

Rotary

District 6360



District Newsletter 2025-26 | Jackie Huie, Governor

Southwest Michigan, USA

Monday,
February 2,
2026

DG Jackie's February Message

In This Issue

[DG Jackie's February Message](#)

[PolioPlus Monthly Challenge - January results](#)

[District Conference Highlights - February](#)

[Membership Growth for January 2026](#)

[Public Image Learning Series - February](#)

[District 6360 Paul Harris Fellow Matching Recognition Points Program a Success!](#)

[Delton Rotarian adoption story featured in People Magazine](#)

[Coldwater Township Sunrise Winterfest](#)

[Rotarians Make An Impact](#)

[Interact Conference - registration open](#)

[D6360 InterAct Clubs' Service Project - requests your help!](#)

[Dealing with](#)



Click on the image above to launch the video message.

PolioPlus Monthly Challenge - January results

[Diabetes](#)

["It Takes a Village Tree Project" at Vicksburg Rotary](#)

[District Grant Management Seminars](#)

[Lakeshore Rotary Wine and Cheese Fundraiser](#)

[Charlotte Evening Rotary Club Purse Bingo Fundraiser](#)

[Sturgis Rotary Presents WMU Speaker](#)

[Delton Area Rotary Club Receives Golden Kettle Award](#)

[Great Lakes President Elect Leaning Seminar \(PELS\) - REGISTRATION OPEN!](#)

[PELS and PrePELS - updates](#)

[Delton hosts 911 survivor Joe Ditmar at fundraising event](#)

[District Membership Report](#)

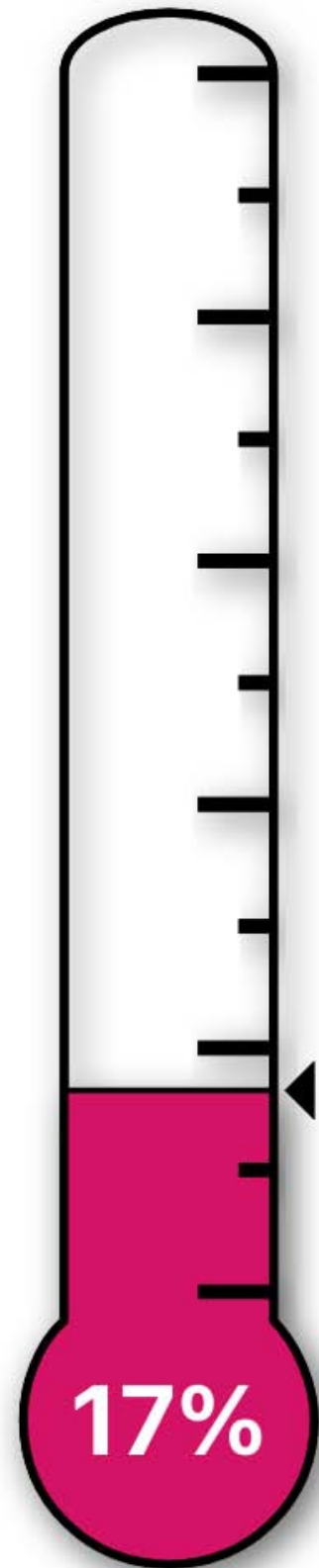
[Rotary International Convention - destination Taipei](#)

[Plainwell Rotary Spring Fundraiser](#)

[Student Exchange Program](#)



1,984

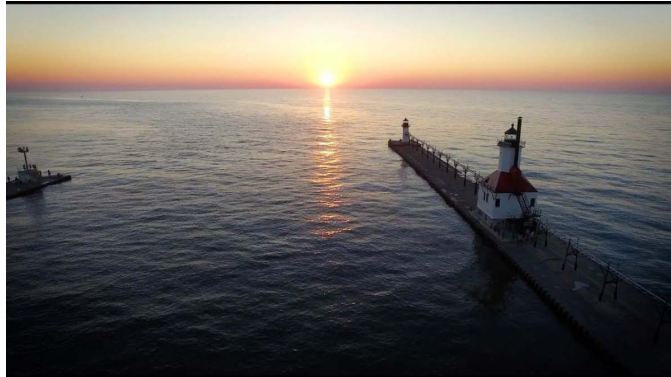


District Conference Highlights - February

[Applications now accepted](#)


[Gwen's Pen - February](#)

[How to submit newsletter stories](#)



Click on the image to launch the video.

