning Commission, the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds, the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club, the Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club, and the Scouts. Thanks also to our area elected officials who supported the project. It was a collective effort that made it happen. One of the things that Rotary does best is uniting individuals and organizations behind projects that support the community. This is a great example of what Rotary can accomplish.

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Congratulations Satellite Volunteer Services Committee!

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Kalamazoo Teen Awarded Prestigious Rotary International Youth Exchange to Argentina

Submitted by Marvinetta Woodley-Penn, Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, STRIVE Mentoring Program Coordinator



Pictured above:
Loy Norrix High School Senior Kylie Ruiz to Embark on 10-Month Cultural Immersion,
Seeks Community Support to Fulfill Dream

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – February 5, 2026 – Kylie Ruiz, a 17-year-old senior at Loy Norrix High School, has been selected for the highly competitive Rotary International Youth Exchange Program for the 2026-2027 academic year. The Afro-Latina, straight-A student will spend ten months living with a host family and attending high school in Argentina, immersing herself in a culture and heritage which she is passionate to explore.

Raised in a single-parent home, Kylie and her older brother were supported by a mother dedicated to helping her children achieve their dreams. Kylie has excelled academically and is actively involved in her school, church, and community. Now, her dream of international travel and cultural connection is now becoming a reality through Rotary.

“This is more than a trip; it’s a journey to understand myself and my roots,” said Kylie. “I want to come back to Kalamazoo and show other kids that it’s cool to dream big, and that there are programs and people who can help make those dreams happen.”

Kylie was encouraged to apply by her mentor in the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo’s STRIVE mentoring program at Loy Norrix. The mentor, also the founder of Global Girls—an organization dedicated to empowering young women—helped navigate the application process and secure family support.

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East Lansing Rotary Spring Activities

Submitted by Club President Mari Beth Fletcher



Rotarians Bob Page, Maribeth Fletcher, and Jim Little admired East Lansing Rotary Club's \$5,000 donation for the pickleball courts, which are well-used and noisy.

[Read More](#)

Cereal City Rotary's Children's Book Published

Submitted by Club Public Image Chair, Cassie Scramlin

Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Publishes Children's Book to Promote Diabetes Awareness and Healthy Living

Battle Creek, MI — In response to growing concerns about Diabetes in the community, the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary has published a new children's book titled *Ben's Diabetes Journey* to help educate young readers about health, wellness, and prevention.

The initiative is designed to create a lasting and positive impact by reaching students early with important, age-appropriate information. The book is presented in both English and Spanish, making it accessible to a broader range of families in the community.

As part of the program, members of Cereal City Sunrise Rotary plan to read the book to every third-grade student in Calhoun County, Michigan and provide each child with a personal copy to take home. Through this effort, club members hope to build understanding, spark meaningful family conversations about healthy habits, and empower children with knowledge in a way that is both engaging and memorable.



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Karl Sandelin Grant Extended

Karl Sandelin Grant Application — EXTENDED!

The Rotary District 6360 Foundation awards Karl Sandelin grants every June to Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6360. Rotary Clubs must complete and submit the attached Karl Sandelin grant application by April 30th each year. HOWEVER, due to area-wide power outages and other circumstances, we are extending the deadline until MAY 11 at 5pm. See the application for eligibility and required criteria for award approval. Please contact any RD6360 Foundation board member with questions or concerns.

[Please click this link to download the Application and Criteria \(PDF\)](#)

Rotary Zones 25 A&B
28, 29 & 32

**15 Nations
One Rotary**
Cancun, MX Institute 2026

ACT NOW!

**Register now for the Rotary Zone Institute in September at
the Iberostar all inclusive resort
in beautiful Cancun Mexico!**

Rotarians from 15 countries will gather for learning, Rotary fellowship, sun
and surf. Don't miss out on the unique opportunity.

Sep 16-19 DGEs and DGNs
Sep 17-19 All other Learning Tracks (Public Image, Foundation,
Membership, DISC, DGs, PDGs and Partner Program)
Sep 18-19 Institute Only (All Rotarians and partners!)

**Onsite rooms are limited so we're encouraging to double up, triple up or quad.
Share with Rotary friends.**

Please let us know if you're looking for a roommate. We can help!

**Click here
register for the Institute.**

**Click here
to reserve your room.**

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

Click [here](#) to register for the institute. Click [here](#) to reserve your room.

Memorial Day 2026 | Kalamazoo



The Rotary Club of Kalamazoo invites you to the Memorial Day Celebration on May 25, 2026, at 11:00 am. Let's come together as a community in giving special recognition, remembrance and to honor those who have served to preserve and protect our freedom.