Silver Beach Carousel in St. Joseph, Michigan

 May 15-16, 2026

Click [here](#) to register

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

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

District Conference Highlights

Keynote Speakers | Friday, May 15



Louisa Horne

Louisa Horne | Rotary Zone 28 Membership Lead

A member of Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada, Lousia served as the Louisa Horne is a past District Governor in Rotary District 7820 and is now Innovative Club Advocate and Membership Lead for Rotary Zone 28.



Alan Mallory

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

Author of two books *The Family That Conquered Everest* and *Summits of Self*, Alan is an international speaker, college professor, musician, and professional development trainer who is passionate about leadership and human performance.

[Read More](#)

Membership Growth for January 2026

Submitted by Michael Gallagher

District 6360 Club Growth 2025/2026



58

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2025	Members Jan 31, 2026	Net Change
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo and Satellite	104	112	8
Rotary Club	South Haven	60	66	6
Rotary Club	Sturgis	15	21	6
Rotary Club	Williamston	41	47	6
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	59	64	5
Rotary Club	Portage	64	69	5
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	18	4
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	22	26	4
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	42	46	4
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	53	56	3
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	39	42	3
Rotary Club	Jonesville	19	22	3
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	14	3
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	61	63	2
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	32	34	2
Rotary Club	Otsego	14	16	2
Rotary Club	Plainwell	11	13	2
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	16	18	2
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	32	2
Rotary Club	Delton Area	53	54	1
Rotary Club	Hastings	73	74	1
Rotary Club	Marshall	53	54	1
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	11	12	1
Rotary Club	Albion	46	46	0
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	39	39	0
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	36	36	0
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	31	31	0
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	7	7	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	Middleville	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Oshtemo	16	16	0
Rotary Club	Union City	23	23	0
Rotary Club	Climax	24	23	(1)
Rotary Club	Constantine	9	8	(1)
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	38	37	(1)
Rotary Club	Jackson	32	31	(1)
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	34	33	(1)
Rotary Club	Vicksburg + Vicksburg Impact	35	34	(1)
Rotary Club	Charlotte Evening	24	22	(2)
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	53	51	(2)
Rotary Club	Charlotte	71	68	(3)
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	59	56	(3)
Rotary Club	Lansing	148	145	(3)
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	28	24	(4)
Rotary Club	Ionia	15	11	(4)
Rotary Club	East Lansing	36	29	(7)
TOTAL ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS		1950	2008	58

WE NOW HAVE 58 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE!



BRANDING CONSISTENCY IS KEY



This month, Rotary District 6360 is focusing on a topic that directly impacts how our communities see and understand who we are: branding consistency. While each Rotary club has its own personality and local flavor, aligning our communications, visuals, and messaging with the Rotary brand strengthens recognition, credibility, and overall impact. We're excited to welcome Lizzy Martin, President of CNY Rotary, who will share practical, easy-to-apply strategies to help clubs stay consistent while still highlighting what makes them unique. Whether you manage social media, create flyers, write newsletters, or simply want your club to present a more unified and professional image, this session will offer tools you can use right away. Be sure to register and join the conversation!

This Public Image Session will meet virtually on Thursday, February 26th, at 7PM.

Register [here](#)

District 6360 Paul Harris Fellow Matching Recognition Points Program a Success!

District 6360 Paul Harris Fellow Matching Recognition Points Program a Success!

Over 190 Rotarians representing 31 Rotary clubs took advantage of District 6360's Matching Recognition Points Program. Rotarians who donated \$100 to \$500 to the Annual Fund earned recognition points equal to their donation. Many are being recognized as Paul Harris Fellows as a result. Many other Rotarians are "closer" to being honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you all for your support for the Rotary Foundation! Contributions to the Annual Fund make "sustainable projects possible so that together, we can make people's lives better – close to home and around the globe." Your gift is what makes TRF District grants a reality in District 6360 each year!

We also gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following Rotarians who contributed their recognition points to make this program a success: John Godfrey, Ed Guzzo, Erik Smith and Wilhelm Sturhan (Battle Creek), Kathy and Rick Merrill - (Coldwater Township Sunrise), PDG Sharon and Dan Wherry (Gull Lake), PDG Margie Haas and Gene Haas - (Hastings), PDG Rick Briscoe - (Kalamazoo), PDG Nathan Triplett (Lansing) and DG Jackie and DGND Mike Huie (St. Joseph & Benton Harbor).



Delton Rotarian adoption story featured in People Magazine

The following story was published in People Magazine December 2025, and features the story of Delton Rotarian, and Superintendent of the Delton-Kellogg Schools, Jeremy Wright and his family's journey to help a local teen.

School Principal Took in 15-Year-Old with Nowhere to Go for Christmas. Teen ‘Never Thought’ She’d Find a Family (Exclusive)

"Bridgett is fun, she's feisty, she's just a sweet girl," her adoptive mom says. "She's got a really big heart"

Diane Herbst

Fri, December 26, 2025 at 3:53 PM EST



Courtesy TheWright Family

From left: Bridget at her adoption day in Michigan in 2024 and adoptive dad Jeremy Wright at a pep rally

NEED TO KNOW

- Michigan high school principal Jeremy Wright learned one of his students, a 15-year-old girl, was getting kicked out of her foster home in December 2022
- "her social worker said that during Christmas, Bridgett would be alone in an office building, sleeping on a cot in their office," Wright recalls to PEOPLE
- Instead, the teen moved in with his family, who supported her in her healing journey in the years since.

When Michigan high school principal Jeremy Wright learned one of his students was getting kicked out of her foster home in December 2022, he decided to take her in for two weeks — just until social workers could find another placement.

At least, that was the initial plan.

Wright says he knew the student, Bridgett, then 15, had had significant trouble with using marijuana and that she'd recently stolen \$300 from her foster mom. But he thought he could help her.

[Read More](#)



[Read More](#)

Rotarians Make An Impact

Rotarians Make an Impact
Story by Vivian Davis, AG

Over the past three months, the Albion, Jackson Noon, Marshall, and Albion College Rotaract Clubs have passionately engaged in impactful community projects, significantly enhancing the lives of many individuals. Their dedication to service has fostered positive change and inspired others to join in making a difference.

Each of the following clubs offers unique services to meet the needs of its community:
Rotary Club of Marshall received a Salvation Army Golden Kettle Award.



Golden Kettle Awardees

On Monday, January 26, 2026, it was announced that the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary, together with the Rotary Club of Albion, Michigan, Marshall Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Battle Creek, Delton Area Rotary, and Hastings Rotary Club, won the 2025 Golden Kettle award, raising \$13,921 for the Salvation Army of Battle Creek, MI. We are proud to have been a part of this fundraising for our community! The Salvation Army of Battle Creek, MI, surpassed its \$300,000 goal, raising a total of \$331,110! The Golden Kettle Award is a prestigious honor presented to organizations, businesses, or service clubs that raise the highest

funds or demonstrate exceptional volunteerism during the annual Red Kettle Campaign. It encourages competition among groups to increase community donations.

On January 23rd, 2026, the Marshall Rotary Club achieved thirteen goals, the required number to qualify for the Club Excellence Award. Through hard work, determination, and a strong sense of purpose in advancing the People of Action charge through meaningful community service projects, the MCR is proud of its achievements. Work continues to increase the number of completed goals for the remainder of 2025-2026.



13 Goal Accomplishment

[Read More](#)

Interact Conference - registration open

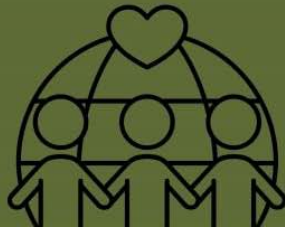
If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please contact Kim Lewis at 269.419.1606.

Where: Kellogg
Community
College, Battle
Creek

Date: March 14th,
2026

Time: 8:30AM-
2PM

**Wear outdoor
attire and
bring water
bottle!**



Keynote Rotaract
Speaker:

Shannon Thomas!