Location: Riverside Cemetery, 1015 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Time: 11:00 am

We are proud to welcome U.S. Army Major General (Ret) Dennis Lutz (a Rotarian) as our special guest speaker. Sponsored and organized by the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, Veterans Committee.

(The Kalamazoo Memorial Day Parade precedes the ceremony. Charlie's PLACE is the host of that event, which kicks off at 10 AM at the Kalamazoo County Building, 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave.)

Public Image Committee seeking members

Submitted by District Public Image Chair and DGN Chris Lewis



Are you passionate about storytelling, marketing, or helping organizations shine in their communities? The Rotary District 6360 Public Image Committee is looking for engaged and creative individuals to join our team. We meet monthly to collaborate on strategies that strengthen the public image of our clubs and the district as a whole, while also supporting individual clubs in building and elevating their own visibility and impact. If you have ideas, energy, and a desire to help Rotary grow its presence and tell its story more effectively, we'd love to have you involved. To express your interest or learn more, please email chrislewis.rotary@gmail.com.

Rotary Night at the Growlers | Join in the Fun

Proceeds will go to the Parks Foundation of Kalamazoo County to support a commemorative Rota-Kiwan Picnic Pavilion Project at the **Arthur and Mildred Woollam Nature Preserve**, home of the former "Rota-Kiwan" Scout Camp established in 1919 jointly ([see history of camp](#)) with the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Kalamazoo.

Tickets: <https://kalamazoogrowlers.nwltickets.com/>
Mention **ROTARY6/11** for group tickets



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE GROWLERS
Benefiting Rota-Kiwan Picnic Pavilion

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK!
THURSDAY, JUNE 11
GROWLERS VS. FOND DU LAC
GATES OPEN: 5:35 PM FIRST PITCH 6:35 PM

A SPECIAL NIGHT

It's Military Appreciation Night featuring our first event post game drone show at the ballpark!

PURCHASE TICKETS
Visit growlertickets.com AND enter promotion: **ROTARY6/11** to access Rotary Group tickets page!
QUESTIONS?
Kevin Timmer |269-492-7912|kevin@growlersbaseball.com





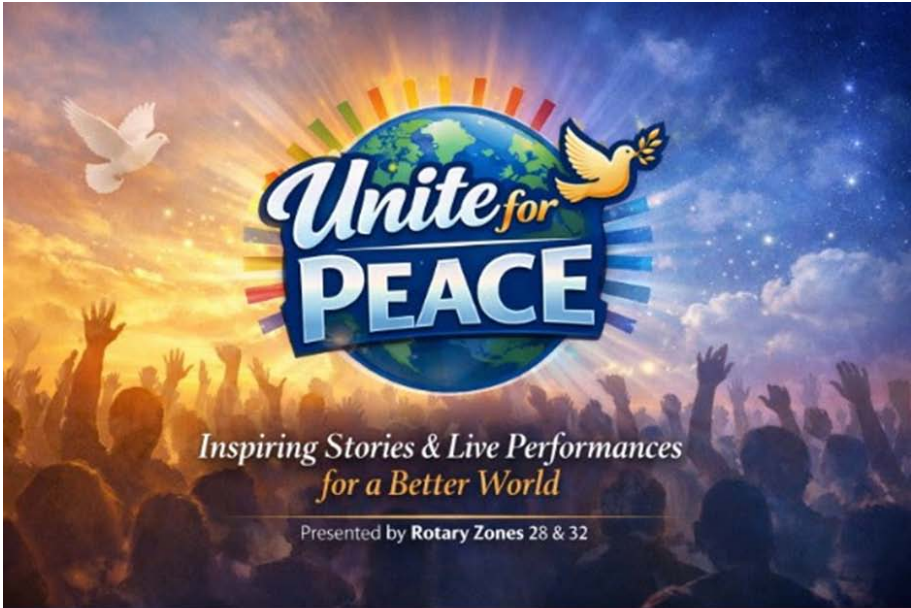

What's Included?

- SEATING IN THE MILLER LITE TRAP!
- ALL-INCLUSIVE BALLPARK BUFFET
- PRIVATE GROUP SEATING AREA FOR ROTARY AND FRIENDS

The Kalamazoo Growlers are affiliated with the **Northwoods League**, the largest organized baseball league in the world with 26 teams.

News from Zones 28 & 32


2025-2026 Membership Meetups, the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM ET. For club and district membership committee members and anyone interested in strategies for increasing Rotary's membership reach!