Check out our page!!



**“Together
We Serve”**

District Rotary Interact
Conference

This year's theme highlights the power of collaboration, compassion, and community impact. When we come together, we can make a meaningful difference through service and leadership.

[Read More](#)

D6360 InterAct Clubs' Service Project - requests your help!



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 kimstevelewis@gmail.com



Dealing with Diabetes

For Immediate Release

Contact:
T. R. Shaw Jr., Trustee, Rotary Action Group for Diabetes
TRSBCMI@gmail.com, 269-209-5555

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUP "DEALING WITH DIABETES" SURPASSES 250 SESSIONS; DEBUTS NEW LOGO



A weekly virtual support group, "Dealing with Diabetes" recently hosted its 250th session and released a new group logo. The weekly group meets **online Monday's at 8:00 p.m. Eastern** time and continues to grow. It is moderated by Dick Hewitt of the Portage, Michigan Rotary Club and a Rotary Action Group for Diabetes Ambassador. The group has many longtime participants from throughout the United States, Canada and Australia, as well as many Rotarians. Hewitt is a Board Member of the Michigan Collaborative for Type 2 Diabetes (MCT2D.org) which provides and hosts the Zoom platform. MCT2D is an outreach of the University of Michigan and works with many healthcare professionals, diabetes advocates, educators, and researchers. Hewitt is a retired social worker, engineer and long-time diabetes advocate. [Read More](#)

"It Takes a Village Tree Project" at Vicksburg Rotary

"It Takes a Village Tree" Project Partners with Rotary Club of Vicksburg



By Kathy Oswald-Forsythe and Kristina Powers-Aubry, Rotary Club of Vicksburg Rotarians

When the Village of Vicksburg residents noticed a decline in mature trees, they formed the "It Takes a Village Tree" committee to address the issue. Historical research showed hundreds of trees had been lost since the 19th century. The committee's mission is to create a sustainable urban tree environment through community cooperation. They prioritize native and non-invasive species and plan plantings around local infrastructure.

With the Rotary Club of Vicksburg managing fundraising and pursuing donations and grants, the Prudential Nursery and agencies

like the Arbor Day Foundation provide native trees and care instructions. Trees are offered free to residents, who commit to watering them regularly. Benefits of the project include improved air, water quality, energy savings, reduced noise pollution, increased property values, and stronger community ties. In 2024 and 2025, volunteers planted dozens of trees, carefully selecting species for each location. For details or participation, contact vicksburgtreeproject@gmail.com.

[Read More](#)

District Grant Management Seminars

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 11 – 7 PM to 8:30 PM – via ZOOM - click [here](#) for zoom link

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

Saturday, April 25 – 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

Lakeshore Rotary Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Lakeshore Rotary Announces "Sip & Service" Wine & Cheese Fundraiser to Support Stevensville Community Gathering Place

Submitted by Katie White, Public Relations Chair

STEVENSVILLE, Mich. – The Lakeshore Rotary Club, proudly serving the communities of Stevensville, Baroda and Bridgman, is pleased to announce its first annual fundraiser, "Sip & Service Wine & Cheese Fundraiser." The event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Weko Beach House in Bridgman, Mich.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are available now at <http://bit.ly/4jLHWHo> or by searching "Sip & Service Wine & Cheese" on Eventbrite for \$50 per person, which includes wine tasting, expert cheese selections, and light appetizers.

This tasty evening will showcase the best of the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail, featuring tastings from premier local wineries paired with artisan cheeses and charcuterie by The Cheese Lady. Beyond the tasting experience, guests will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and a "Wine Pull" raffle, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Stevensville Community Gathering Place.



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

Sturgis Rotary Presents WMU Speaker



Why WMU?

Is a four-year degree still worth it?

- Connection to WMU and local community
- Challenges facing higher education
- The value of a degree
- WMU's unique experience-driven learning
- Employer partnerships and community engagement



2 February 2026



6:00pm - 7:00pm



**Sturgis High School
Large Group Instruction Room
216 Vinewood Ave., Sturgis, MI**



**Jeffrey S. Breneman - WMU
VP - Government Relations & External
Partnerships**

**Brought
to you by**



Rotary
Club of Sturgis
D6360



Delton Area Rotary Club Receives Golden Kettle Award



*Delton Area Rotary Club Members
(L-R, Wy Smith, Dave Ross, and Cathy Ross)*

On January 26, 2026, the Salvation Army of Battle Creek, Michigan, awarded the Barry and Calhoun Counties Rotary Clubs with the 2025 Golden Kettle Award for the most monetary contributions received. Captain Mika Rionila notes that the amount raised by Rotary Clubs this year was the highest overall achieved for a joint service club effort, and they intend to use the example of the Rotary Clubs to ignite competition in other service clubs for future campaigns. Although this was not a collaborative Rotary effort, six Rotary Clubs in Barry and Calhoun Counties independently participated in the 2025 Red Kettle Campaign, garnering an overall donation amount of \$13,921.25. The Delton Area Rotary Club led the way with \$4,735.60 in contributions toward the effort. The Rock Stars of the Delton Area Rotary Club find great joy in their participation and are diligently working to participate in the 2026 Red Kettle Campaign.

[Read More](#)

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



[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 requires 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 multi-district PELS in another state. It will be up to you to make those arrangements to meet the requires 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, world-wide, 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

[Read More](#)

PELS and PrePELS - updates

A reminder message to all club Presidents, President-Elects and President Nominees.

We have tried to create a convenient meeting schedule to provide the most options for you. As a President-Elect, it is very important that you attend not only the Great Lakes Rotary President-Elect Seminar held in Kalamazoo on March 19th and 20th (register for GLRPELS here: www.glrpels.org. And reserve your hotel space here: Radisson Park Hotel Kalamazoo, 269-343-3333)

BUT you must also attend one of the PrePELS meetings to be held local to your club. See the list with registration links below:

- 1) February 12th, Thursday, 5:00PM-7:30PM, at One North Kitchen 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy Lansing, MI 48917 - register on the DACdb calendar posting here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77891607>
- 2) February 14th, Saturday, 11:30AM-1:30PM, at Il Podere (home of Mike and Jackie Huie), 2001 Dickinson Road, St. Joe, MI 49085 - register on the DACdb calendar posting here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77889185>
- 3) February 19th, Thursday, 5:00PM-7:30PM, at The Portage Senior Center, 203 E. Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49002 - register on the DACdb calendar posting here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77889184>
- 4) February 21st, Saturday, 10AM-12:00PM, at the Albion Event Center, 208 W Erie St, Albion, MI 49224- register on the DACdb calendar posting here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77889183>
- 5) February 28th, Saturday, 12:00PM-2:00PM, at the home of DGE Tim Lee and Amy Lee, 62279 Roundtree Court, Sturgis, MI 49091 - register on the DACdb calendar posting here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77891754>

All Thursday meetings will include pizza, salad and soft drink.

All Saturday meetings will include coffee donuts and fresh fruit, or pizza, salad and soft drink depending upon the meeting start time.

Delton hosts 911 survivor Joe Dittmar at fundraising event

Delton Kellogg Education Foundation (DKEF) and Delton Area Rotary Club (DARC) have joined forces to create a very special fundraising event to be held at the Gilmore Car Museum on Thursday, April 16, 2026. This is an event you will not want to miss. Our guest speaker is Mr. Joe Dittmar who evacuated from the 105th floor of tower two on 911. If you were unable to attend the 2025 District Conference in South Haven here's your chance to hear Joe recount an incredible story that will hold you spellbound. You will never forget his story. Register today. Space is limited. RSVP now through the One Cause app: onecau.se/dkef-rotary2026 or scan the QR code located on the invitation. Please reference the attached invitation for more details.



Joe Dittmar
(to learn more about Joe click [here](#))

[Read More](#)

District Membership Report

Submitted by District Membership Chair Mike Huie

District 6360 Membership Committee Report
2/2/2026

We are up 59 Net which is up 15 from Dec, 2025

There are 4 clubs exceeding 20% net growth for the year so far with Sturgis leading with a 40% increase.