Unite for PEACE

Inspiring Stories & Live Performances for a Better World


Presented by **Rotary Zones 28 & 32**

 **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

 **Time, 7:00 pm ET**

Join us for a high-energy hour of inspiring stories, music, and a message of peace, showcasing the work of Rotary.

REGISTER NOW

Rotary 
Zones 28 & 32

Introducing: "One-Page" website option for Rotary Clubs in District 6360



The "One-Pager" website option is offered to Rotary Clubs in District 6360.

DACdb EZ Websites offers many options to improve a Rotary's Public Image. **EZ Website** has been developed from the ground up to be a great way for clubs to create their own website with no website or coding knowledge. EZ Website is much easier for a novice webmaster to use, yet has powerful features and great integration with your club data — making much less work for the club to manage. But what if you don't need a full website? (Read more to expand article)

[Read More](#)

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 are 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 or a png.

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

Gwen's Pen - May



Gwen's Pen - DisCon 26

I am sure by now each of you have received numerous media releases about the wonders of the District Conference at the Carousel in St. Joseph on May 15th & 16th. The interesting speakers, the fun activities, the honors and celebrations, the beach and the carousel. I am literally counting the days (25) until we all gather together to celebrate the people and successes of this past Rotary year.

What are YOU most excited to see or do during DisCon?

For me, it's twofold — I'm eager to meet up with Rotarians and learn about their lives and club experiences; to put faces to names and express my gratitude for all your support during my first year as you DAA. And I am very excited about the Silent and Live Auctions. Disclaimer: I am helping to organize those activities so they have become dear to my heart. If you haven't participated in a DisCon auction, here are the basics: Rotary Clubs, Areas, or Rotarians donate a basket filled with goodies, we create signage to promote the baskets and put them on display. Each basket will have a bidding sheet and during the open hours members can jot down their information to bid on a particular basket or baskets. You may bid as often as you like. The silent auction will be open on Friday from 8:00AM until 9:00PM and Saturday from 8:00AM until it closes at 5:30PM. Then we determine which bidder won and will announce the winners during the Live Auction on Saturday night. The Live Auction will start at 7:30PM and will feature two MCs, Troy Thrash and Dann Systma (I can guarantee that you will enjoy their

personalities and antics!) There are usually 4–5 baskets that are auctioned during the Live Auction and the winners are pronounced as an item is "sold." All baskets may be picked up at the registration desk area where you may make payment by check, cash or credit card. **All proceeds from the auctions are to benefit PolioPlus.**

We are still accepting basket donations and if you wish to participate please contact me at rotarydistrict6360@gmail.com.

If you haven't already registered for DisCon26, you can register [here](#).
Or learn more about the conference by visiting the [District Website](#).
I hope to see you there!

At last, Spring has sprung! Don't forget your sunscreen, my friends.



rotarydistrict6360@gmail.com

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

[Read More](#)

Events

April 22nd, 6:30

[Disaster Response Committee Zoom Meeting](#)

May 6th, 5:30-6:30 PM

[Young Leaders Spring Zoom Meeting](#)

May 8th, 6:00-9:00 PM

[AG Cocktail Party](#)

May 12th, 9:30-10:30 AM

[DCO Monthly Meeting](#)

May 14th, 7:00-8:00 PM

[President-Elect's Monthly Zoom Meeting CANCELED](#)

May 15th, 8:00

[DisCon at the Carousel 2026](#)

May 30th, 12:00-2:00 PM

[Club TRF Chairs and Dist TRF Committee](#)

May 31st, 8:00-5:00 PM

[District Grant Applications Due](#)

June 1st, 6:30-7:30 PM

[Club President Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)

Visit District Website <https://www.district6360.com/>

May 4th, 5:00

[DisCon26 Team Zoom Meeting](#)

May 7th, 3:30-5:00 PM

[DGLine/DAA Monthly Zoom meetings](#)

May 11th, 5:00-6:00 PM

[DisCon26 Team Zoom Meeting](#)

May 14th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Public Image Open Office Hours](#)

May 15th, 8:00-5:00 PM

[DEADLINE: Grant Funded Club Projects and final reports due](#)

May 16th, 9:00-10:00 AM

[District 6360 Annual Meeting](#)

May 31st, 12:30-5:00 PM

[Local Grants application deadline](#)

May 31st, 8:00-5:00 PM

[DEADLINE: Community Grant Application from Clubs \(online\)](#)

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

[DGLine/DAA Monthly Zoom meetings](#)

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