Sturgis	15	21	6	40%
Allegan	14	18	4	29%
Paw Paw Area	11	14	3	27%
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16	20%

Goals

Membership Growth: + Net 100

Current: + Net 59

New Clubs: + 4 (This would bring in 80 new members Net if we achieved this)

Current: + 0

Jan Events

Fennville Discover Rotary Mixer - 1/22/2026 (A number of new members interested)

Upcoming Events

District Membership Committee meeting will be 2/5/2026 - 5-6pm

Ionia Cocktail Party (Hopefully to follow the Fennville success)

Club ID	Club Name	1950 Member Count @ 1 July	2008 Member Count @ Current	58 Net Change from 1 July
2956	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	80	96	16
2936	Kalamazoo	104	112	8
2959	Sturgis	15	21	6
50738	Williamston	41	47	6
2957	South Haven	60	66	6

[Read More](#)

Rotary International Convention - destination Taipei



Build connection in Taipei

Make new connections and create unforgettable memories at the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei City, where traditional and contemporary culture intertwine beautifully.

Unsure what awaits you at a Rotary International Convention? Explore articles, videos, and photos from [past conventions](#) for a sense of their inspirational power. In Taipei, you'll join fellow changemakers from around the world to share innovative projects, exchange best practices, and form enduring friendships. The convention is packed with exciting breakout sessions, speakers, and [more](#).

Discover Taipei's many charms and find more opportunities to connect by [registering for the Host Organization Committee's Signature Events](#).

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](#)

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



**Buy
Tickets
Here!**

Buy Your Tickets by Thursday, March 5th!

Rotary
Club of Plainwell



Questions? Email
PlainwellRotary@gmail.com

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](#).

[Read More](#)

Gwen's Pen - February



This month in "Gwen's Pen" - Rotary Reflections

If you haven't had the pleasure to meet or work with DGN Chris Lewis, you are really missing out on learning about an energetic and kind individual who is committed to promoting Rotary training and public image. Chris has been producing Rotary resources to help members navigate the DACdb system, the My Rotary website, and to learn how to use best practices to promote your Rotary Club. His series on Public Image meets virtually each month (see the story in the Newsletter) addressing a wide range of topics like how to create photos and videos or Using Canva and the Rotary Brand Center.

One of my favorite projects that he spearheaded are the Rotary Reflection interviews. These are short videos posted on our Rotary District 6360 YouTube channel and the District website that feature Rotarians from leaders to members (and even, yours truly, District staff!) Chris asks standard questions but many times the interviewee will show their interests, personality and passion and just talk on! I love watching these videos because, as a new Rotarian, I become very inspired to hear all your stories and to have an opportunity to "meet" you. And, really, isn't this the core of Rotary — our members — and their caring, giving and passionate natures? If you want to learn more about your Rotary neighbors, click on this [link](#) and while you are there check out the many videos offering training and resources. And if you want to be interviewed, contact Chris at chrislewis.rotary@gmail.com. He makes the process super fun and easy. I hope to see more of you in Rotary Reflections, until then,

Stay warm out there, my friends!



rotarydistrict6360@gmail.com

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

[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 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

February 2nd, 6:30-7:30 PM

[Club President Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)

February 7th, 8:30-2:30 PM

[2026-27 District Leadership Team Retreat](#)

February 12th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Pre PELS meeting - Delta Twp Area](#)

February 14th, 11:30-1:30 PM

[Pre-PELS Meeting St. Joe](#)

February 19th, 6:00-7:00 PM

[District International Service Committee Meeting](#)

February 26th, 7:00-8:00 PM

[Branding Consistency is Key](#)

March 2nd, 6:30-7:30 PM

[Club President Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)

District 6360 website <https://www.district6360.com/>

February 5th, 3:00-4:00 PM

[DG Line/DAA Monthly Meeting](#)

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

[DCO Monthly Meeting](#)

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

[President-Elect Monthly Zoom Meeting Cancelled](#)

February 19th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[Pre-PELS Meeting - Portage](#)

February 21st, 10:00

[Pre-PELS Meeting Albion](#)

February 28th, 12:00-2:00 PM

[Pre-PELS Meeting Sturgis](#)

Custom District 6360 Facebook

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